

May 20, 2026

ITEM 224-1008-R0526

Request for Authorization to Replace the Elevator at the Music Building; University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Consistent with MCA 18-2-102 and BOR Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents authorizes the University of Montana to expend up to \$1,000,000 for replacement of the aging freight elevator with a new ADA-compliant passenger elevator at the Music Building.

EXPLANATION

1. HB-5 of the 69th legislative session (2027 biennium) appropriated a total of \$14,500,000 for the Music Building Renovation project (A/E #2025-01-05), to be funded by a cost-share of \$7,250,000 of capital development State LRBP funds and \$7,250,000 of authority only to be provided by the University of Montana (UM).
 2. In October 2025, State A&E initiated a design of this elevator upgrade with the purpose of developing an updated construction cost estimate and plan set. The resulting construction cost estimate is \$785,257; when including construction administration, permitting, testing, and contingency, the full project need is \$1,000,000.
 3. The UM Foundation has raised \$500,000 to commit to the project; this financial commitment will be documented via memorandum of understanding (MOU) between UM and State A&E for the elevator replacement to be included as part of the Music Building Renovation project (A/E #2025-01-05) appropriated in the 69th legislative session.
 4. No additional operations and maintenance funding will be requested as a result of these renovations.
 5. The proposed work will be paid for using \$500,000 of appropriated state capital development account funds and \$500,000 of private funds via the UM Foundation.
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Project Details (BOR Policy 1003.7)