

# Montana State University

## MARK AND ROBYN JONES COLLEGE OF NURSING: IMPROVING HEALTH CARE IN MONTANA

### Request for Authority Only

Montana State University is seeking authority to construct five new education facilities for the Mark and Robyn Jones College of Nursing with funds from a \$101 million investment from the couple, received in August 2021.

The facilities are all in communities where the College has had teaching campuses for decades: Great Falls, Billings, Kalispell, Missoula and Bozeman. Major health care providers in Great Falls, Billings and Kalispell have partnered with MSU to provide land for the new facilities.

Since 1937, Montana State University has been the primary source of nursing graduates for the state of Montana. However, due to space constraints, the college has reached limits on the number of students it can admit.

The buildings funded by this gift will:

- Allow enrollment to grow, filling critical needs in the state's demand for qualified nurses.
- Provide modern classrooms and more space to implement MSU's constantly updating nursing curriculum.
- Add state-of-the-art simulation labs to increase access to hands-on learning incorporating cutting edge mannikin technology, increasing preparation for treating patients.
- Increase the ability for aspiring nurses to receive the highest quality education directly in the communities that most feel the need for health care practitioners.



The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services classified 52 of Montana's 56 counties as medically underserved and areas of health professional shortages.



Communities where new Mark and Robyn Jones College of Nursing buildings will be constructed

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