

May 25-26, 2017

ITEM 175-1004-R0517**Request for authorization to install permanent seating, press box, concessions stand, and restroom facilities at Grizzly Softball Stadium – University of Montana-Missoula**

THAT

Consistent with Board of Regents Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes the University of Montana - Missoula to implement steps necessary to install permanent seating, press box, concessions stand, and restroom facilities at the Grizzly Softball Stadium. This authorization is for \$625,000.

EXPLANATION

This project installs permanent seating (bleachers), press box, restrooms and a concessions stand at the Grizzly Softball Stadium located on South Campus. The facility currently has temporary bleachers accommodating approximately 200 patrons, rented porta-potties as restroom facilities, and small trailers serving as a concessions stand and press box.

The proposed permanent seating would extend from dugout to dugout behind home plate and provide seats for 638 patrons. Included at the top of the seating structure would be an 8' x 18' press box used by game management and the media.

Current city and state building codes require permanent restroom facilities for venues that serve the public. UM is operating under a waiver since opening the stadium in 2015, with the understanding the University would build permanent bleachers and restrooms in the future. Included in the restroom building would be a permanent location for concessions.

Funding for this project will be entirely from private donations restricted to this project. No financing is required to complete the project.

This project requires Board of Regents and Governor's approval.

(a) Project Description:

This project is the second phase of construction at the Grizzly Softball Stadium. The completion of phase one came in March 2015 just prior to the inaugural season of Grizzly women's softball. Phase one focused on the minimum needed to begin competition and included the playing surface, dugouts, scoreboard, bullpens, and indoor hitting facility.

Phase two focuses on meeting public demand for this new sport. Grizzly Softball has proven to be a popular addition to UM Athletics. Attendance over the last two seasons averages more than 450 fans per game with select games drawing more than 600. This project creates a much more fan-friendly facility and provides additional revenue opportunities with permanent seating in place.

(b) Cost Estimate and Funding sources:

Estimated Cost: the design of this project is not expected to exceed \$625,000

Construction:	\$ 555,992
Professional Fees:	\$ 28,000
Associated Project Costs:	\$ 10,350
<u>Contingency:</u>	<u>\$ 30,658</u>
Total	\$ 625,000

Funding Source: Private donations restricted to this project. No financing is necessary.

(c) Program Served, Enrollment Data, Projected Enrollment: N/A**(d) Space Utilization Data: N/A****(e) Projected Use for Available Residual Space: N/A****(f) Projected O & M Costs and proposed Funding Sources:**

O&M expenditures are anticipated to cost approximately \$4,000 per year.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1 – UM Softball Facility Rendering