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Office of the President
February 17, 2023

Members, Board of Trustees:

TELFORD FOUNDATION INC. GRANT AND
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY RESEARCH CHALLENGE TRUST FUND
AND ENDOWMENT MATCH PROGRAM

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a grant of $1,600,000 from the Telford Foundation Inc. of Naples, Florida (the "Donor") to create and endow a faculty chair position in the UK Markey Cancer Center and submit this grant for matching funds from the Commonwealth of Kentucky Research Challenge Trust Fund (RCTF) and Endowment Match Program. Further, pursuant to guidelines approved by the Council on Postsecondary Education, that the Board of Trustees acknowledges its responsibility for UK's participation in and implementation of the RCTF program and for providing oversight of all university endowment funds.

Background: The 2022 General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky approved a sixth round of funding for the Research Challenge Trust Fund. State matching funds are available only for new gift commitments made after July 1, 2022. UK will receive $20,000,000 in matching funds that must be designated for endowments specifically supporting initiatives in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics and health (i.e., STEM+H). Furthermore, the endowments are to support research activities to stimulate business development, increase externally sponsored research, to create better jobs and a higher standard of living, and facilitate Kentucky's transition to a knowledge-based economy. RCTF provides a dollar-for-dollar match *at a minimum*. UK will use the RCTF to match at a 2:1 ratio. As a result, UK will leverage $20,000,000 into $60,000,000.

The Donor has generously made a grant of $1,600,000 to endow a faculty chair fund named the "John R. VanNagell Endowed Chair in Gynecology Oncology" in the UK Markey Cancer Center. This grant is eligible to receive matching funds.

In recognition of the significance of this grant, and with the consent of the Office of the Vice President for Research, the recommendation was made that the grant be submitted for matching funds at a gift-to-matching funds ratio of 2:1.

Action taken: ☑ Approved ❑ Disapproved ❑ Other _____