

Long Range Building Program (LRBP)

LRBP Projects

LRBP Ranking Criteria:

1. Health and Life/Safety
2. Major Maintenance of Building/Utility Systems
3. Code Compliance
4. Operational Efficiency/Savings
5. Adaptive Renovation
6. New Construction

2022-23 Biennium Projects

Direct Funded Projects:

- Steam Distribution System – Montana Technological University- \$3.52M
- Forestry and Conservation Building – UM-Missoula - \$25M with an additional \$20M in authority
- Block Hall Renovation – UM-Western \$12M
- Greenhouses and Research Laboratories, MAES, MSU - \$2M
- Wool and Chemistry Labs – MAES, MSU - \$11M with an additional \$1.3M in authority
- Major Repair Projects – MUS - \$19.65M

Authority Only Projects:

- Music Building Renovations, UM-Missoula - \$6M
- Rankin Hall Renovation – UM-Missoula - \$6M
- Mansfield Library Renovation – UM-Missoula - \$6M
- Instructional Space Upgrades - MSU- \$2M Bozeman - \$4M
- Rene Library Renovation - MSU-Bozeman - \$5M
- Montana Museum for Art and Culture – UM-Missoula, \$2M
- General Spending Authority - MUS \$26M

Background

The Long Range Building Program (LRBP) is a State of Montana planning process mandated by Montana Code Annotated which provides a framework for developing long-range building projects. LRBP is the primary mechanism for state agencies, including the Montana University System (MUS) to fund new buildings, renovations, repairs and facility improvements. Each state agency is required to submit a long-range building program request.

LRBP is always a work in progress for the MUS. UM and MSU conduct facility condition assessment of all campuses and research agencies, especially in regard to energy utilization, age and condition, and the need for capital construction as determined by campus master plans. Board of Regents (BOR) staff and campus staff partner with personnel from the Department of Administration, Architecture and Engineering Division (A&E) in this process. Others who often participate include regents, budget office and legislative staff, and regional legislators.

The LRBP process is an on-going process that revolves around the legislative session and begins anew after a legislative session ends with planning for the next cycle.

Montana University System LRBP Process

- Summer following a legislative session (odd numbered years) – the MUS process begins with campuses developing preliminary project lists and prioritizing needs
- Fall of odd numbered years - campus visits and presentations to the presidents and OCHE staff discuss and identify priorities
- Late fall of odd numbered years - draft consolidated project lists are presented to the presidents and shared with other campus leadership
- January of even numbered years - campuses send consolidated project priority list for the UM and MSU sides respectively to OCHE
- Late January/early February of even numbered years - BOR staff, commissioner and presidents develop the final system-wide consolidated project priority list which will be recommended to the BOR
- March of even numbered years - draft consolidated project list is presented to the BOR as an information item
- May of even numbered years – finalized consolidated project priority list presented as an action item to BOR for approval
- June of even numbered years – MUS consolidated project list is submitted to A&E division and entered into state budgeting system
- November of even numbered years – projects approved by the Governor are included in A&E capital construction program document and Governor’s budget
- January of odd numbered years - legislature starts and LRBP projects from executive budget are typically included in HB 5 or HB 14