

May 4, 2017

ITEM 175-1603-C0517**Request to Increase the Authority to Renovate Mathews Hall Restrooms; The University of Montana Western**

THAT

Consistent with the provisions of MCA 18-2-102 and 20-25-302, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes The University of Montana Western to increase the project budget to renovate the bathrooms in the Mathews Residence Hall. The original approved authorization was for Montana Western to proceed with a \$1,200,000 project. The project budget has increased by \$100,000 to cover the cost of including ventilation into the bathrooms. This request is for an increase of project authority to \$1,300,000 based on project estimates from the contracted Architects, Engineers, and State A&E.

EXPLANATION

Item 170-1603-R0316, approved in March 2016, gave The University of Montana Western authority to expend \$1,200,000 to remodel 14 bathrooms in Mathews Hall. A preliminary cost study was performed by Mosaic Architects in the summer of 2015. Based on this estimate, Montana Western requested authority for a \$1,200,000 project, but due to inflation and mechanical ventilation not being part of the study, the project cost is now projected to exceed \$1,200,000. Many cuts have been made in an attempt to bring the project down to the preliminary estimate, but any more cuts will affect the integrity of the entire project. The design team and A&E feel like an additional \$100,000 will be required to complete the full project that Mathews Hall needs to fix the poor condition of its bathrooms. The additional \$100,000 is available through Montana Western's Auxiliary renewal and replacement account.

ATTACHMENTS

None.