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Office of the President  
October 12, 2010

Members, Board of Trustee

## CONSTRUCT COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FACILITY

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees authorize the initiation of the Construct Community Health Center Facility project.

Background: The University of Kentucky Research Foundation, on behalf of the College of Medicine, has received an \$11,461,503 grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, under the Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148), to construct a new community health center facility in Hazard, Kentucky. The proposed service area for the Center – Knott, Leslie, and Perry counties – is a rural, mountainous region in central Appalachia with a population of over 58,000. These counties have high rates of poverty and poor health habits (e.g., obesity, smoking, low levels of physical activity), large populations of uninsured residents, and low levels of educational attainment. Both Knott and Leslie counties are HRSA-designated health professional shortage areas for primary medical care.

Stringent timing requirements are included in the terms and conditions of the HRSA grant. Pending the negotiation of the acceptance of the grant and approval by the Board of Trustees, the University will request the necessary authorizations from the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) and the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee. The total project scope is not expected to exceed \$12 million, with necessary funds in excess of the grant coming from the College of Medicine.

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Action taken:  Approved  Disapproved  Other \_\_\_\_\_