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**PROJECT OVERVIEW**

- Provide appropriate space and storage for the Suit Up program.
- Provide appropriate space and access for the Food Pantry Program
- Provide appropriate space for the new “Mean Green Gowns for Grads” program

**PROJECT PURPOSE/BACKGROUND**

Currently, the UNT Food Pantry and Suit Up programs are housed in different buildings with inadequate space. The addition of the new Mean Green Gowns for Grads program has provided the need for more space as well. Additionally, space for all of the programs should provide students the opportunity to meet their needs with an amount of privacy and discretion in one location.

Providing a centralized program with convenient and easy access for all of the programs will centralize staffing needs, streamline marketing and allow for opportunities to provide access for all students with need.

**BUDGET BREAKDOWN**

This proposal is requesting **$90,000**. This funding would provide renovation cost for the space. The renovation would include:

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**OUTCOMES AND IMPACT**

In an effort to ensure that students with needs have access and opportunity for these three programs, a centralized location will be provided on the first floor of Crumley Hall at the loading dock entrance. This location will provide a few parking spaces for short-term use, as well as easy pedestrian access. It will also provide access for those making large donations. Currently, the needs for the existing programs include:

- **Suit Up 2017**: 752 students participated and 1,094 professional clothing and accessories were distributed.
- **UNT Food Pantry** distributed food through 3700+ visits
- **UNT Food Pantry** received a donation of a $15,000 dollar refrigeration unit that needs a location for distributing perishable food items
- **The Mean Green Gowns for Grads** program received a donation of 50 cap and gown sets to be distributed to students in need.
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OUTCOMES AND IMPACT CONTINUED

The establishment of a distribution location for these three programs will provide opportunity to cross-purpose the programs, minimize labor cost and provide a discreet location for student access.

The project will include the following:

- An appropriate space for the food pantry in one location (currently, there is not space for the refrigeration unit and dry storage is in two locations).
- An appropriate space for the Suit up program storage including dressing room space for selection.
- An appropriate space for the Mean Green Gowns for Grads program to be stored and maintained.
- A centralized student or staff office for operations and maintaining the three programs.
- Appropriate signage
- ADA accessibility
- Short term parking and easy access to bus location for off campus students
- Some construction/renovation modifications to the space that will mainly include modernization
- Display and distribution racks
- Ability to add microwave for student pantry use

PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY

Annual support for this project with staffing, marketing, and operations is currently funded through the Division of Student Affairs with support from fundraising efforts.