

September 11-12, 2019

ITEM 184-2003-R0919

Request for authorization to extend program and design authority of the Romney Hall repurposing, Montana State University

THAT

Consistent with provisions of MCA 20-25-302(6) and BOR Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University to extend a previous authorization – Item #172-2004-R0916 – for programming and design services only for Romney Hall on the MSU Bozeman Campus. The previous authorization was limited to \$2,000,000; this authorization does not increase the limit.

EXPLANATION

1. The repurposing of Romney Hall will turn a 1922 nonfunctional gym into much needed instructional space — more than 1,000 classroom seats — that will benefit students that come to Montana State University from every corner of the state of Montana. Romney Hall’s repurposing is focused on adding classrooms and space for three high-impact centers with a demonstrated record of helping students stay in school and graduate.
 2. The repurposing of Romney Hall will offer students dedicated services for math, writing, disability services and veteran’s centers. The data clearly shows that these four centers help students improve their academic performance and graduate on time; the data also shows that these services have met and exceeded their capacity due to space constraints.
 3. House Bill 652 of the 66th Legislature authorizes a capital project to repurpose Romney Hall. The same session appropriates \$25,000,000 in cash and provides \$7,000,000 in Authority Only.
 4. BOR Item #172-2004-R0916 previously authorized MSU to expend funds for programming and design only. MSU will use the remaining funds within this authorization to complete design documents for construction.
 5. The request does not increase the original \$2,000,000 authority limit but extends the authority to allow MSU to fully expend the remaining funds within this original limit, which is set to expire September 2019. This extension is for 5 months, ending February 2020.
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1 – Physical Plant B Section 1003.7