

March 5-6, 2020

**ITEM 187-1601-R0320**

**Request for Approval to Remodel Mathews Hall; UM-Western**

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**THAT**

Consistent with the provisions of MCA 18-2-102(2)(b) and Board of Regents Policy 1003.7, the University of Montana Western requests authorization to proceed with the evaluation and remodel of Mathews Hall. The overall project will include the replacement of most exterior windows, new HVAC controls, renovation of deteriorated bathrooms, and retrofitting of old interior lighting to new energy efficient LED. Mathews Hall is an auxiliary building used for student housing, dining operations, conferences, and events. This request is for a total of \$1,000,000.

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**EXPLANATION**

The University of Montana Western has identified several components in need of repair and restoration within Mathews Hall. The scope of the Mathews Hall Remodel would include the replacement of nearly all existing windows, updating the East wing restrooms, LED lighting upgrade, and upgrading heating control.

The original windows are still in use and are in a state of disrepair. They are in need of replacement in order to provide a safe and comfortable living environment.

The west and central wing restrooms were remodeled in 2018, but the East wing was dropped due to budget limitations. The east wing restrooms are extremely outdated, and one is shut down entirely. The renovations will include new fixtures, paint, lighting, ventilation, and flooring.

Mathews Hall's existing lighting consists of a mixture of inefficient T-8, T-12, and incandescent fixtures that provide insufficient light levels. These fixtures all need to be replaced with new, energy efficient LED units.

The heating system for Mathews Hall is low pressure steam with either the original iron radiator or a 1940s era fin-tube radiator. The temperature controls are installed directly on the steam lines under the leaky window. This creates a situation that is very difficult to maintain a comfortable temperature in the student's room. This project would assess the steam traps, valves, radiators, and temperature controls to provide the appropriate repairs in order to provide a comfortable living space.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment #1 – Board of Regents Policy: Physical Plan Section 1003.7