

November 18-19, 2021

ITEM 197-1006-R1121

Request for Authorization to Modernize Music Practice Rooms; University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Consistent with Board of Regents Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes the University of Montana-Missoula to expend up to \$500,000 to modernize the Practice Rooms in the Music Building.

EXPLANATION

This project continues modernization of older and outdated student-use spaces in the Music Building, using private philanthropy. This project continues on the heels of the renovations to the Band Room and Choral Room 001 and 218 completed in October this year – also with private funds. Individual practice rooms are highly sought after by students needing to practice their instruments. Only 5 out of 20 such rooms were renovated this summer. With this new \$500,000 of private investment, UM will modernize as many more practice rooms as funding allows. Along with this modernization effort, the State of Montana will expend up to \$350,000 from deferred maintenance funds (previously authorized by the 66th legislature) for ADA upgrades to the elevator in the Music Building. Currently, the elevator is a freight type elevator and is not accessible to disabled students and the general public, rendering the basement and second floors of the Music Building inaccessible to those with disabilities.

Funding for this \$500,000 will come from private sources.

Legislative authority for this project may be covered by the \$6,000,000 authority only granted to the Music Building from the 66th Legislature.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Physical Plant B Section 1003.7