

FY 2014-15 Supplemental Capital Construction Request

Human Services

Resident Support Areas and Security Upgrades, Various State Veterans Nursing Homes

Motion: Approve the supplemental request from the Department of Human Services to replace federal funds spending authority with increased state funding on behalf of the Resident Support Areas and Security Upgrades project (\$1,443,000 CCF).

GENERAL INFORMATION

2015-032

1. Which supplemental criterion does the request meet?

Unforeseen Contingency

The department is requesting state funds to replace funds originally anticipated to be awarded through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs State Home Construction Grant program.

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

No restriction is necessary because the project is not an emergency supplemental request.

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: HB 14-1336

<u>Fund Source</u>	<u>Prior Appropriations</u>	<u>Supplemental Request</u>	<u>Future Requests</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
CCF	\$1,428,500	\$1,443,000	\$0	\$2,871,500
FF	\$1,443,000	(\$1,443,000)	\$0	\$0
	\$2,871,500	\$0	\$0	\$2,871,500

REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST

As part of its FY 2014-15 capital construction request, the department sought a state fund match for a federal grant to address safety and security improvements and facility upgrades at three State Veterans Community Living Centers. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs requires that states provide matching funds for grants awarded under the State Home Construction Grant Program. At the time of the request, the department indicated that, if state funding on behalf of the project was approved, the federal grant would provide 50 percent of the funding for the project. However, the department was later notified that, due to decreased availability of federal funding, grant funds for the project would not be made available for at least five years. The department explains that the work requested under the project addresses life-safety issue and cannot be delayed until federal funds are made available.

SUMMARY OF PROJECT

The project makes safety improvements and facility upgrades at the State Veterans Nursing Homes located in Florence, Homelake, and Rifle. According to the department, all three homes are in need of upgrades to address resident care issues that were not considered at the time of their original construction. According to the department, the request targets those needs within the facilities that will have a direct and significant impact on the security and well being of residents. Improvements at the facilities will include:

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- replacement of the nurse call systems (Homelake and Florence);
- replacement of the security systems, including new cameras, access control devices, and digital monitoring and recording systems (all three facilities);
- kitchen upgrades and equipment replacement (Homelake and Rifle);
- addition of air conditioning in the main kitchen (Homelake);
- interior finish upgrades, including new handrails, floor finish upgrades, and replacement of interior doors (Homelake and Florence);
- replacement of the telephone systems (Homelake and Florence);
- roof repairs (Homelake);
- accessibility improvements, including walkway repairs, addition of curbs, and improvements to the service entrance (Homelake);
- asbestos abatement (Homelake);
- installation of wander protection systems (Rifle and Florence);
- addition of powered exterior doors (Florence);
- resident bathing suite renovations, including fall mitigation and accessibility improvements (Florence); and
- upgrades to the staff training and activities area (Florence).

QUESTIONS / OUTSTANDING ISSUES

None.