ITEM 180-2701-R0918

Request for authorization to design, renovate and construct Yellowstone Science and Allied Health Building; Montana State University Billings

THAT

In accordance with Board of Regent Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes Montana State University Billings to expend up to $17.1 million for the design, renovation, and construction of Yellowstone Science and Allied Health Building.

EXPLANATION

1. The Yellowstone Science and Allied Health building is comprised of a 30,000 square foot, three-story addition to the existing 1949 construction and subsequent 1978 addition. The existing 49,000 square feet will be renovated as part of the project as well.

2. The 63rd Legislature approved the LRBP project for a $15M renovation and addition to the MSUB Science Building constructed in 1949. $10M was appropriated dependent on a $5M local match. Due to inflationary costs since the time of the appropriation, the project cost is now $17.1M. Attachment 1 contains the financing plan for the project. Attachment 2 is the Amended Financial Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Administration, Montana State University Billings, and Montana State University Bozeman.

3. Funding sources will be provided by the $10M appropriated by the 63rd Legislature, $5M in matching funds raised externally by the Montana State University Billings Foundation and $2.1M in student equipment fees to be utilized for FF&E (furnishings, fixtures, and lab equipment). Attachment 3 includes the student resolution supporting the use of the $2.1M.

4. This project will provide a new home for the rapidly expanding Allied Health Professions programs at MSUB in a single, centrally located facility, which includes a new 30,000 sf addition. Programs in Health Care Administration, Health & Human Performance as well as Rehabilitation & Human Services will be combined with the various MSUB Science programs into this completely modernized facility. At the completion of this project, the new facility will see some of the most student use of any academic facility at the university and will facilitate the interdisciplinary coordination imperative to the successful deliver of modern Health and Science curricula.

5. The new addition will encompass three floors of new space to accommodate state-of-the-art teaching labs, a new performance lab and other training spaces, as well as small amount of shelled (unfinished) space for marginal future expansion. Completely renovated spaces will house classrooms, a multi-media student research/study center, wet and dry science laboratories, student support areas and some departmental support office space.

6. This project will also combine significant newly constructed additional space with adaptive renovation work. That work will eliminate code/life safety deficiencies in the existing building – providing a significant increase in safety for the large numbers of students who will attend classes in the facility on a daily basis. In addition, this project will address the single largest
accumulation of deferred maintenance at MSUB. This project will take advantage of investments in mechanical system upgrades recently completed in the existing building, which reduces the overall cost of the project as proposed.

7. Existing space made available by the completion of the project will allow space utilization enhancements within the Physical Education Building to consolidate the athletic coaches, create a new student athlete training room, and to alleviate current space difficulties due to the many uses of the rooms within the building. Additional space will be made available from the project completion in Apsaruke Hall which will allow for expansion of the Nursing program or other academic needs.

8. Cost Estimate

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9. This authority request does not authorize any operations and maintenance funding. The operations and maintenance funding will be requested through the State biennial budget request process. The current estimate for operations and maintenance is $543,122 per year.

ATTACHMENTS
Attachment # 1- Financial Plan
Attachment # 2- Amended Financial Agreement & Memorandum of Understanding
Attachment # 3- ASMSUB Resolution #1