

May 23-24, 2018

**ITEM 179-2003-R0518**

**Request for authorization to proceed with programming and design of American Indian Student Center Building, Montana State University**

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**THAT**

Under the auspices of the State of Montana, 2005, 59<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, House Bill 5, for Authority Only, and provisions of MCA 20-25-302(6), MSU intends to proceed with the programming and design services only for the construction of the American Indian Student Center on the MSU Campus. This authorization is to expend up to \$1,250,000 for planning and design.

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**EXPLANATION**

1. To meet the educational needs of its students, the university is committed to capital renewal and investments that improve and expand the offering through its facilities. Facilities dedicated to promoting diversity, cultural inclusion, and modern teaching environments are critical to establishing opportunities to engage students, faculty, as well as promote recruitment and retention.
  2. MSU intends to complete the programming and design for a new American Indian Student Center building and associated amenities to accommodate growth within the Native American Studies program as well as benefit other academic programs on the MSU Bozeman Campus.
  3. In 2005, The State of Montana 59<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session along with the Board of Regents through the 2005 LRBP process, authorized MSU's request to proceed with design and construction of a new \$8,000,000 American Indian Student Center to be constructed on the Bozeman Campus. The project has been in a fundraising phase since 2005 and continues.
  4. MSU intends to request an authority increase at the 2019 Legislative session from \$8,000,000 to \$12,000,000 due to inflationary increases in local market construction since 2005.
  5. The planning and design efforts are expected to cost up to \$1,250,000. MSU intends to fund the construction of the building with funds from private donations made available through the MSU Alumni Foundation and other non-state funds.
  6. The project consists of constructing a new facility of approximately 20,000 square feet to house academic and support functions focused on both serving the unique needs of the American Indian student population as well as the general community and provide opportunity for cultural exchange within the academic and local community.
  7. This Board of Regents authority request does not authorize construction or financing of this project.
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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment #1 - BOR Policy: Physical Plant B Section 1003.7