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ITEM 211-1601-R0324

Request for Authorization to Construct Campus Storage Building; University of Montana Western

THAT

Consistent with the provisions of MCA 18-2-102 and BOR Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents authorizes the University of Montana Western to expend up to \$1,250,000 for the design and construction of a campus storage building.

EXPLANATION

1. The University of Montana Western (UMW) received \$1,250,000 in House Bill 5 of the 68th Legislative Session for a Campus Storage/Warehouse Building.
 2. UMW requests to expend up to \$1,250,000 for the design and construction of a new storage building.
 3. This project will construct a 5,000 square foot storage/warehouse building centrally located for all campus storage needs.
 4. Currently, the campus storage area is approximately 3,500 square feet in the basement of Block Hall. The primary driver for this project is the renovation of Block Hall and the need to convert the existing Block Hall basement storage area into teaching space.
 5. Block Hall houses all the science and math academic programming. With the pending renovation of Block Hall, the project scope includes converting the basement into much needed academic space. This renovation will displace campus consumable stores, electrical stores, drawings, IT stores, and the paint shop.
 6. This project will provide sufficient space to house the displaced storage items from Block Hall, including the consolidation of other storage areas across campus. Ground level storage will streamline the material handling of inventory and improve the challenging logistics and ergonomic concerns.
 7. Operations and maintenance funding in support of the new space was allocated in House Bill 5 of the 68th Legislative Session.
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ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment #1: Project Details (BOR Policy 1003.7)
- Attachment #2: Architectural rendering and general notes for project