

**Attachment 1: Board of Regents Policy: Physical Plant B Sections 1003**

This Authority is for an amount greater than \$500,000, which requires the following additional information:

- (a) Project Description:** The work performed under this authority encompasses replacement of the existing soccer field turf and the addition of lights to the field.

The current MSUB Yellowjacket Soccer Field is 14 years old and has deteriorated beyond repair. The turf has significant tears and small rolling hills throughout the entire playing surface. It has required significant repairs each year for the past 5 years and we anticipate that it will not pass another NCAA inspection without addressing the life/safety deficiencies.

The addition of lights is addressed in point (d) below.

- (b) Cost Estimate and Funding Sources:** Estimated Cost: \$1,100,000.

Cost Estimate	
Replacement of Existing Turf	\$ 600,000
Lighting	400,000
Consulting, Permits, Survey, Design	100,000
Total Project	<u>\$ 1,100,000</u>

Funding Sources	
Physical Plant Funds	\$ 640,000
Athletics Funds	250,000
Fundraising	210,000
Total Project	<u>\$ 1,100,000</u>

- (c) Program Served, Enrollment Data, Projected Enrollment:**

The loss of the soccer program will negatively impact enrollment and residence hall occupancy at MSU Billings. In the 21/22 season there are 57 students on the combined Men’s and Woman’s Soccer teams. Twenty-eight soccer team members are living on campus in the MSUB residence halls. The whole MSUB athletics program is approximately 7% of MSUB’s total enrollment. These students have higher retention and graduation rates than our overall student body and they contribute significantly to MSUB’s performance funding.

- (d) Space Utilization Data:**

MSUB’s soccer field is in use 225 days per year, weather permitting, primarily by our men’s and women’s soccer teams and secondarily by our baseball team. Each day only allows usage during daylight hours which limits MSUB in hosting conference (GNAC) scheduled events, additional tournaments, non-conference games, and NCAA Championships. The daylight limitation also causes class conflicts with our student-athletes. They miss class times during weekdays to participate in scheduled contests and practices. The utilization of student workers at events is limited because they must be held in the early afternoon. Lights will eliminate class conflicts during practices and games. Lights will allow for additional revenue generation from tournaments, NCAA championships, and outside rentals. The total games played at the field per year is approximately 25, but this utilization can be increased by 50% from additional tournaments and new hosting opportunities after the soccer field is replaced and lights are added.

- (e) Projected Use for Available Residual Space:** Not applicable to this project

- (f) Projected O&M Costs and Proposed Funding Sources:** No new O&M costs will be requested.