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Members, Board of Trustees:

APPROVAL OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR UK COLLEGE OF MEDICINE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

<u>Recommendation</u>: that the Board of Trustees approve the payment of up to \$34,000 for improvements to leased space for the UK College of Medicine's Department of Behavioral Science, located in leased space located at 465 East High Street in Lexington, KY.

<u>Background</u>: Pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) 164A.575, a public university may pay for improvements to leased property costing in excess of \$10,000 but less than \$1,000,000. University of Kentucky College of Medicine Department of Behavioral Science has been leasing space at 465 East High Street since 2001. The Department wishes to reconfigure part of the space to make it more functional for Department needs.

The UK Laboratory of Human Behavioral Pharmacology is currently in the space which houses the clinical research programs of three faculty members in the Department of Behavioral Science in the College of Medicine. The work conducted in this facility is currently funded by nine National Institutes of Health grants (over \$20 million in total costs) and aims to 1) determine the neurobehavioral mechanisms of substance use disorder and develop interventions for treatment, and 2) train the next generation of substance abuse researchers.

Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) 164A.575 requires approval from the Board of Trustees for improvements to leased property costing in excess of \$10,000 but less than \$1,000,000. Contingent upon approval from the Board of Trustees, the improvements will be reported to the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee.





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