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Lindenwood University officials were celebrating this past week when a \$1 million check arrived from the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation of Tulsa, OK.

The money was a grant from the foundation after university officials worked for more than a year to raise \$3 million in order to earn the grant.

"With the help of our board of directors, alumni, faculty and staff and with great support from the corporate community, we met the terms of the Mabee Foundation challenge," said Lindenwood President Dennis Spellmann.

The money will go toward construction of Lindenwood's \$32 million Fine and Performing Arts Center, which is expected to be complete in late 2007 or early 2008. The 135,000-square-foot building is rising from the ground near the intersection of First Capitol Drive and West Clay.

The center will feature a 1,200-seat main auditorium for theatre, music, dance, lectures and other events. The structure will feature a main gallery to showcase student art and professional exhibits, and will double as a reception area for events scheduled in the main auditorium.

While entertainment will be the primary function of the center, the building will provide a world-class hands-on learning environment for future educators, scholars and technicians. There will be large and medium-sized classrooms, a 150-seat black box theatre, music practice rooms, a fashion design studio, a production design studio, a high-tech video suite, a vocal music hall and an instrumental music hall.

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