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Brown delays plan to recall Bowling Green-project grant

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BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. said yesterday that he has ordered a temporary halt to the state's recall of \$500,000 granted to the Bowling Green Convention Center project.

Brown said he has told Larry Townsend, secretary of the state Development Cabinet, to put off the state's request for return of the money until the local project can be investigated.

Brown, who was in Bowling Green yesterday, said he has seen indications that the project is not solvent, but he wants to give the center's planners a chance to prove that the project can be made viable.

The Bowling Green project is one of several that Brown said his administration was saddled with in the closing

days of the previous administration. Brown said no projects will be continued "that can't be a real benefit to Kentucky."

Brown also met with the Congress of Senate Faculty Leaders at Western Kentucky University. Members of the group endorsed Brown's budget and praised the governor for including a proposal for what they called the first substantial salary increase for them in five years.

Tom Jones, chairman of the congress, said his group has voted to encourage all faculty members in Kentucky higher education to begin a letter-writing campaign in support of the governor's budget.

Brown said he is sensitive to the needs of faculty members and intends to see what can be done for their salaries.

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