

FSILG Facilities Assessment Phase 2



Goal

To advance a shared understanding of the needs for physical renewal of MIT's FSILGs to ensure that they remain a vital and vibrant element of the MIT community

Stakeholders

- MIT Division of Student Life
- MIT Association of Independent Living Groups
- MIT Department of Facilities
- FSILG House Corporation Boards
- MIT Student Councils (IFC, Panhel, LGC)

Facilities Assessment Update

1. Lessons learned from the ARUP facilities assessment reports and Phase 1 effort
2. Common, system-wide issues
3. Current follow up with FSILGs
4. IRDF & MIT support
5. Next steps

1. Lessons From the Phase 1 Effort

- Community reception generally good
- All 38 FSILGS participated, except:
 - KAT, PBF, KS – MIT-operated housing
 - AEPi – unhoused
 - ZBT, LCA – still to do
- \$10-\$27M in deferred infrastructure maintenance
- Inconsistencies in nomenclature exist when aggregating reports from all FSILGs
- Process documented on <http://ailg.mit.edu/fsilg-facilities-assessment>

2. Common, System-Wide Issues

- Near-term issues identified
 - Sprinkler aging (\$110K/house? – custom)
 - Fire Alarm systems (\$90K/house?)
 - Doors/Egress (\$10-15K/house?)
- Additional issues to consider
 - Property Management
 - Security
 - Maintenance & Housekeeping
 - Air Conditioning

3. Following Up with FSILGs

- Each FSILG received a Phase 2 overview and resource handout.
- Tom Stohlman, AILG Building Safety Facilitator, is drafting a pre-populated Facilities Action Plan spreadsheet for each FSILG.
- FSILGs will add their own priorities and this document will be the basis for reporting and assessing progress.
- Tom will follow up with individual visits with each FSILG starting in October.
- AILG Facilities Committee and FSILG Cooperative, Inc. to investigate solutions for common problems across system.

4a. Potential Expansion of IRDF Support

- Independent Residence Fund (IRDF) provides grants for educational activities and life safety projects. The fund can also provide low-interest construction loans.
- Donations to the IRDF are tax-deductible.
- Preliminary approval by the MIT Executive Vice President and General Counsel to expand IRDF eligibility to include historic preservation and building code-compliance projects.
- Proposal for 90%/10% gift formula.

4b. MIT Support

- Collaborate with the MIT Alumni Association and MIT Resource Development on messaging and outreach to FSILG donors
- Opportunity to ask MIT to consider direct monetary support for FSILG sustainability

5a. Next Steps

- Formation of Steering Committee to oversee coordination of Phase 2 efforts. Members to include representatives from: MIT Division of Student Life, Association of Independent Living Groups, MIT Department of Facilities
- Complete Facilities Action Plans for every FSILG
- Submit budget request to Deputy Executive Vice President
- Finalize new IRDF procedures with general counsel
- Integrate review of Facilities Action Plans into the AILG Accreditation program
- Develop education programs for alumni and students, in collaboration with the AILG Education and Outreach Committee, FSILG Office, and Student Councils

5b. Next Steps

- Sept 26, 2018 community-wide focus group on AILG Accreditation renewal and incorporating planning for facilities review
- November program on fundraising and alumni outreach in collaboration with the MIT Alumni Association
- Continue to discuss and recommend stewardship for next generation FSILGs (e.g. property management, maintenance & housekeeping)