

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**ITEM: 3.12
(ID # 13826)**

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

FROM: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM -
PUBLIC HEALTH:

SUBJECT: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT (FM) AND RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM – PUBLIC HEALTH: Riverside University Health System Public Health Administration Building Coronavirus Disease 2019 Emergency Security Improvements Project - California Environmental Quality Act Exempt, District 1. [\$493,103 – RUHS Public Health Department Funds to be Reimbursed by CARES Act - 100%]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Riverside University Health System Public Health Administration Building Coronavirus Disease 2019 Emergency Security Improvements (RUHS-PH Admin COVID-19 Emergency Security) Project for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP);
2. Find the RUHS-PH Admin COVID-19 Emergency Security Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15269 Emergency Projects, Section 15301 Class 1 Existing Facilities Exemption, Section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction Class 2 Exemption and Section 15061 (b)(3) "Common Sense" Exemption;

Continued on Page 2

ACTION: Policy, CIP


Rose Saigado, Director of Facilities Management 11/3/2020


Kim Saruwatari, Director of Public Health 11/3/2020

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Hewitt and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: November 10, 2020
xc: FM, RUHS

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board
By: _____
Deputy

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

3. Approve in-principle the RUHS-PH Admin COVID-19 Emergency Security Project at 4065 County Circle Drive in Riverside, California; to replace the existing security system with a new system that will allow for more complete and comprehensive building security to protect public health personnel and the public;
4. Approve a preliminary project budget in the not to exceed amount of \$493,103 for the Project;
5. Authorize the use of RUHS Public Health Department Funds to be reimbursed by CARES Act in the not to exceed amount of \$493,103 for the emergency work for project related expenses, including reimbursement to Facilities Management (FM) for incurred project related expenses;
6. Find that this project qualifies as an emergency project pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22050 and Board Policy B-11 because there is substantial evidence that the emergency will not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids and that the action is necessary to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency;
7. Authorize the Director of Facilities Management, or his/her designee, to administer all necessary agreements in accordance with applicable Board policies, pursuant to Board Policy B-11 Emergency Authority and Resolution No. 2003-23;
8. Delegate project management authority for the Project to the Director of Facilities Management in accordance with applicable Board policies, including the authority to utilize consultants on the approved pre-qualified list for services in connection with the Project, and are within the approved project budget; and
9. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute pre-qualified consultant service agreements not to exceed \$100,000 per pre-qualified consultant, per fiscal year, in accordance with applicable Board policies for the Project, and the sum of all project contracts shall not exceed \$493,103.

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 493,103	\$ 0	\$ 493,103	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: RUHS Public Health Funds to be Reimbursed by CARES Act - 100%			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 2020/21	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

On January 29, 2020, a charter flight carrying 210 American evacuees from Wuhan, China, landed at March Air Reserve Base in Riverside, so passengers could be safely screened for the new Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) by Riverside County Public Health personnel and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Even before the Public Health Emergency was declared on March 4, 2020 by the Governor of California and March 10, by the County, the RUHS-PH Department was actively working for the protection of the health of all County residents and visitors from the deadly COVID-19. The RUHS-PH Department continues to serve and inform the community and Board of Supervisors as well as act as the County’s liaison between the California Governor, CDC, and the California Department of Public Health from its administrative building at 4065 County Circle Drive, in Riverside, California.

The PH Administration Building was constructed in 1988. Its current security system is an antiquated system lacking security control points as well as security camera coverage and adequate security lighting to support the needs of the facility or the Public Health department. The approval of this project would allow Public Health to replace and expand their existing system with a security guard desk, new digital cameras access controls, card readers elevator access, parking lot lighting, and electrical upgrades critical for the safety, security, and monitoring of this facility in real-time, which the proposed new system will allow.

(Continued)

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

BACKGROUND:

Summary (Continued)

An emergency declaration was made pursuant to the authority delegated in Resolution 2003-23 by the Board of Supervisors (Board), allowing Facilities Management (FM) to take immediate action to procure contracts to provide emergency work to make security improvements in response to the public health emergency related to COVID-19. Failure to immediately address this health, safety, and welfare event would pose imminent risk to the personnel and visitors.

