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Milwaukee Public Museum to receive \$4.7M from county for fire alarm replacement

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The Milwaukee Public Museum is slated to receive \$4.7 million in general obligation bonds from Milwaukee County, and museum officials say the money will help replace its fire alarm system.

Museum facilities director Michael Dobson estimated the three-phase system replacement will cost between \$2 million and \$3 million. The fire alarm system replacement is the only project in the 2018 capital budget for the museum, he said.

"Phase one is submitting the design of the new system and electrical contractor installation quotes to the city and state," Dobson said. "Phase two is creating a network connection between the new and old fire alarm units so the system will work as one while the installation is being completed, and the final phase is to have all new or updated fire alarm devices installed, tested and running to codes."

It remains unclear why the bonding figure doesn't match the projected cost of the replacement project. Jenni Tetzlaff, the museum's director of marketing and communication, said she had "no information" on the disparity. Melissa Moore Baldauff, County Executive Chris Abele's communications director, didn't respond to requests for comment.

Additionally, the museum announced in 2017 it was exploring an eventual move to a new, \$100 million downtown location. Tetzlaff said the fire alarm replacement has "no relation" to the potential move, which is not yet finalized.

"We're still in the beginning phases (of the relocation) and doing due diligence on what the community needs from the museum," Tetzlaff said. "Nothing has been budgeted."

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The Milwaukee Public Museum is planning a full replacement of its fire alarm system.