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The Honorable John Carter
Chairman
Subcommittee on Military Construction,
Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Requested Date of Congressional Action: 15 December 2023

Military Construction, Army

Reprogramming Request

Installation: Fort Meade, Maryland

Project: Cantonment Area Roads

Authorization: National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019,
Public Law 115-232

Estimated Cost (\$000):

Previously Appropriated	16,500
Previously Reprogrammed	3,900 ^{1,2}
Requested Reprogramming	22,500
Total Estimated Cost	42,900 ³

¹ A below threshold reprogramming was approved on August 29, 2023, by Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Housing and Partnerships in the amount of \$3.9 million increasing the project funded amount from \$16.5 million to \$20.4 million.

² Project was deferred according to 10 U.S.C. 2808 on September 3, 2019 and funding restored on April 30, 2021.

³ A 10 U.S.C. 2853 notification dated September 25, 2023 was submitted to the congressional committees, reflecting a current work estimate of \$42.9 million.

Description: The project constructs additional road surface by widening the travel lanes of Cooper Avenue from Rockenbach Road to Mapes Road and adding two lanes. Similarly widening Reece Road from Cooper Avenue to the point east of Rose Street to adjoin the new four lane road from the Access Control Point at the Reece gate and adding two lanes to Rose Street.

Justification: An additional \$22.5 million is required to award Options 1-3 of the project. The cost growth can be attributed to additional work and schedule delay required to address multiple utility obstructions and relocations discovered during design, additional effort to execute complex construction phasing that was not initially anticipated with special work periods to accommodate an adjacent road project and maintain traffic flow, and significant price escalation in the local construction industry during the extended project schedule.

Source of Funds: Bid savings from the following will fund this requirement.

(Dollars in Thousands)

<u>Location/Project</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	<u>Current Working Estimate</u>	<u>Proposed Reprogramming</u>
Hunter Army Airfield, GA Aircraft Maintenance Hangar	2020	62,000	60,000	1,500
Fort Hood, TX Barracks	2020	49,600 ¹	48,000	1,200
Rivanna Station, VA Secure Ops & Admin Facility	2020	73,600 ²	70,000	3,000
Fort Carson, CO Physical Fitness Facility	2021	26,000 ³	23,431	2,000
Aliamanu, HI Child Development Center	2021	65,000	57,000	7,800
Schofield Barracks, HI Child Development Center	2021	49,000	46,500	2,000
Wheeler Army Airfield, HI Aircraft Maintenance Hangar	2021	89,000	85,500	3,000
Humphries Eng Center, VA Training Support Facility	2021	38,400 ⁴	36,000	2,000
Total				22,500

¹ The Barracks at Fort Hood, Texas was originally appropriated \$32.0 million in FY 2020. Congress approved the reprogramming of \$9.1 million in June 2021.

² The Secure Operations and Administrative facility at Rivanna Station, Virginia was originally appropriated \$60.0 million in FY 2020. Congress approved the reprogramming of \$13.6 million in April 2021

³ The physical fitness facility at Fort Carson, Colorado was originally appropriated \$28 million in FY 2021. Congress approved the reprogramming of \$2 million to the commissary in Stuttgart, Gerny in February 2023.

⁴ The Training Support Facility at Humphreys Engineering Center, Virginia was originally appropriated \$51.0 million in FY 2021. Congress approved the reprogramming of \$9.3 million to an administrative building in Clay Kaserne, Germany. Congress approved the reprogramming of \$3.3 million to a commissary in Stuttgart Germany November 2022.

Requested Date of Congressional Action: January 15, 2024

Military Construction, Air Force

Reprogramming Request

Installation: Kirtland Air Force Base (AFB), New Mexico

Project: Combat Rescue Helicopter Simulator (CRH) ADAL

Authorization: National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020,
Public Law 116-92

Estimated Cost (\$000):

Previously Appropriated	15,500
Previously Reprogrammed	9,675 ¹
Requested Reprogramming	4,983
Total Estimated Cost	30,158

¹ An Above-Threshold reprogramming action occurred in January 2022 (\$4.662 million) and a Below-Threshold reprogramming action occurred in April 2023 (\$5.012 million).

Project Description: Construct two high-bay rooms, an addition for full motion Combat Rescue Helicopter simulators with roll-up door and 2.5-ton crane for each bay. The addition includes space for the following functions: restrooms, mechanical/electrical, image generator, avionics desktop trainer, offices, classified and unclassified areas, multi-purpose space to accommodate meeting, educational, and briefing functions, and other training apparatus.

Justification: The cost increase is due higher costs for labor, materials, insurance, equipment, fuel prices, and the impact that supply chain delays have on project scheduling. Additionally, local construction market prices have increased based on material and labor supply costs.

A 10 U.S.C. §2853 cost variation notification dated July 19, 2023, was submitted to the congressional committees.

Source of Funds: Savings from the following projects will fund this requirement:

(Dollars in Thousands)

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Ellsworth AFB, SD, B-21 2-Bay LO Restoration Facility	2023	192,000	150,969 ¹	4,983

¹ This project was originally authorized at \$96.0 million. The Air Force submitted a 10 U.S.C. §2853 notification in August 2021 to increase the authorization to \$154.6 million. Although additional appropriations were enacted for this project in FY 2023 (\$91.0 million), the project was awarded for \$150.9 million.