

Capital Planning Project for the College of Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital Renovation and Expansion

JOINT FINANCE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

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The Campus Master Plan and the Six-Year Capital Outlay Plan include the renovation and expansion to the College of Veterinary Medicine's (CVM) Teaching Hospital. This project has been a high priority for the College and its teaching and research mission including its operational and fundraising efforts for multiple years.

The existing Teaching Hospital is a full-service veterinary facility providing primary and specialized care for both small and large animals on the main campus in Blacksburg, Virginia. The hospital focuses on teaching and provides a hands-on learning experience where students, residents and interns work closely with CVM faculty and staff. However, the current facility was constructed nearly forty years ago, and the small animal patient care and teaching facilities are no longer capable of meeting the current space demands of the school's growing academic program.

In 2019 a feasibility study for the project was completed, and a proposed solution to both the space quality and quantity constraints of small animal service is a renovation and expansion that is also needed to address potential accreditation issues for the Veterinary Teaching Hospital's program. The renovation and expansion will provide new exam rooms, surgery rooms, and service modules, community practice space as well as ICU, Intermediate Care Suite, physical therapy and pharmacy stores and the necessary support spaces. The project scope is envisioned as the renovation of approximately 25,000 gross square feet (GSF) as well as an addition of approximately 32,000 GSF for a combined total of 57,000 GSF of updated, modern space for the CVM Teaching Hospital's academic program.

The target total project budget is \$43 million, and the funding plan calls for entirely nongeneral fund support. The funding sources include the use of a combination of nongeneral funds including private gifts, university overhead, CVM Hospital revenues, along with annual support for debt service. Sufficient private funds and CVM cash reserves are available to cover the \$4.3 million costs to complete planning through working drawings. Thus, the university is ready to request a planning authorization and begin design work.

Under the 2006 Management Agreement between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the university, the Board of Visitors has the authority to approve the budget, size, scope, and funding of nongeneral fund capital outlay projects. This request is for a \$4.3 million planning authorization to complete working drawings for the College of Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital Renovation and Expansion project. A subsequent request for full project funding may be submitted after designs are underway and a firm scope, cost, funding, and schedule for the entire project are determined.

RESOLUTION FOR A CAPITAL PLANNING PROJECT FOR THE COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE TEACHING HOSPITAL RENOVATION AND EXPANSION

WHEREAS, the Campus Master Plan and the Six-Year Capital Outlay Plan include the renovation and expansion of the College of Veterinary Medicine's (CVM) Teaching Hospital; and,

WHEREAS, the hospital focuses on teaching and provides a hands-on learning experience where students, residents and interns work closely with CVM faculty and staff; and,

WHEREAS, the existing Teaching Hospital was constructed nearly forty years ago, and is no longer capable of meeting the demands of the school's growing academic program; and,

WHEREAS, the project is envisioned as the renovation of approximately 25,000 gross square feet (GSF) as well as an addition of approximately 32,000 GSF for a combined total of 57,000 GSF of updated, modern space for the CVM Teaching Hospital's academic program; and,

WHEREAS, a renovation and expansion will provide new exam rooms, surgery rooms, and service modules, community practice space as well as ICU, Intermediate Care Suite, physical therapy and pharmacy stores and the necessary support spaces; and,

WHEREAS, the university is requesting a \$4.3 million planning authorization to complete working drawings and to fund the planning project with 100 percent nongeneral fund resources derived from private gifts and CVM cash reserves; and,

WHEREAS, the university may submit a subsequent request for full project funding after designs are underway and a firm scope, cost, funding plan, and schedule for the entire project are determined; and,

WHEREAS, under the 2006 Management Agreement between the Commonwealth of Virginia and Virginia Tech, the Board of Visitors has authority to approve the budget, size, scope, and overall funding of non-general funded major capital outlay projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the university be authorized to move forward with a \$4.3 million planning authorization to complete designs through working drawings for the College of Veterinary Medicine Hospital Renovation and Expansion project.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the resolution authorizing Virginia Tech to plan the College of Veterinary Medicine Hospital Renovation and Expansion project be approved.

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