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Student Equipment Fee Allocation; Montana State University Billings

THAT

Consistent with the provisions of Board of Regents' policy 940.26, the Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University Billings to expend Student Equipment Fee funds for the following projects that exceed the local approval threshold:

- College of Arts & Sciences - \$470,000 – scientific equipment; computer and projection equipment; recording and electronic equipment.
- College of Business - \$30,000 – computer and projection equipment.
- College of Technology - \$490,000 – various equipment and furnishing items for HVAC, diesel, health sciences, computer technology and drafting programs.
- College of Professional Studies & Lifelong Learning - \$35,000 – electronic computer, projection and recording equipment.
- College of Allied Health Professions – \$15,000 - medical, electronic and recording equipment.
- College of Education - \$1,000 – electronic equipment.
- Library - \$260,000 – compact shelving, scanner and classroom furnishings.
- Student Affairs Academic Support Center and Disability Services - \$170,000 – computer and electronic equipment and furnishings.

Total - \$1,471,000

EXPLANATION:

Board of Regents' policy 940.26 requires Board approval of all purchases over \$25,000. The Student Equipment Fee Committee, whose membership includes 50 percent students, endorses this proposal. These updates and improvements directly benefit the University students and their learning environment. The equipment will provide a primary benefit to the educational program including library and other related capital acquisitions.