



Report Highlights

Review of Campus Buildings

Southern University Baton Rouge, Law Center, and Agricultural Center

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Why We Conducted This Work

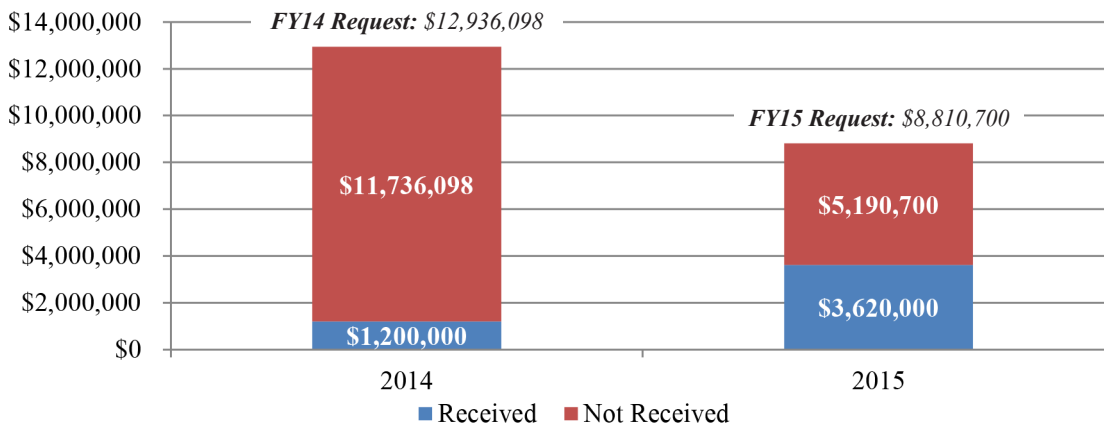
We performed procedures to evaluate the conditions of Southern University Baton Rouge (SUBR) campus buildings; to identify any issues that could affect the health and welfare of students, faculty, staff, and visitors to SUBR; and to analyze funding and expenditures for building repair and maintenance.

What We Found

SUBR is the flagship campus of the Southern University System and includes Southern University Baton Rouge, Southern University Law Center, and Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center. Our procedures on SUBR buildings resulted in the following observations:

- Safety deficiencies and potentially hazardous conditions exist on the SUBR campus. The Office of the State Fire Marshal cited numerous Life Safety Code deficiencies that have not been resolved and in some cases, have existed for several years. Also, three buildings on campus are not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Standards.
- Some buildings on the SUBR campus show deteriorating conditions, including buildings with plumbing backups; interior/exterior moisture causing potential environmental issues such as mold; roof leaks; nonoperational heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems; and nonoperational fire detection and suppression systems.
- SUBR has received limited funding for repairs and maintenance through capital outlay appropriations, federal Higher Education Disaster Relief funds, and general appropriations. Without major capital outlay expenditures for repairs, potentially hazardous conditions will remain uncorrected and the deteriorating condition of SUBR buildings will not be remediated.

Capital Outlay Funds Requested and Received in FY14 and FY15



Note: In FY14, only one of 26 requested projects received funding. In FY15, only two of 15 requested projects received funding.

Source: SUBR Capitol Outlay Request forms and House Bill 2, Fiscal Year 2014 and 2015, Priority 1 projects.

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