November 19-20, 2026

ITEM 227-2005-R1126

Request for Authorization to Construct Grant Chamberlain Renovations; 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 $25,000,000 to repair, renovate and construct improvements to the Grant Chamberlain housing complex.

EXPLANATION

1. MSU received authorization in ITEM 203-2006-R1122 to evaluate student housing facilities, conduct maintenance studies and develop designs to better meet the demand for student housing through expansion of housing inventory.
2. MSU has completed a thorough evaluation of its housing inventory in partnership with Montana architects, engineers, and contractors over the last three years. Through the planning efforts, MSU identified priorities for continued reinvestment to improve existing housing inventory and address deferred maintenance.
3. MSU received authorization in ITEM 222-2001-R0126 for planning and design tasks including renovation, deferred maintenance, and new construction projects as part of the housing enterprise.
4. The Grant Chamberlain housing complex – a 6-building complex – was a priority project identified through previous planning efforts; the facilities will be repaired and renovated in phases to modernize the buildings and address deferred maintenance.
5. This project will positively impact 288 beds of student housing, making it the highest value and benefit for MSU students.
6. The work will be paid for using auxiliary revenues and bond financing.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Physical Plant 1003.7