

ITEM 151-2702-R0511

Authorization to Repair Alterowitz Gymnasium; Montana State University Billings

THAT

Consistent with the provisions of MCA 20-25-302, the Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes Montana State University Billings to make repairs within the Alterowitz gymnasium. This request authorizes \$185,000 of the PE Building Fee as the 40% non-State contribution to the project.

EXPLANATION

1. Last year, ACE Engineering performed an energy audit of the gymnasium. Their computer modeled replacement of the existing 1,000 watt metal halide lights with energy efficient 400 watt T-5 High Output florescent fixtures. A 50% reduction in energy consumption is anticipated.
 2. The existing bleachers are structurally unsound and are in dire need of replacement. Over the years, additional reinforcing elements have been added. Although they are motorized such that a single operator can deploy and retract the bleachers, it currently requires 3 additional personnel to assist to avoid over stressing the support structure.
 3. This project will be financed with a 60/40 combination of State/non-State funds. As the gymnasium supports both academic as well as athletic endeavors, a 60/40 split was established to support general maintenance and repair projects. The State funds will come from our operating budget and the non-state funds from our PE Building Fee.
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ATTACHMENTS

Additional justification.