

September 20-21, 2023

ITEM 208-2702-R0923

**Request for Authorization to Increase Spending Authority to Replace the Rimrock Hall Elevator;
Montana State University Billings**

THAT

Consistent with the authority of the Montana Board of Regents to manage and control the Montana University System, BOR Policy 1003.7, and 20-25-302 (1)(b), the Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University Billings (MSUB) to increase general spending authority by \$753,675 for the replacement of the Rimrock Hall passenger elevator.

EXPLANATION

1. ITEM 183-2701-R0519 was approved in May 2019, authorizing the expenditure of up to \$450,000 to design and replace two passenger elevators in Rimrock Hall.
 2. Additional authority of \$753,675 is requested due to market cost escalation and associated cost-estimating exercises.
 3. Rimrock Hall is a student residence building constructed in 1962. The current elevator is beyond its life expectancy and costs have risen since the original approval in 2019.
 4. Replacing the elevator is essential in providing accessibility to the upper floors of Rimrock Hall to the students, custodial and maintenance staff, and others visiting the residence hall.
 5. MSUB has begun engineering work with the authority received in 2019.
 6. Funding for this purchase will come from non-state funds, specifically auxiliary revenues from revenue-producing facilities in excess of bond payment obligations.
 7. No additional O&M will be requested for this project.
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Physical Plant B 1003.7