

March 15-16, 2023

ITEM 205-2004-R0323

**Request for Authorization to Replace Exterior Stairs at the Julia Martin Student Apartments;
Montana State University**

THAT

The Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University to expend up to \$2,000,000 to replace exterior stairs at the Julia Martin student apartments.

This item is consistent with the Board's authority to manage the Montana University System in accordance with Board of Regents Policy 1003.7., and consistent with MCA 18-2-102 (2) (b), MCA 20-25-302 (1) (b).

EXPLANATION

1. After more than 50 years of serving students, the exterior stairs at the Julia Martin complex are at the end of their useable life.
 2. MSU has proactively completed maintenance and temporary fixes to the stairs over the last several years to extend their life.
 3. In the interest of ensuring life safety, MSU has consulted with local structural engineers to assess and track the condition of the stairs and the viability of temporary fixes over the last five years.
 4. In coordination with the input of structural engineers, MSU has determined an immediate need to replace the stairs before they reach a point of failure which could pose a safety hazard to residents.
 5. Facilities Management and Auxiliaries Services will coordinate a plan with building tenants to facilitate work on the project.
 6. The proposed work will be financed with auxiliary revenues.
 7. No additional operations and maintenance funding will be requested as a result of this project.
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ATTACHMENTS

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