

March 14-15, 2024

**ITEM 211-1504-R0324**

**Request for Authorization to Design the Renovations of Main Hall, Montana Technological University**

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**THAT**

Consistent with MCA 18-2-102 and BOR Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes Montana Technological University to spend up to \$4,500,000 for the planning and design of Main Hall renovations.

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**EXPLANATION**

1. Montana Technological University received \$30,000,000 in House Bill 5 of the 68<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session to remodel and renovate Main Hall.
  2. Montana Technological University requests to spend up to \$4,500,000 for planning and design.
  3. Main Hall is Montana Tech's original building and is 37,794 square feet. The first cornerstone was laid in 1896 and the building was opened in September 1900. The building was designed in Renaissance Revival style and is the one of the best-preserved examples of this building style in Montana.
  4. Main Hall currently houses the Electrical Engineering Department, the Freshman Engineering Program, and the Liberal Studies Department.
  5. Main Hall has not experienced a major renovation in over 120 years. The project will include interior and exterior updates to electrical systems, plumbing and technology, provide ADA accessibility, including an elevator, heating and ventilation systems, replacement of the roof, replacement of furnishing, fixtures, light fixtures, abatements and address structural concerns due to age, construction type, and improve earthquake resistance and improved space utilization.
  6. Montana Technological University will request construction authority at a later date.
  7. Funding for the planning and design will come from LRBP funds allocated by the Legislature.
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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment #1: Project Details (BOR Policy 1003.7)