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RESOLUTION #1

Approval of funding Phase IV of the Healthy Kentucky Research Building

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University of Kentucky Research Foundation

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION #1:

Approval of funding Phase IV of the Healthy Kentucky Research Building capital construction project

Effective Date: October 07, 2020

That the Corporation be authorized to spend up to \$16,000,000 on Phase IV of the Healthy Kentucky Research Building (HKRB). Phase IV will complete the Healthy Kentucky Research Building by fitting out the sixth floor wet labs and the first and second floor meeting room spaces.

Background:

On March 16, 2015, the UK Board of Trustees approved the initiation of a \$265 million research building with half of the funding from the state of Kentucky and half of the funding from UK resources (FCR 14 BOT 3/16/2015). Ground broke on Phase I in spring of 2015 and the facility opened in September 2018. Phase I included completion of space in the basement, some of the first floor, and all of the second and third floor wet and dry laboratory space.

Phase II started in 2018 with additional funding from the state and includes completing the remainder of the basement, fourth and fifth floors. Phase II is scheduled to be complete at the end of 2020.

Phase III was funded by a 2019 NIH C06 construction grant to create an innovative first-floor vascular research lab to boost leading-edge work in the Saha Cardiovascular Research Center, the Department of Biomedical Engineering and the Sanders-Brown Center for Aging.

The HKRB building has contributed to our success in securing federal funding to tackle the opioid problem in Kentucky (the HEALing Communities Study), our National Cancer Institute-designated Cancer Center, and our Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences (funded through an NIH Clinical and Translational Science Award). HKRB also houses several other innovative Centers and Institutes that engage and impact our citizens.

Completing the building will further the University Research mission to successfully reduce health disparities.

ACTION TAKEN:

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