

September 18, 2025

ITEM 220-2002-R0925**Request for authorization to renovate Reid Hall first floor; Montana State University**

THAT

Consistent with MCA 18-2-102 and BOR Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University to spend up to \$1,000,000 of General Spending Authority to complete renovations on the first floor of Reid Hall.

EXPLANATION

1. The MSU Center for Research on Rural Education (CRRE) serves the full breadth of the instructional, research, and extension mission of MSU, delivering critical improvements to improve rural education outcomes across the state.
2. The CRRE is housed on the first floor of Reid Hall in spaces that are isolated, dated, and lack technology critical to effective service delivery. The renovation work will impact approximately 2,200 square feet within 7 offices, a shared conference room and a classroom.
3. The project will improve space in Reid Hall to be more welcoming to students, rural educators, and community members, elevating the program's critical role in Montana.
4. The project will enhance collaboration space and provide improved technology to optimize outreach activities and engagements with rural educators near and far. The Pathways program supports more than 500 undergraduate students in securing field placements in rural schools.
5. The work will be paid for using private grant funds.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Project Details (BOR Policy 1003.7)