FM recommends the Board approve the project budget in the not to exceed amount of \$493,103 and to authorize the emergency work so that FM can complete the project documentation and ensure that the Project retains operational safety.

With certainty, there is no possibility that the RUHS-PH Admin COVID-19 Emergency Security Project may have a significant effect on the environment. The Project is limited to an emergency response to make improvements to an existing building security system. The emergency improvements consist of security infrastructure at an existing public facility that is necessary to maintain service essential to public safety and the actions are necessary to mitigate an emergency. The emergency improvements will be within the existing facility and performed to meet current standards of public health and safety. Therefore, the RUHS-PH Admin COVID-19 Emergency Security Project is exempt as the project meets the scope and intent of the Common Sense Exemption identified in Section 15061 (b)(3); Statutory Emergency Projects Exemption identified in 15269 (b)(c), Class 1 Categorical Exemption identified in Section 15301, and Class 2 Replacement or Reconstruction Exemption identified in Section 15302. A Notice of Exemption will be filed by the FM staff with the County Clerk within five days of Board approval.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The RUHS-PH Admin COVID-19 Emergency Security Project will ensure the public safety for public health staff, and the public.

Additional Fiscal Information

Commences on Page 6

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Additional Fiscal Information


The approximate allocation of the project budget is as follows:

PROJECT BUDGET LINE ITEMS	CATEGORY	PROJECT BUDGET AMOUNT
Engineering Design	1	20,000
Construction Management	2	0
Construction Contracts	3	407,000
Offsite Construction	4	0
Project Management	5	16,275
Fixtures, Furnishings, Equipment	6	0
Other Specialty Consultants	7	5,000
Project Contingency	8	44,828
Project Budget		\$ 493,103

All costs associated with this Board action will be expended in FY 2020/21 and are 100% funded through RUHS Public Health Department Funds to be reimbursed by CARES Act.

RS:VC:GG:SP:DL:SC:tv FM08420010980 MT #13826
G:\Project Management Office\FORM 11'S\In Process\13826_D4 - 010980 - RUHS Public Health Admin Security Impr -
In Princ, Proj Budget_111020.doc

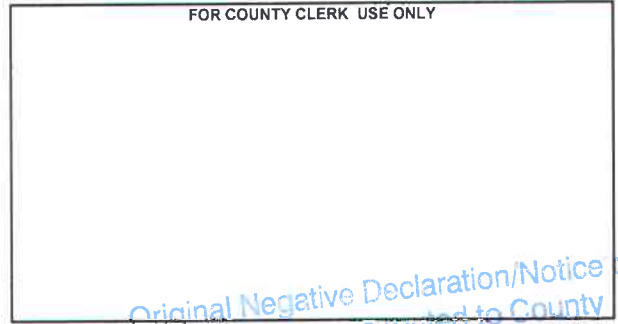

Teresa Summers, Director of Purchasing 10/30/2020


Steven H. Atkeson 11/3/2020


Gregory V. Priamos, Director County Counsel 11/3/2020

**Riverside County
Facilities Management**

3133 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA 92507



Original Negative Declaration/Notice of
Determination was routed to County
Clerks for posting on.

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

11/13/20
Date

YRP
Initial

October 29, 2020

Project Name: RUHS Public Health Administration COVID Emergency Security Improvements Project

Project Number: FM08420010980

Project Location: 4065 County Circle, north of Hole Avenue, Riverside, California 92503
Assessor's Parcel Number 145-200-017

Description of Project: On January 29, 2020, a charter flight carrying 210 American evacuees from Wuhan, China, landed at March Air Reserve Base in Riverside, so passengers could be safely screened for the new Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) by Riverside County Public Health personnel and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Even before the Public Health Emergency was declared on March 4, 2020 by the Governor of California and March 10, by the County, the RUHS-PH Department was actively working for the protection of the health of all County residents and visitors from the deadly COVID-19. The RUHS-PH Department continues to serve and inform the community and Board of Supervisors as well as act as the County's liaison between the California Governor, CDC, and the California Department of Public Health from its administrative building at 4065 County Circle Drive, in Riverside, California.

