General Fund

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Facilities & Operations is funded by the university to perform maintenance activities in what is commonly referred to as "General Fund" space.

According to the Office of Budget and Planning, the general fund "Includes those economic resources of the University which are expendable for the purpose of performing the primary missions of the institution --instruction, research, and public service; supporting programs of academic support, student services, institutional support, operations, and maintenance of plant and scholarship and fellowships --and which are not restricted by external sources or designated by the Board of Regents for other than operating purposes."

Various entities of F&O receive a portion of the General Fund each budget year and strive to maximize the use of this limited resource. Of the approximately 37 million square feet of space on the Ann Arbor campus, approximately half is maintained by the General Fund. (Source: https://obp.umich.edu/campusstatistics/michigan-almanac/)