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ITEM 185-1003-R1119

Request for Authorization to Implement Steps to Construct New Montana Heritage Pavilion, University of Montana

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THAT

Consistent with the provision of MCA 18-2-102 and Board of Regents Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents authorizes the University of Montana to construct the Montana Heritage Pavilion which will house the Montana Museum for Art and Culture (MMAC). The requested authority is for a total project cost of $6,000,000.

EXPLANATION

The Montana Legislature in the 59th session approved six million dollars in spending authority for the construction of a facility to house the Montana Museum for Art and Culture.

The Museum will serve as a gateway entrance to the UM campus, denoting a "cultural welcome" to campus visitors, alumni, students, faculty, staff and the Montana community. The building will be located at the intersection of University and Arthur Avenues. The University of Montana accomplishes its mission, in part, by providing unique educational experiences through the integration of the liberal arts, graduate study, and professional training with international and interdisciplinary emphases. Through an array of interdisciplinary programs, the MMAC contributes to important UM goals.

As part of this project, UM plans to remove and relocate the Berry-Tremper House, which is west of Knowles Hall along Arthur Avenue. This building was formerly a residence, the academic home of Native American Studies prior to construction of the Payne Family Native American Center, and currently hosts the O'Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain West. It also provides office space for a small number of emeriti faculty.

The building will be sold and moved according to guidance from the Board of Regents, the State Historic Preservation Office, and the Missoula Historical Preservation Commission. The Berry-Tremper house is a contributing element in the expanded National Register nomination for the University of Montana Historic District.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Project description and budget