

May 20, 2026

ITEM 224-1007-R0526

Request for Authority to Increase Spending for McGill Hall WPEM Addition; University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Consistent with MCA 18-2-102 and BOR Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents authorizes an increase in spending authority by \$3,000,000 for a total of \$6,000,000 for the University of Montana-Missoula to construct additions to McGill Hall for the Montana Center for Work Physiology and Exercise Metabolism (WPEM).

EXPLANATION

1. McGill Hall is an academic building with teaching and research labs comprising 67,079 SF. McGill Hall is used for teaching the School of Integrative Physiology and Athletic Training (IPAT) and Media Arts classes.
2. The Work Physiology and Exercise Metabolism (WPEM) is a component of the Integrative Physiology and Athletic Training Program, is housed in McGill Hall and has secured federal grants to further research in exercise physiology and metabolism of humans under various environmental conditions.
3. The 68th legislative session provided an initial \$3,000,000 in Authority Only for the planning, design, and construction of this addition. The BOR then authorized this same amount with item #204-1003-R0123 (January 2023).
4. Since this time, further research support has been secured to support increased research space additions from 3,500 square feet to a total of approximately 6,000 square feet. The 69th legislative session subsequently provided an additional \$3,000,000 in Authority Only for a total of \$6,000,000 in Authority Only.
5. Project design is in progress and anticipated to be bid in summer 2026. The design consultant has developed a project cost estimate to inform this authority request.
6. UM is requesting increased BOR authorization of \$3,000,000 for a cumulative BOR authority of \$6,000,000 to construct these additions.
7. This project will be paid for using Facilities and Administrative (F&A) cost recoveries from the federal grants received by WPEM.
8. Operations and maintenance funds were requested and approved for this addition at the 69th legislative session.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment #1: Project Details (BOR Policy 1003.7)
- Attachment #2: BOR Item 204-1003-R0123 (January 2023)