

# FY 2018-19 Capital Project Informational Request

## Human Services

### *Fitzsimons VCLC Fire Alarm System Replacement*

**Motion:**

Recommend support to the Department of Human Services for cash funds spending authority for the Fitzsimons VCLC Fire Alarm System Replacement project (\$557,154 CF).

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

2020-002

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

Emergency

The Department of Human Services (DHS) originally anticipated replacing the fire panels at the Fitzsimons Veterans Community Living Center (VCLC). However, the City of Aurora Fire Department notified DHS that replacing the fire panels alone is not sufficient to meet code requirements, and that the entire fire alarm system must be replaced.

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

No emergency restriction is required because this is a request for cash funds spending authority.

**3. Has the request been approved by OSPB?**

Yes

**PRIOR APPROPRIATION AND SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST INFORMATION**

The appropriation to be amended was authorized in the following bill: N/A 00-0000

<u>Fund Source</u>	<u>Prior Appropriations</u>	<u>Supplemental Request</u>	<u>Future Requests</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
CF	\$0	\$557,154	\$0	\$557,154
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**REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST**

The original project scope only replaced the fire alarm panels at the Fitzsimons VCLC. The City of Aurora Fire Department notified DHS that when the fire alarm panels are replaced, the entire fire detection and alarm system must also be replaced to meet life-safety code requirements. Changes in building code requirements since the system's installation in 2002 necessitate replacement of the entire system.

**SUMMARY OF PROJECT**

The project replaces the fire detection and alarm system at the Fitzsimons VCLC. The project will install fire panels, initiating devices, and voice notification. The project will bring the facility into code compliance. If the project is not funded, the current system is at risk of complete failure, which would impact the safety of residents and personnel. If the system failed and was not replaced, DHS would have to employ several full-time staff to manually monitor the building and place the building under a 24/7 "fire watch."

The source of cash funds is the Central Fund for Veterans Community Living Centers, created in Section 26-12-108, C.R.S. The fund accrues revenue from resident room and board payments and is used for the direct costs of the operation and administration of the veterans centers and for capital construction in connection with the veterans centers. The fund is continuously appropriated. The VCLCs operate as an enterprise.