

Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY HEALTHCARE
DISPARITIES INITIATIVE (RESEARCH BUILDING 2 – PHASE II)

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the initiation of the University of Kentucky HealthCare Disparities Initiative Capital Project.

Background: Pursuant to Administrative Regulation 8:2, any capital project with an estimated scope of \$1,000,000 or more must be approved by the Board prior to initiation.

The University's new 300,000 square foot Research Building #2 opened in September 2018 and is the result of a partnership between the Commonwealth and the University. This facility will enable multidisciplinary research teams to work together to develop solutions to the complex health disparities that plague the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, such as cancer, diabetes, obesity and substance abuse.

The 2018 Kentucky General Assembly appropriated \$40,000,000 in state bonds to support the University's work to turn the tide on these health disparities. As such, the state bonds will further fund construction within Research Building #2 including:

- remaining fit out of the lower level of the vivarium (except the imaging suite);
- fit out of the first floor west conference room, the fourth floor wet lab and dry spaces and the fifth floor wet lab spaces;
- rough-in of wet labs on the sixth floor for future build out;
- completion of penthouse air handlers and mechanical, electrical and plumbing; and,
- installation of two passenger elevators and one two-stop elevator from the dock to the food preparation area.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____