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ITEM 222-2001-R0126

Request for Authorization to Plan & Design Housing Improvements; Montana State University

THAT

Consistent with MCA 20-25-302 and BOR Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University Bozeman to spend up to \$7,000,000 to plan and design renovation, deferred maintenance and new construction projects as part of its housing enterprise.

EXPLANATION

1. MSU has completed a thorough evaluation of its housing inventory in partnership with Montana architects, engineers, and contractors during the last three years.
2. Through the planning efforts, MSU has identified priorities for continued reinvestment in improving existing housing inventory to modernize facilities and address deferred maintenance. This authorization will allow development of designs for priority projects in existing facilities.
3. MSU has also identified a need to build additional capacity to address continued demand for on-campus student housing as well as provide swing space to address large-scale deferred maintenance and renovation projects. This design authorization will allow development of designs for new construction as part of MSU's overall housing plan to address deferred maintenance.
4. The project will address life-safety, accessibility, deferred maintenance, space utilization and other challenges of the existing housing inventory while improving the resident student-life experience and academic success.
5. MSU intends to come back to the Board after the planning process to request construction authority for a new residence hall with 250 - 300 beds at an estimated cost of \$50 million. Additionally, MSU intends to ask the Board for construction authority for deferred maintenance projects costing approximately \$20 million. The design authority we are currently requesting represents 10% of the total to complete new construction and the deferred maintenance projects.
6. Information relevant to this request was presented in an Informational Item at the November 2025 BOR meeting.
7. This work will be paid for with auxiliary revenue reserves.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Physical Plant 1003.7