Office of the President
June 9, 2009

Members, Board of Trustees:

**ALLOCATION OF ENDOWMENT MATCH AND RESEARCH CAPITAL MATCH PROGRAM FUNDS**

**Recommendation:** that the Board of Trustees approve the allocation of the $33,333,000 Research Challenge Trust Fund as follows: $21,926,570 to the Research Capital Match Program and $11,406,430 to the Endowment Match Program.

**Background:** The 2008 Kentucky General Assembly authorized $33,333,000 in General Fund supported bonds for the University of Kentucky through the Research Challenge Trust Fund for the traditional Endowment Match Program and a newly created Research Capital Match Program (designed to support capital projects). The university has the statutory authority to determine the allocation of funds for traditional Endowment Match Program activities and capital projects (the Research Capital Match Program). There is a dollar-for-dollar matching requirement for both.

The governing boards are required to report the allocation to various state government officials no later than June 30, 2009. Based on received and anticipated gifts, pledges, and grants, the administration recommends allocating $21,926,570 to the Research Capital Match Program and $11,406,430 to the Endowment Match Program. Contingent upon approval by the Board of Trustees, pursuant to House Bill 406 and Council on Postsecondary Education guidelines, the university will report the allocation of funds to the Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, the President of the Council on Postsecondary Education, the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee, and the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue.

Pursuant to AR II-1.4-1, the Board of Trustees must approve the initiation of any capital project with a scope of $600,000 or more by a separate action item.

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Action taken:  ✔ Approved  ❑ Disapproved  ❑ Other ___________________________