

FY 2022-23 Supplemental Capital Construction Request

Metropolitan State University of Denver
Health Institute

MOTION

Approve the supplemental request from Metropolitan State University of Denver for additional cash funds spending authority for FY 2022-23 for the Health Institute project (\$2,950,000 CF).

GENERAL INFORMATION

2020-012

1. Which supplemental criterion does the request meet?

Unforeseen Contingency

The university has encountered both unexpected construction cost increases due to inflation as well as new opportunities within the Auraria Higher Education Center (AHEC) campus to relocate displaced classrooms and office space.

2. Which projects will be restricted to fund the supplemental request?

No emergency restriction is required because this is a regular supplemental request. Further, additional state funds are not sought under the request.

3. Has the request been approved by OSPB and CCHE?

Yes

PRIOR APPROPRIATION AND SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST INFORMATION

The appropriation to be amended was authorized in the following bill: HB22-1329

<u>Fund Source</u>	<u>Prior Appropriations</u>	<u>Supplemental Request</u>	<u>Future Requests</u>	<u>Total Costs</u>
CCF	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000
CF	\$0	\$2,950,000	\$0	\$2,950,000
Totals	\$10,000,000	\$2,950,000	\$0	\$12,950,000

REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST

During the FY 2022-23 capital request cycle, the Health Institute project was granted an emergency scope change after the initial project documents were submitted to address the need for the Metropolitan State University of Denver (MSUD) nursing program to quickly vacate the Boulder Creek Building. The CDC recommended, and the JBC funded, a flat \$10,000,000 for a one-phase project to cover these emergency costs. The university reports that the costs for the project have exceeded their original projections due to significant inflation in construction costs. Additionally, new opportunities have arisen to relocate the classrooms and offices displaced from the Boulder Creek Building to more permanent and more efficient locations.

SUMMARY OF PROJECT

The revised Health Institute project focuses on building out the Nursing program's classroom and lab simulation space across 22,000 GSF in the West Classroom Building to replace the space it formerly occupied in the Boulder Creek Building. The new space will address spatial requirements needed for accreditation, integrate new technologies to allow for higher quality learning and enrollment growth, and begin the process of centralizing MSUD's health programs into one primary space to increase collaboration and efficiencies across departments.

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QUESTIONS / OUTSTANDING ISSUES

1. Can you expand on what changed between the original request and this supplemental request in terms of where the departments who were occupying the West Classroom Building were going to move? Were they originally only going to move into temporary space? Where did the more permanent space come from and are other MSUD departments or other AHEC institutions being moved as a result?

MSUD Response: Originally, the departments currently occupying the West Classroom were intended to transition to various locations across campus that were planned to be vacated as the result of separate on-campus space condensing and relocation projects. However, one of those projects now has a revised and extended timeline, requiring those impacted by the simulation labs project to be relocated to new areas across the campus. The new costs are the result of these newly revised location plans, in addition to the increased construction costs we are facing during this high inflation time.

This change in available space allowed us to identify more optimal locations for each of our departments that will be relocated. These spaces are across the Auraria campus and were made available due to a condensing of office space (made possible by hybrid work) and changes in classroom needs (such as, due to increases in online learning). A portion of our relocated programs will be transitioning to a space previously occupied by the Community College of Denver in the Administration building. This space was previously arranged to be transitioned to MSU Denver as part of CCD's Boulder Creek project.