

# FCR 9

Office of the President  
September 18, 2026

Members, Board of Trustees:

## IMPROVE UK KING'S DAUGHTERS MEDICAL CAMPUS (VARIOUS PROJECTS – MAIN CAMPUS) CAPITAL PROJECT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the scope of the initiation of the Improve UK King's Daughters Medical Campus (Various Projects – Main Campus) capital project.

Background: Pursuant to University regulations, any capital project with an estimated scope of \$1,000,000 or more must be approved by the Board prior to initiation.

This recommendation is for expanding and improving the existing UK King's Daughters Main Hospital campus in Ashland, Kentucky. The initiation of the design and construction phases for the following projects were approved by the Board at its February 2026 meeting. However, additional services are needed for which the Board's approval is requested.

1. Design and renovate nearly 18,000 square feet on the fourth floor adjacent to the Cardiovascular Operating Room. This project is needed to increase capacity for Cardiovascular operating rooms, including the addition of another hybrid operating room, plus more Post Anesthesia Care Unit rooms and Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit beds.
2. Design and renovate 8,500 square feet to support growth in inpatient pediatrics. This project will transform existing space to accommodate a nurses' station and expand bed capacity to a 12-bed inpatient pediatric unit.
3. Design and renovate 26,000 square feet to upgrade and expand the Main operating room to improve access to surgical services. This expansion will increase the size of existing operating rooms to support an increase in robotic procedures as well as the complexity of procedures for neurosurgery and orthopedics. The project will create additional capacity for procedures with up to six additional operating rooms and pre-operative and post-anesthesia care unit recovery space.
4. Design and renovate approximately 8,300 square feet in the labor and delivery unit to standardize design and flow with the mother-baby unit.
5. Design and renovate approximately 23,000 square feet to expand space for laboratory services. This project is needed to provide additional automation and efficiency in testing to improve patient treatment and outcomes.

This \$100,000,000 project, authorized by the 2026 Kentucky General Assembly, is within the total legislative authorization of \$200,000,000 and will be funded with agency funds.

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Action taken:    ☒ Approved    ☐ Disapproved    ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_



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