

# FY 2018-19 Supplemental Capital Construction Request

## Human Services

### 42-Bed Expansion, CMHI at Pueblo

#### Motion:

Approve the supplemental request from the Department of Human Services for state funds to renovate space for the creation of 42 additional inpatient beds on the Colorado Mental Health Institute at Pueblo campus (\$843,838 CCF).

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

2020-003

#### 1. Which supplemental criterion does the request meet?

New Data

Staff is uncertain whether the project qualifies for supplemental appropriation status. The project may be better suited for funding under another status, such as a regular FY 2019-20 capital construction request.

#### 2. 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: N/A 00-0000

<u>Fund Source</u>	<u>Prior Appropriations</u>	<u>Supplemental Request</u>	<u>Future Requests</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
CCF	\$0	\$843,838	\$0	\$843,838
	\$0	\$843,838	\$0	\$843,838

#### REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST

According to the department, demand for competency evaluations and competency restoration services is up 431 and 930 percent respectively since 2000, resulting in delays in providing these services to those waiting in jail. The department was sued on the basis that lengthy wait times violated the constitutional rights of those awaiting services, and a subsequent settlement agreement requires the department to admit defendants ordered to undergo inpatient competency evaluation or restoration within 28 days of being ready for admission. The department says failure to expand capacity under the project will result in service delays in violation of the settlement agreement, and the gap between the provision of services and demand will continue to grow.

#### SUMMARY OF PROJECT

This is a new, never-before-requested project. The project renovates existing space at the Colorado Mental Health Institute at Pueblo to accommodate 42 additional in-patient beds, to be used for the provision of competency evaluations and restoration services. Competency restoration is the process by which a person who has been charged with a crime and is subsequently found incompetent to stand trial by a court, typically due to an active mental illness or intellectual disability, has his or her competency restored through the provision of human services so that the legal process may continue. The renovations will be made in Building 106, and include mitigating ceilings; addressing door pinch joints, hinges, and closures; and replacing drinking fountains, sinks, and faucets that pose self-harm risks. The renovations will allow the relocation of various patient units to areas more conducive to treatment, while freeing up the 42 beds for competency services.

#### QUESTIONS / OUTSTANDING ISSUES

1. Did the department seek controlled maintenance moneys for this project, including the Emergency Fund for Controlled Maintenance administered by the Office of the State Architect?

*At the time of mailing, no response was received from the department.*