#### ITEM 180-1001-R0718

# <u>Authorization to Remodel Liberal Arts (Eck Hall) East Classrooms and Restrooms - University of</u> Montana-Missoula

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In accordance with Board of Regents Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes the University of Montana – Missoula to expend up to \$2,300,000 for the Remodel of Liberal Arts (Eck Hall) east classrooms and east restrooms.

#### **EXPLANATION**

The University of Montana-Missoula obtained a private gift for the remodel of 6 classrooms and restrooms on the east end of the Academic core facing the Oval. Funding for the project will come from the private funds. The 65<sup>th</sup> Legislature HB 5 approved \$6.0M authority only for the remodel of Liberal Arts Building in anticipation of private donor funding being made available for remodel work. This request falls in line with that Legislative approval.

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

### (a) Project Description:

The work performed under this authority encompasses the remodel of six classrooms and restrooms on the east end of Liberal Arts Building (Eck Hall) that faces the Oval. This work follows recent private gifts from the same donor that have been effectively and efficiently used to remodel twelve classrooms and four student lounges with new room finishes, air conditioning, windows and presentation technology for students and faculty. This next gift seeks to continue that process of upgrading classrooms and technology for students using the Liberal Arts Building.

# (b) Cost estimate and Funding Sources:

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PROJECT TOTAL \$2,300,000.00

This project will be financed as follows:

Private donations thru the UM Foundation \$2,300,000

### (c) Programs served, enrollment data, projected enrollments:

The Liberal Arts Bld. houses a large portion of the College of Humanities and Sciences classrooms and faculty along with central IT staff and core equipment. Very little has been done to upgrade the classrooms until the recent arrival of private gift funds that were used to spearhead the renovation of six classrooms along a vertical "corridor" so there'd be two new classrooms per floor for faculty/students to use. With the success of Phase I remodel, the donor provided funds for Phase II to remodel Auditorium 011, basement spaces vacated by central IT, four student lounges and a new entryway facing the Oval. Phase II was completed in October 2017. Meanwhile, Phase III that will renovate 5 classrooms & 6 restrooms on the west side will get under construction in summer of 2018 and be complete before start of fall semester 2018. This new gift for Phase IV seeks to continue the donor's personal commitment to improving student success and experience at the Liberal Arts Building by remodeling and modernizing the old classrooms and providing them with new room finishes, restoring the large historical windows facing the Oval, technology and air-conditioning. The plan is to have Phase IV work done in the summer of 2019 and be complete before start of fall semester 2019.

## (d) Space Utilization Data:

Between 3,600 to 4,000 students, faculty, staff and general public come in and out of Liberal Arts Bld. per school day. Phase 4 work will completely update and modernize 6 existing classrooms.

#### (e) Projected use for available residual space:

N/A

#### (f) Projected O&M Costs and proposed funding sources:

N/A

# **ATTACHMENTS**

None