

**ITEM 151-1901-C0611**

**Authorization to Expend Plant Funds to create office space for the TRIO program on the Donaldson Campus; The University of Montana–Helena College of Technology**

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**THAT**

The Board of Regents authorizes, in accordance with Montana University System Policy 940.9.2 and 1003.7, the expenditure of up to \$250,000 of previously collected student building fees and other available plant funds for the remodel of space in the Donaldson building to create offices and student areas for our new TRIO program other collocated college programs.

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**EXPLANATION**

Per Regent policy, in FY2011 UM-Helena requested authority to expend up to \$146,800 of plant funds to remodel space vacated by the elimination of our Electronics program. The renovation provided functional space to house our Healthcare faculty and administration along with additional storage and staging area for Plant operations. This authority was granted by the Commissioner of Higher Education Fall of 2010.

During FY2011, and while the previous renovation was underway, UM Helena was notified that our TRIO grant request had been funded. After lengthy review of available space to house this new program it was determined that the best solution was to remodel existing space vacated by our Electronics program; allowing the College to efficiently collocate TRIO and similar programs currently in operation at the College. The TRIO program is projected to serve 140 students per year after the space has been renovated.

To accomplish this the College needs to complete the renovation of room 119 at the Donaldson Campus --- one of three rooms previously used as a classroom/laboratory for Electronics instruction --- in which previous authority granted to the College allowed for the leveling of shop floors, removal of industrial air lines, conduits, and exhaust systems installed through various renovations over a period of 50 plus years. The remaining work focuses on interior walls, electrical systems, ceiling grid and tile, HVAC, exterior door removal and infill, security system, and interior finishes.

The current building contractor hired in the first renovation --- now in its final stages of completion --- has provided UM-Helena with a bid of \$81,200 to complete the additional remodel (see detail list attached).

As this is existing space on campus, no additional operation and maintenance cost will be required.

The overall affect of the remodel will provide an opportunity for UM-Helena to group and regroup programs and services in an effort to maximize space and the collocation of services and personnel. UM Helena is requesting authority of \$250,000 to cover the previously approved remodeling and additional remodel; including potential contingency.

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