

March 12, 2026

ITEM 223-2702-R0326

Request for Authorization to Plan and Design a New Art Building; Montana State University Billings

THAT

Consistent with MCA 20-25-302 and BOR Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University Billings to spend up to \$1,650,000 to plan and design a new Art Building.

EXPLANATION

1. Montana State University Billings received legislative approval of \$13,400,000 in authority-only project funding during the 69th Legislative Session for a new Art Building.
 2. The University has successfully fundraised \$3,240,000 towards funding for the \$13.4 million building. The fundraising to date will be used for planning and design services.
 3. A new academic facility will improve the student learning environment by supporting more interdisciplinary collaboration between multiple academic departments and will improve access for students utilizing faculty and student support services.
 4. Montana State University Billings will request future authority for construction once planning and design are substantially complete to provide estimated construction costs.
 5. The proposed work will be paid for with non-state funds and private donations.
 6. The University received Operation and Maintenance funding for the building from the 69th Legislative Session in House Bill 5.
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Physical Plant 1003.7