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IOWA VETERANS HOME RECEIVES FEDERAL GRANT AWARD

Marshalltown, IA - The Iowa Veterans Home (IVH) has received confirmation from U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki of a grant award totaling \$2,248,320. This grant award will be used to expand the Dack Care Building on the IVH campus.

Commandant John Mathes says, "We are pleased to accept this grant award and get started on another project that will improve the quality of life for IVH residents."

The Dack Care Building, constructed in 1981, currently serves as a home for 168 nursing care residents on three upper floors. The existing dayrooms on the three upper floors serve multiple resident needs, primarily as a dining facility for residents who require feeding assistance. At present, each dayroom is restricted to accommodate no more than 23 residents to dine in each of these units. The dayroom on each upper floor measures 900 square feet and covers only 40% of the current need.

The Dack Dayroom Expansion project would create additional space to each of the building's three upper floors to provide multi-function space for dining, leisure activities, unit meetings, and family gatherings. The expansion will create an additional 1,057 square feet to each of the three upper levels for a total of 3,171 square feet added to the building. In addition, the expansion provides a more home-like dining experience.

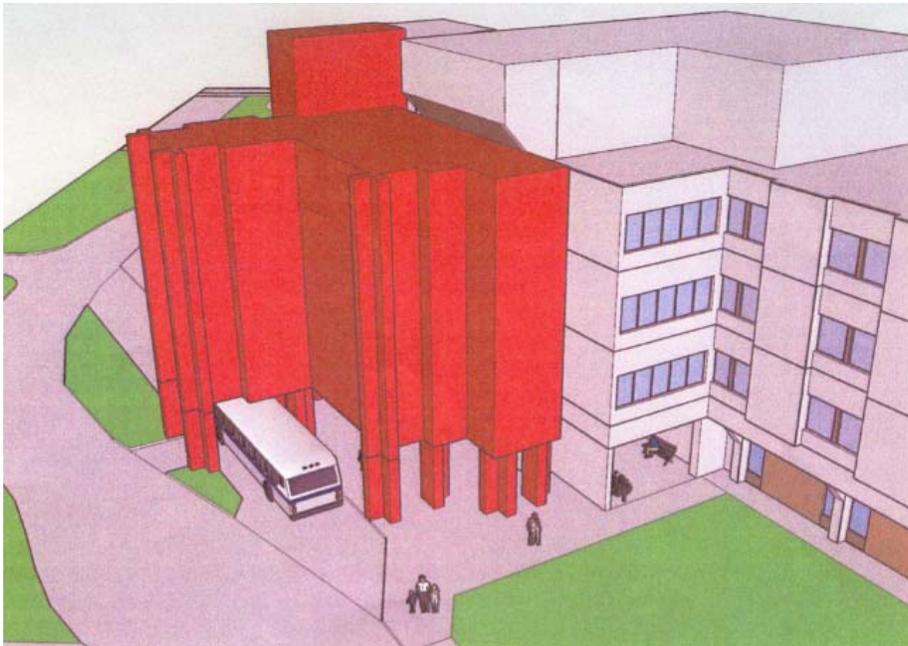
The project will also update the ground floor entrance vestibule and provide a canopy drop off/pick up area for residents.

The projected cost for the Dack Expansion Project is \$3,458,954. Funding of \$2,248,320 (65%) is provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The state match of \$1,210,634 (35%) was appropriated by the Iowa Legislature.

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Current exterior of Dack Care Building



Proposed exterior of Dack Care Building

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