

May 18-19, 2022

ITEM 200-1022-R0522

Request for Authorization to Complete Phase II Remodel of Aber Hall – University of Montana, Missoula

THAT

Consistent with MCA 18-2-102 (b) and 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 \$800,000 for the Phase II remodeling of Aber Hall.

EXPLANATION

1. Aber Hall was identified as a residence hall where a portion of the space could be taken off-line as a housing facility and repurposed as administrative swing space and the upper floors could continue to be used for student housing.
 2. The Board of Regents authorized UM to spend up to \$3,200,000 in July 2021 (Item # 195-1002-R0721) for Phase I of the remodel of Aber Hall, a student residence building at UM-Missoula. Phase I converted Floors 1 to 6 from housing to offices for those UM employees displaced by the demolition of the east half of Lommasson Center.
 3. This \$800,000 authority request is Phase II of the Aber Hall renovation and will partially remodel the upper floors 7 to 11 to be used for housing students displaced by Knowles Hall (which will be off-line academic year 2023 due to remodeling work).
 4. The closure of Knowles Hall for a full-scale remodel in academic year 2023 will cause the temporary loss of 266 beds available for freshmen. Phase II remodel of Aber Hall will result in 186 beds being made available for students.
 5. Work involved in floors 7 to 11 includes fire sprinkler upgrades to meet code, hallway carpet and paint, door locks, IT networking and security cameras.
 6. The project will be funded by University Bonds.
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Board of Regents Policy: Physical Plant B Section 1003.7