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INFORMATION ITEM

AJM Johnson Ecology Lab Rooms 128-130 Remodel; Montana State University

THAT

Under the auspices of its General Spending Authority for Capital Improvements to Campus Facilities, authorized by the 61st Legislature, MSU is proceeding with the remodel of rooms 128-130, in AJM Johnson, into a new ecology lab for a total of \$192,000.

EXPLANATION

1. In meeting the educational, social and cultural expectations of the changing student demographic, the university is committed to capital renewal investments that modernize and improve its academic facilities.
 2. Modern teaching environments are critical to establishing opportunities to engage students and faculty, as well as promote recruitment and retention.
 3. Growth within the Ecology department, has created the need for another ecology lab. Rooms 128-130 in AJM will be remodeled to accommodate a new ecology lab.
 4. The project includes renovating the three rooms into an ecology lab with a separate office, new fume hood, lab grade cabinets and countertops, new lighting, new flooring, rooftop fans, new plumbing and new heating units.
 5. This work will be funded from Research Facility and Administration Funds.
 6. This use of General Spending Authority will be tracked and reported on MSU's biannual report to the Board of Regents per BOR Policy 1003.7.
 7. MSU assures that no new or additional state funds will be requested for operations and maintenance of this existing facility as a result of this project.
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Board of Regents Policy: Physical Plant B Section 1003.7

This use of General Spending Authority is for an amount greater than \$150,000, which requires the following additional information:

(a) Project Description: This project will remodel AJM Johnson Rooms 128-130 into a modernized ecology lab with an office. The scope of work will consist of new lighting, dropped ceiling, flooring, cabinets, electrical and data outlets, fume hood, plumbing, heating units, paint and white boards.

(b) Cost Estimate and Funding Sources:

Estimated Cost:

Construction.....	\$163,000
Technology.....	\$3,000
Design.....	\$25,000
<u>Contingency.....</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
Total	\$192,000

Funding Sources: This work will be funded with \$192,000 from Research Facility and Administration Funds.

(c) Program Served, Enrollment Data, Projected Enrollment:

The remodel will create a new Ecology Department faculty research lab that will accommodate up to one full time faculty along with one to two graduate students.

(d) Space Utilization Data:

This renovation project renovates existing space within the facilities and will not appreciably change the utilization of the existing spaces.

(e) Projected Use for Available Residual Space

(Not applicable to this project)

(f) Projected O&M Costs and Proposed Funding Sources:

Historic O&M costs are not expected to be significantly impacted by this renovation project, since facilities will not be expanded.