

# FY 2021-22 Emergency Supplemental Request

Colorado School of Mines  
Subsurface Frontiers Building

**Motion:**

Approve the supplemental request from the Colorado School of Mines for the Subsurface Frontiers Building project (-\$1,856,741 CCF; -\$120,000,000 CF).

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

2020-030

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

New Data

The university has received federal funding for the project, and no longer requires the use of state funds or cash funds.

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

No restriction is required, as the request is not an emergency and the project reduces the appropriation.

**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:

<u>Fund Source</u>	<u>Prior Appropriations</u>	<u>Supplemental Request</u>	<u>Future Requests</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
CCF	\$1,856,741	(\$1,856,741)	\$0	\$0
CF	\$120,000,000	(\$120,000,000)	\$0	\$0
	\$121,856,741	(\$121,856,741)	\$0	\$0

**REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST**

The project has been included in the federal infrastructure bill, H.R. 3684. The federal bill provides funding for the building through the U.S. Geological Service (USGS). Under the new arrangement, the school will lease land to USGS, which will construct the building from the federal appropriation. The school will rent space in the building. In return, it will operate and maintain the building and will be paid for those services for the space occupied by USGS.

**SUMMARY OF PROJECT**

The project constructs a new 181,595-GSF, five-story building to house research laboratories, imaging labs, classrooms, conference rooms, offices, and associated spaces. In partnership with the USGS, the building will house both organizations' mineral exploration and subsurface mineral economics programs, in order to advance worldwide knowledge of the earth's energy and mineral resources. The university says the building will become the nation's premier destination for earth sciences research.

# FY 2021-22 Emergency Supplemental Request

## Colorado School of Mines *Subsurface Frontiers Building*

**Motion:**

Approve the supplemental request from the Colorado School of Mines for the Subsurface Frontiers Building project (-\$1,856,741 CCF; -\$120,000,000 CF).

---

### QUESTIONS / OUTSTANDING ISSUES

1. In the most recent (withdrawn) request for this building, the total project cost was estimated at \$188.4 million. The federal bill appropriates \$167.0 million for the building's construction. Is there anything you can share about how the plans may have changed leading to the lower appropriation?

The USGS has projected the building to be now \$240m and will use the \$167 million appropriation from the federal bill, plus some operating funds they have, and potential, future, federal appropriations to get the total to \$240 million. The higher price includes cost escalation over the last two years, costs that will be incurred in addition to what was planned given that it is a federal building, and some component of infrastructure for the building that was not in the original cost.