Two-Year Projection of Cash Need (CY 2017)

Colorado Mesa University Wednesday, June 07, 2017

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Recommend cash funds spending authority for the new project listed on the Colorado Mesa University two-year projection of cash need.

Revised, Resubmitted, Requires Approval

Project	HPCP	Amount	Fund
Name	Certification		Source
Electric Lineworker Building	Green Globes	\$220,000	CF

2018-026

For FY 2017-18, Colorado Mesa University (CMU) requested a combination of state funds and cash funds spending authority to construct a 8,105-GSF, pre-engineered structure in order to relocate the university's Electric Lineworker program to its Whitewater Campus. This project was not funded in the 2017 Long Bill. This request is to begin site infrastructure work associated with the project during summer 2017. Site infrastructure work includes sanitary sewer, storm water, water, intersection, parking lot, and access road improvements. CMU intends to resubmit the project for state funding in FY 2018-19; however spending authorized through the two-year process will qualify as part of CMU's cash funds match if and when the project receives state funding.

The existing Electric Lineworker program is located at the university's 29 and D Road property, about three miles southeast of the main campus in Grand Junction. The Whitewater Campus is located about ten miles southeast of Grand Junction. The Whitewater Campus is home to the Forensic Investigation Research Station (FIRS), which is an outdoor facility focused on research, teaching, and service regarding the decomposition of human remains.

After further consultation and planning, CMU intends to construct the new facility on a different parcel adjacent to the existing facility on the 29 and D Road property, closer to the railroad. CMU says the collocation next to FIRS raised concerns about the nature of the work undertaken by FIRS. FIRS receives about 17 human body donations per year. There was concern that students and other guests to the Electric Lineworker program would potentially violate the privacy expected by human donors and their loved ones during the decaying process. According to CMU, relocating the facility on the current property will position it upwind of a nearby animal incinerator. Also, maintaining the program at its current site is more convenient for students who reside in CMU's residence halls or live in Grand Junction. The cost of the project is about the same at both locations.

The source of cash funds for the project is a county district grant and institutional reserves.

Date Authorized Until: TBD

Subtotal: Revised, Resubmitted, Requires Approval \$220,000

Grand Total, All Projects: \$220,000