



AIRPORT HANGAR ACQUISITION & RENOVATION



LRBP funding will purchase an existing hangar that is adjacent to Helena College's airport campus. Built in the 1980s, the hangar consists of a 10,000 square foot building, 27,000 square feet of cargo ramp, and parking space. The building will be renovated to house the entirety of Helena College's aviation technology program as well as the developing avionics program.

Helena College has been a part of the aviation industry since the day the school was founded in 1939. As the Helena Vocational Technical Center, the school trained students to work in aviation fields – an effort that was scaled up significantly during World War II – when thousands of war production workers were trained for shipyards, aircraft factories, and Air Force bases.

In the 40s and 50s the college expanded program offerings to meet a great need in key industries. The aviation industry is again growing in Montana, and Helena College is the only program in the state that offers an FAA-approved program leading to licensure in aviation mechanics and maintenance. The aviation program is poised to expand dramatically due to an ever-increasing need for skilled workers qualified to perform crucial jobs in aviation related industries.



Graduates of Helena College's aviation program are going into a maintenance field with an increasing need for trained and qualified employees. The industry is seeing a shortage of qualified employees that is going to become greater over the next decade.

Our goal is to admit more students into the aviation program and to expand our offerings into areas like avionics.



94% Pass Rate
on FAA Airmen
Certification Exams



79% of graduates
are employed in
Montana one quarter
following graduation

HELENA COLLEGE CANNOT EXPAND THE AVIATION PROGRAM DUE TO A LACK OF SUITABLE FACILITIES AND A LACK OF SPACE TO BUILD A NEW FACILITY.

Helena College is requesting \$3,600,000 in LRBP funding to purchase an existing 10,000 square foot hangar and renovate it to suit the needs of Helena College's aviation program.

FUNDING:

LRBP Cash	\$3,600,000
TOTAL	\$3,600,000



New Hangar Exterior



Current Hangar



Original Building