

**Attachment 1: Board of Regents Policy: Physical Plant B Section 1003.7**

This Authority is for an amount greater than \$350,000, which requires the following additional information:

**(a) Project Description:** This project will plan, program, and design the renovation of Romney Hall and associated infrastructure, as well as support areas and ancillary projects necessary to accommodate temporary relocation of existing occupants during the construction phases.

**(b) Cost Estimate and Funding Sources:**

- Estimated Cost: \$1,700,000 for programming and design only through construction documents.
- Funding Sources: This design work will be funded with Current Unrestricted Funds and/or funds from the Regent's approved Designated Revolving Reserve Fund.

**(c) Program Served, Enrollment Data, Projected Enrollment:**

The Romney Hall renovation will update and modernize an existing campus facility to accommodate teaching and academic related programs. The facility will assist in providing much needed classroom space as a result of continued growth in student enrollment which reached 15,688 in 2015 and is projected to exceed that amount in 2016. The facility will also contribute to improving retention and graduation rates by creating an inviting, student-centered environment that promotes collaboration, mentoring and advising. The facility will allow the University to expand programs which offer more opportunities to students as well as to increase outreach to Montana communities. The facility will provide space for more interdisciplinary opportunities to students across departments and colleges. The building renovation will include new classroom facilities, collaborative work areas, student support programs, improvements to building infrastructure such as ADA accessibility, and modernize outdated mechanical electrical and plumbing systems along with sustainability enhancements.

**(d) Space Utilization Data:**

Space utilization will be projected as the architectural program for the replacement space is developed during the design process.

**(e) Projected Use for Available Residual Space**

Space recovered within Romney Hall will be reallocated to academic uses that are consistent with the adaptive re-use of the building.

**(f) Projected O&M Costs and Proposed Funding Sources:**

This authority request authorizes programming and design only – it does not authorize construction, financing or any operations & maintenance funding for this project. MSU intends to request construction authority (including State funding for O&M) for this academic facility from the 65<sup>th</sup> Montana Legislature (2017 - Long Range Building Program).