The PH Administration Building was constructed in 1988. Its current security system is an antiquated system lacking security control points as well as security camera coverage and adequate security lighting to support the needs of the facility or the Public Health department. The approval of this project would allow Public Health to replace and expand their existing system with a security guard desk, new digital cameras access controls, card readers elevator access, parking lot lighting, and electrical upgrades critical for the safety, security, and monitoring of this facility in real-time, which the proposed new system will allow.

An emergency declaration was made pursuant to the authority delegated in Resolution 2003-23 by the Board of Supervisors (Board), allowing Facilities Management (FM) to take immediate action to procure contracts to provide emergency work to make security improvements in response to the public health emergency related to COVID-19. Failure to immediately address this health, safety, and welfare event would pose imminent risk to the personnel and visitors. The emergency security improvements to the RUHS Public Health Administration Building is identified as the proposed project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The operation of the facility will continue to provide public services at the existing facility and will not result in a significant expansion of existing use. No additional direct or indirect physical environmental impacts are anticipated.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Riverside County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Riverside County Facilities Management

Exempt Status: State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15269 Emergency Projects Exemption; Section 15301 Existing Facilities Exemption; Section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction Exemption; Section 15061(b) (3), General Rule or “Common Sense” Exemption, Codified under Title 14, Articles 5, 18 and 19, Sections 15061, 15269, and 15301.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA specifically by the State CEQA Guidelines as identified below. The project will not result in any specific or general exceptions to the use of the categorical exemption as detailed under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. The project will not cause an impact to an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern nor would the project include unusual circumstances which could have the possibility of having a significant effect on the environment. The project would not result in impacts to scenic highways, hazardous waste sites, historic resources, or other sensitive natural environments, or have a cumulative effect to the environment. No significant environmental impacts are anticipated to occur with the replacement of the security system at the RUHS Public Health Administration Building.

- **Section 15269 (b)(c) –Emergency Projects:** This Statutory exemption consists of emergency projects that are exempt under CEQA. Under (b), emergency repairs to publicly or privately owned service facilities necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety or welfare are exempt. Under (c), specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency are exempt. The replacement of the security system is needed to continue to provide emergency services in a safe manner at an essential public facility to protect public safety. Functional security system is necessary to respond to the COVID emergency and maintain the County’s ability to provide these critical services. Therefore, the project is exempt as it meets the scope and intent of the Statutory Exemption identified in Section 15269, Article 18, Statutory Exemptions of the CEQA Guidelines.
- **Section 15301 (d)–Existing Facilities:** This Class 1 categorical exemption includes the operation, repair, maintenance, leasing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures or facilities, provided the exemption only involves negligible or no expansion of the previous site’s use. The replacement of the security system is necessary in order to restore and maintain an appropriate level of public safety. The facility is currently providing critical health services, and the security at the facility is required to continue to safely address an emergency that is a threat to public safety. The improvements at the existing facility would occur within the existing building footprint and would not increase the capacity or intensity of use of the facility and are exempt as they meet the scope and intent of the Categorical Exemption identified in Section 15301, Article 19, Categorical Exemptions of the CEQA Guidelines.
- **Section 15061 (b) (3) – “Common Sense” Exemption:** In accordance with CEQA, the use of the Common Sense Exemption is based on the “general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.” State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b) (3). The use of this exemption is appropriate if “it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.” *Ibid*. This determination is an issue of fact and if sufficient evidence exists in the record that the activity cannot have a significant effect on the environment, then the exemption applies and no further evaluation under CEQA is required. See *No Oil, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles* (1974) 13 Cal. 3d 68. The ruling in this case stated that if a project falls within a category exempt by administrative regulation or ‘it can be seen with certainty that the activity in question will not have a significant effect on the environment’, no further agency evaluation is required. With certainty, there is no possibility that the project may have a significant effect on the environment. The replacement of the security system at the RUHS Public Health Administration Building is an emergency action and will not result in any direct or indirect physical environmental impacts.

Based upon the identified exemptions above, the County of Riverside, Facilities Management hereby concludes that no physical environmental impacts are anticipated to occur and the project as proposed is exempt under CEQA. No further environmental analysis is warranted.

Signed:  Date: 10-29-2020

Mike Sullivan, Senior Environmental Planner
County of Riverside, Facilities Management