Massachusetts invests \$73M in UMass Dartmouth learning facilities

Commonwealth funding to continue the modernization of campus classrooms and laboratories.

Dartmouth, Ma. — May 6, 2022 — UMass Dartmouth announced \$43M in new funding from the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) to continue upgrades planned to the campus's main academic facilities, the Liberal Arts Building (LARTS). In addition to the recently awarded \$30M, this funding will enhance classrooms, labs, office spaces, and student meeting spaces within the Liberal Arts Building and Campus Center Building that houses the auditorium and other instructional spaces.

"Our Administration's capital plan invests in critical initiatives across the state and we are particularly pleased to provide significant support for improvements on the UMass Dartmouth campus," said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. "With these investments at UMass Dartmouth and others across the Commonwealth, this capital plan will make Massachusetts a better place to live, learn and work."

"This historic \$73 million investment in UMass Dartmouth and our students—the single largest investment in our history—will enable us to provide the learning spaces our students need to pursue their ambitions," said UMass Dartmouth Chancellor Mark A. Fuller. "I am so appreciative of the Baker-Polito Administration's continued support and recognition of our efforts to transform students' lives on the SouthCoast and across Massachusetts."

The project will address upgrades and deferred maintenance needs in the campus's most trafficked building, which contains

classrooms that support many programs in STEM fields, the humanities, social sciences, and student support centers. Renovations include changes to make the HVAC system more sustainable, upgrades to learning spaces and address electrical systems, window replacements, and building envelope improvements. The funding will also address deferred maintenance issues within the MacLean Campus Center and Main Auditorium.

Click here to learn more about the initial \$30M in state funding to UMass Dartmouth.