

May 9, 2023

Senator Rick Girdler
Representative Deanna Frazier Gordon
Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee
Legislative Research Commission
Capital Annex Room 34
Frankfort, KY 40601

RE: Medical Tower - 55A Vivarium

Dear Senator Girdler and Representative Gordon,

In accordance with provisions of KRS 45.760(7), I am writing to request a \$2,000,000 authorization increase to renovate the 8th and 9th floors of the University of Louisville Medical Tower-55A into a vivarium. The project was previously approved in the November 19, 2020 CPBOC meeting for \$8,000,000. The change in material and labor cost has resulted in a project budget increase of \$2,000,000 for a total project budget of \$10,000,000.

This project will renovate the 9th floor of the Medical School Tower into a vivarium, with the 8th floor renovation housing the mechanical systems to support the vivarium. The vivarium will aid in research and continue the mission of the university to become a premier, nationally recognized metropolitan research university.

The University of Louisville Board of Trustees approved the increase on April 20, 2023. NIH grant provided \$8,000,000 in funding, and the University of Louisville Medical School is providing that additional \$2,000,000 to support completion of the project. This project will not use any general funds, or any funds appropriated for another purpose.

We appreciate your support and time. If there are questions, contact Kim Noltemeyer at 852-5699.

Sincerely,

Meg Campbell

Meg Campbell
Asst. Vice President
University of Louisville

cc: Dan Durbin, CFO
Dr. Leslie Sherwood
Shaun McKiernan (CPE)
Carla Wright (OSBD)

RECOMMENDATION TO THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board of Trustees – April 20, 2023

RECOMMENDATION:

The President recommends that the Board of Trustees approve a \$2,000,000 increase in the budgeted cost to renovate the vivarium on the eighth and ninth floors in the School of Medicine Tower, pursuant to the board’s Financial Transactions Policy, Section II(b), regarding capital projects estimated at \$500,000 or more.

Upon approval, a request will be sent to the State Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee (CPBOC) to authorize the increase for a total project budget of \$10,000,000.

BACKGROUND:

The School of Medicine Tower was constructed in 1970 on the Health Sciences Campus and has an exterior footprint of 177,248 square feet. Renovations and construction have taken place at various times since 1970 to accommodate the needs of the university. The building consists of offices, wet and dry research labs, vivariums, and classrooms.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) awarded the university with a \$8,000,000 grant in 2020 to renovate this space. The ninth floor of the building will be renovated to become a vivarium, which will provide researchers a quality space to conduct research. Mechanical updates will also be implemented on the eighth floor to support the equipment and air quality needed in the vivarium.

Since 2020, materials and labor costs have increased and the project requires an additional \$2,000,000 to complete construction.

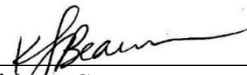
Projected Construction Start Date: November 2020
Projected Construction Completion Date: January 2024

BOARD ACTION:

Passed X

Did Not Pass

Other



Assistant Secretary



MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY
Office of the President

May 3, 2023

Senator Rick Girdler, Co-Chair
Representative Deanna Frazier Gordon, Co-Chair
Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee
Legislative Research Commission
Capitol Annex, Room 136
Frankfort, KY 40601

RE: Interim Authorization Request – Microscope

Dear Senator Girdler and Representative Gordon:

Pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) 164A.575(15), Murray State University is requesting review by the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee for interim authorization for the purchase of an LSM 980 Airyscan 2 Confocal Microscope, manufactured by Carl Zeiss Microscopy, LLC. The cost estimate for this purchase is \$587,682. This project will not use any current general funds or any funds allotted for another purpose. The majority of this purchase will be funded with federal dollars from a National Institutes of Health grant with the remaining portion being funded from indirect cost revenue received from other third-party grants.

The microscope will be installed in the Biology Building on the Murray State campus in Murray, Kentucky. It will be utilized for classroom purposes as well as research related to the quantitative high-resolution microscopy imaging of precise distribution patterns of important biological organelles and structures in different developmental and cellular contexts.

The Murray State University Board of Regents is expected to approve this purchase on June 2, 2023. This request is being submitted now in hopes that it can be added to the agenda for the May 23rd meeting of the Capital Planning and Bond Oversight Committee (CPBOC). Documentation to support the approval of the Board of Regents will be sent to the Legislative Research Commission as soon as received.

Should you or members of the Committee have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Murray State University representatives plan to attend the CPBOC's scheduled meeting on May 23, 2023, via remote access.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Jackson, Ed.D.
President

cc: Jackie Dudley, Murray State University
Jordan Smith, Murray State University
Shaun McKiernan, Council on Postsecondary Education
Carla Wright, Office of State Budget Director

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