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INFORMATION ITEM

Creative Arts Complex – Space Improvements – 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 remodel and space modifications in the Creative Arts Complex (Cheever, Howard, and Haynes Halls) for a total of \$225,000.

EXPLANATION

1. In meeting the educational, social and cultural expectations of the changing student demographic, the university is committed to capital renewal investments that modernizes and improves its academic facilities.
 2. Modern teaching environments are critical to establishing opportunities to engage students, faculty, as well as promote recruitment and retention.
 3. The Creative Arts Complex was originally constructed in 1974 and has not been significantly updated or modernized since its original construction. In order to create a more comfortable learning environment, MSU plans to add windows to the classroom spaces within the building and update the central office area and a conference room in Cheever Hall.
 4. The project will modernize and enhance existing classroom spaces with the addition of windows to improve learning environments for faculty and students.
 5. The project will update finishes as well as modernize lighting, mechanical, communication and electrical services in the central office area and conference room located in Cheever Hall.
 6. This work will be funded with \$125,000 from the Academic Affairs R&R account for the windows scope of work and \$100,000 from School of Architecture Departmental accounts for the central office area and conference space.
 7. 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.
 8. 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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ATTACHMENTS

Board of Regents Policy: Physical Plant B Section 1003.7