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Office of the President
April 28, 2023

Members, Board of Trustees:

THE AETNA BETTER HEALTH OF KENTUCKY, ASC GRANT COMMITMENT AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY RESEARCH CHALLENGE TRUST FUND AND ENDOWMENT MATCH PROGRAM

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a charitable grant commitment of $100,000 from the Aetna Better Health of Kentucky, ASC of Louisville, Kentucky (the "Donor") to create and endow a program support fund in the UK Center for Health Equity Transformation ("CHET") and submit this grant commitment 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 that stimulate business development, increase externally sponsored research, create better jobs and a higher standard of living, and facilitate Kentucky's transition to a knowledge-based economy. The 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 commitment of $100,000 to endow a program support fund named the "CHET Training Program Support Endowed Fund" for the UK CHET. This grant commitment is eligible to receive RCTF matching funds.

In recognition of the significance of this grant commitment, and with the consent of the Office of the Vice President for Research, the grant commitment will be submitted for RCTF matching funds at a grant commitment to matching funds ratio of 2:1.

Action taken: ☑ Approved ❑ Disapproved ❑ Other _____