

November 20-21, 2025

ITEM 221-2006-R1125

Request for Authorization to Construct Renovations in Hamilton Hall; Montana State University

THAT

Consistent with 18-2-102, MCA and BOR Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University to increase its spending authority by \$5,230,000 to construct renovations in Hamilton Hall.

EXPLANATION

1. MSU received appropriation of \$2,400,000 in House Bill 5 from the 68th Legislature and the same amount of spending authority in BOR ITEM 206-106-R0523 to complete life-safety and related improvements in Hamilton Hall.
2. MSU received \$800,000 of general spending authority in BOR ITEM 215-2002-R1124 to complete additional improvements to the third and fourth floors of Hamilton Hall in coordination with the legislative appropriation work.
3. After completion of initial design work for the project, estimating exercises confirmed additional funding and authority were necessary to achieve the project goals and address deferred needs in the building.
4. MSU received an additional appropriation of \$5,230,000 in House Bill 5 from the 69th Legislature to account for the identified project needs.
5. The first and second floors of Hamilton Hall were previously renovated and modernized while the third and fourth floors have remained outdated and deficient.
6. The renovations will address life-safety, accessibility, deferred maintenance, space utilization and other deficiencies of the existing space on the third and fourth floors, bringing all of Hamilton Hall into an improved and modern condition.
7. The renovations will improve current utilization of Hamilton Hall and will provide spaces designed with greater flexibility for Hamilton Hall to serve the University for the future.
8. The project will be paid for with a combination of LRBP funds from HB 5 and facilities deferred maintenance funds.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Project Details (BOR Policy 1003.7)