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Members, Board of Trustees:

IMPROVE LIFE SAFETY (CONSTRUCT SAFE SHELTERS AT WEST KENTUCKY 4-H CAMP AND LAKE CUMBERLAND 4-H CAMP) CAPITAL PROJECT

<u>Recommendation</u>: that the Board of Trustees approve the initiation of the Improve Life Safety (Construct Safe Shelters at West Kentucky 4-H Camp and Lake Cumberland 4-H Camp) capital project.

<u>Background:</u> Pursuant to Administrative Regulation 8:2, any capital project with an estimated scope of \$1,000,000 or more must be approved by the Board prior to initiation.

This project will initiate the construction of two Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved safe shelters at the West Kentucky 4-H Camp in Dawson Springs, Kentucky and the Lake Cumberland 4-H Camp at Jabez, Kentucky. Both camps are staffed and operated by the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFE). The West Kentucky 4-H Camp shelter will be approximately 3,232 square feet and will safely shelter 525 persons (including three ADA accessible). The Lake Cumberland 4-H Camp shelter will be approximately 2,707 square feet and will safely shelter 411 persons (including three ADA accessible).

The completed designs, which follow FEMA guidelines, have been reviewed by FEMA and are approved for construction. These safe shelters are crucial in providing a safe place for hundreds of campers and staff to take shelter from impending severe weather.

This \$4,000,000 project, authorized by the 2024 Kentucky General Assembly, is within the legislative authorization of \$25,000,000 and will be funded with federal FEMA funds, state general funds and agency funds. Pending Board approval, the University will report the substitution of some agency funds with federal and state general funds to the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee.

Action taken:	🗹 Approved	Disapproved	Other



