

FY 2009-10 Supplemental Capital Construction Request

Human Services

Quality of Life Improvement Project, Colorado State Veterans Home at Walsenburg

Motion:

Approve the Department of Human Services supplemental request for cash- and federal-funds spending authority for the Quality of Life Improvement Project, State Veterans Nursing Home at Walsenburg.

GENERAL INFORMATION

2011-031

1. Which supplemental criterion does the request meet?

Other

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is seeking legislative authorization prior to the awarding of a federal State Homes Construction Grant from the Veterans Administration for the project, which the department anticipates will occur in October or November 2009.

2. Which projects will be restricted to fund the supplemental request?

No restriction is necessary because the project is funded from cash and federal sources.

3. Has the request been approved by OSPB and CCHE?

Yes

PRIOR APPROPRIATION AND SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST INFORMATION

The appropriation to be amended was authorized in the following bill: N/A 00-0000

<u>Fund Source</u>	<u>Prior Appropriations</u>	<u>Supplemental Request</u>	<u>Future Requests</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
CF	\$0	\$708,315	\$0	\$708,315
FF	\$0	\$1,315,443	\$0	\$1,315,443
	\$0	\$2,023,758	\$0	\$2,023,758

REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST

This supplemental request is for informational purposes only. The department plans to proceed with the project even if legislative authorization is not received. The department anticipates that a grant will be awarded for the project at the beginning of the federal fiscal year and says that it would prefer to accept the grant with prior legislative approval.

DHS explains that it has received several deficiency citations relative to its restorative and assisted dining operations at the Walsenburg facility from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. This project will address these citations by creating a more private space in which to assist residents with meals. The project will also duplicate some building functions in the locked care unit in order to decrease the amount of time dementia patients spend off the locked unit and to better meet patient behavioral needs. Dementia patients are confined to locked care units to curb wandering and minimize aggressive behaviors.

SUMMARY OF PROJECT

The project renovates 3,137 GSF and constructs 3,697 GSF at a 120-bed skilled nursing facility in order to provide additional services on a locked care unit, and to update food and dining services for all residents. The project allows DHS to better provide service commensurate with private skilled-nursing facilities.

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The project makes improvements to dining services, updates facilities on the locked care unit, and creates additional support and administrative spaces. DHS says 95 percent of the impacted space will be renovated for direct use by residents. The project makes the following improvements:

- expands the main dining room serving party and purchases additional food preparation equipment in order to vary menu options, including the addition of a cook-to-order menu;
- converts an existing patio dining area to a private dining room for residents requiring assisted and restorative dining;
- builds a new patio dining area to replace the patio dining area that will be renovated for use by special populations;
- duplicates food preparation, dining, bathing, and activity space on the locked care unit in order to reduce the need to transport residents with dementia off the locked care unit multiple times daily; and
- renovates the locked care unit courtyard to include walkways, shade structures, and landscaping.

Source of cash funds. The source of cash funds is payment withholdings from the contract operator, Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center.

QUESTIONS / OUTSTANDING ISSUES

All responses to staff questions were incorporated into the project write-up.