

May 22-23, 2019

**ITEM 183-106-R0519**

**Authorization to Expend State Funds for Deferred Maintenance**

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**THAT**

The Board of Regents of Higher Education authorize campuses to expend \$4.55 million in State funds, contained in House Bill 5 of the 66<sup>th</sup> legislative session, for deferred maintenance projects as prioritized and determined by the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, Montana State University and University of Montana facilities and planning staff and the Department of Administration Architecture and Engineering Division.

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**EXPLANATION**

House Bill 5 of the 66<sup>th</sup> Montana Legislative Session contained \$4.55 million in state funds for deferred maintenance projects within the Montana University System.

Projects include fire alarm and suppression systems, life safety improvements, building deficiency repairs and upgrades, and ADA improvements to name a few.

Campus code and deferred maintenance projects are identified through a comprehensive process performed by Campus Planning Design and Construction staff in conjunction with Campus Facilities Services and maintenance staff. Facilities staff evaluate prior year priority lists with respect to changes and progress made in previous years. New projects proposals are identified by Facility Condition Inventory (FCI) and maintenance records as well as audits performed both internally and by local, state and federal agencies and then evaluated in terms of priority against prior unfunded projects. Projects are necessary to meet requirements of the International Building Code, Americans with Disabilities Act, ANSI Guidelines, Uniform Fire Code, OSHA requirements and other appropriate references.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

None