

Interim Capital Project

Medical University

Helipad Relocation \$1,200,000 -establish project

Source of Funds: \$1,200,000 -hospital revenue

Description

MUSC requests approval of construction of Phase 1 of the MUSC Hospital Authority's (MUHA) relocation of the helipad. The Helipad is used for the Meducare Air BK 117 helicopter for transporting patients within a 150 mile radius of Charleston, SC.

The hospital replacement project will displace the use of the existing helipad. In planning for this displacement, a feasibility study determined the most suitable site alternative was a portion of the roof of MUSC's Parking Garage II. This site was chosen because of its proximity to the trauma center and emergency services, the flexibility of aircraft approach routes, structural load capacity, and budget considerations.

There was some ambiguity concerning whether this work required state approval as a permanent improvement project since the MUHA is a separate entity. However, state officials have advised MUSC and the Hospital Authority that, because the MUHA work is being done on an MUSC parking garage, a permanent improvement project should be established for conducting the work. This does not apply to other MUHA work conducted in MUHA buildings.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of this project as proposed.