

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 repurposing 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:** \$2,000,000 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 repurposing will update and modernize an existing campus facility to accommodate teaching and academic related programs. The facility will assist in providing much needed space as a result of continued growth in student enrollment which reached 16,902 in 2018 and is projected to continue growing. 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 building will provide space for more interdisciplinary opportunities to students across departments and colleges including more than 1,000 classroom seats. The 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work areas, student support programs, improvements to building infrastructure such as ADA accessibility, and modernize outdated mechanical electrical and plumbing systems along with sustainability enhancements.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:

Additionally, facilities will be developed to house the displaced Education, Health, and Human Development labs; ROTC program; and faculty offices presently located in Romney. Space utilization will be improved with the final design to include more than 1,000 classroom seats within Romney.

(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.