

May 20, 2026

**ITEM 224-2003-R0526**

**Request for Authorization to Renovate and Address Deferred Maintenance at the Molecular Biosciences Building; Montana State University**

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**THAT**

Consistent with maintenance provisions of MCA 18-2-102, BOR Policy 901.6, and BOR Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University to spend up to \$2,500,000 to make life-safety updates and renovations to address deferred maintenance at the Molecular Biosciences Building.

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**EXPLANATION**

1. MSU, in conjunction with an architectural firm, conducted a comprehensive review of the Molecular Bioscience Building mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) and related-building systems.
  2. Following evaluation and recommendation by an architecture firm, MSU has completed major maintenance items including the replacement of the roof, siding, and other exterior systems to address deferred maintenance.
  3. This request will address continued maintenance updates to enhance the building's life-safety features, improve mechanical systems, and renovate spaces to meet modern laboratory safety standards.
  4. The work is phased to provide funding timeline flexibility; MSU intends to request additional authority in the future for additional phases of work.
  5. This work would be legislatively authorized with General Spending Authority
  6. The work will be paid for using research R&R funds, revenue bonds and proceeds from research IDCs.
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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment #1: Physical Plant 1003.7