

May 21, 2025

ITEM 218-2013-R0525**Request for Authorization to Plan and Design a Gallatin College Building; Montana State University**

THAT

Consistent with MCA 20-25-302 and BOR Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University to spend up to \$5,100,000 to plan and design a new building for Gallatin College.

EXPLANATION

1. MSU received legislative funding and project authority during the 68th Legislative Session for a new Gallatin College facility.
2. The State of Montana contributed \$23.5 million in the long-range building program; MSU successfully fundraised the remaining \$22.5 million to complete funding for the \$46 million building.
3. MSU is requesting planning and design authorization for the new building, which will accommodate Gallatin College's academic and workforce training programs.
4. Gallatin College's workforce training programs will increase the number of trained graduates entering the state's workforce from 200 to 600 annually, with the potential to educate and train more than 2,000 students each year in a wide variety of high-demand workforce programs.
5. The new facility will provide a unified option for students to readily pursue a certificate or associate degree or to seamlessly progress to a four-year degree program on MSU's campus, allowing them to take advantage of the many student-support resources already in place.
6. The new facility will also allow Gallatin College to discontinue off-site leases, thus allowing those lease costs to be reinvested into the programs offered to students and providing students a single location to receive to their education.
7. Currently, Gallatin College is leasing space at four different locations across the Gallatin Valley.
8. MSU will request future authority for construction once planning and design are substantially complete to provide estimated construction costs.
9. The proposed work will be paid for long-range building funds.
10. No additional operations and maintenance funding will be requested with this design authority.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Physical Plant 1003.7