

November 17-18, 2022

**ITEM 203-2014-R1122**

**Request for Authorization to Program and Design an Indoor Practice Facility; Montana State University**

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**THAT**

Consistent with the Board's authority to manage and control the Montana University System, the provisions of BOR Policy 1003.7, and MCA 20-25-302(6), the Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University to expend up to \$1,500,000 toward programming and design services for an indoor practice facility.

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**EXPLANATION**

1. MSU seeks approval to engage an architect for the purpose of providing programming and design services for a new indoor practice facility on the Bozeman campus.
  2. Creation of an indoor practice facility is consistent with the needs identified in the Athletic Facilities Master Plan developed in 2017.
  3. Harsh Montana weather, impacts from regional wildfire smoke, and limitations of existing facilities create year-round challenges for providing safe access to training for student-athletes, thereby limiting practice seasons and creating schedule challenges that negatively impact academic and athletic performance for student-athletes.
  4. The indoor practice facility project will provide access to year-round training for all student-athletes, improve safety, and streamline the continuity of operations for all MSU athletic programs.
  5. The indoor practice facility site is anticipated to be proximal to Bobcat Stadium. A methodical site planning exercise as part of the programming and design process will finalize the site.
  6. The proposed planning and design work will be financed with non-state funds (donations).
  7. This request authorizes programming and design only. This item does not authorize construction, financing, or operations & maintenance funding for this project.
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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment #1: Physical Plant 1003.7