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**INFORMATION:** Research Support Facility (Vivarium); The University of Montana-Missoula

**THAT:** **FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY-**

The University of Montana-Missoula is applying for stimulus funding from the National Institute of Health (NIH) to construct a 12,000 gross sq. ft. research support facility. These stimulus funds are targeted specifically for institutions the size of UM. The intent also is to spread the funding across various geographical locations. This grant provides the opportunity for UM to consolidate multiple animal care facilities as well as address safety and efficiency issues identified as deficiencies by regulatory agencies.

The estimated \$10.0 million project has connections to the Skaggs, Interdisciplinary Science and Health Sciences buildings. The grant submission is due July 17, 2009. The University of Montana-Missoula does not intend to request O&M from the State for the facility.