

September 17-18, 2025

ITEM 220-1005-R0925

Request for Authorization to Remodel the Food Service Space (coffee shop) within Lommasson Center; University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Consistent with MCA 20-25-302 and in accordance with Board of Regents Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes the University of Montana – Missoula to expend up to \$1,100,000 to remodel the existing coffee shop in the Emma B. Lommasson Center on the University of Montana, Missoula campus.

EXPLANATION

- The University of Montana (UM) is utilizing Presidential authority to design a space in the Emma B. Lommasson Center for a coffee shop.
- This project is currently in planning and design, with bids for construction anticipated Fall 2025.
- State A&E delegated Planning and Design services to the University of Montana – Missoula in July 2025, with delegation of construction services to occur following this Board of Regents construction authorization.
- UM requests to expend up to \$1,100,000 for the remodel of space within Lommasson Center to provide a location for a coffee shop.
- This remodel project is an effort for Dining Services to provide a warm, inviting environment for students and the broader campus community to gather, mingle, and pause. This space has been vacant since the closure of the previous food service station in 2024.
- Construction is expected to be complete and the venue open to students by start of Spring semester 2026.
- This construction will be funded with Auxiliary Renewal & Replacement funds.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Project Details (BOR Policy 1003.7)