

November 21-22, 2024

ITEM 215-2002-R1124**Request for Authorization to Design and Construct Renovations on the Third and Fourth Floors of Hamilton Hall; Montana State University**

THAT

Consistent with MCA 18-2-102 and BOR Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University to expend up to \$800,000 of General Spending Authority for the renovation of the third and fourth floors of Hamilton Hall.

EXPLANATION

1. Hamilton Hall was constructed in 1910 as a women's dormitory and has undergone over 100 years of piecemeal renovations. The first and second floors were substantially renovated beginning in 2009 while the third and fourth floor remain in need of renovation.
2. In 2023, the 68th Legislature approved a Long-Range Building Program (LRBP) request of \$2,400,000 to complete life-safety improvements to the third and fourth floors including fire alarm, fire suppression, and egress stair renovations. This project was approved to proceed by the Board under BOR Item# 206-106-R0523.
3. The State Architecture & Engineering Division and MSU have completed preliminary design of the LRBP scope with Mosaic Architecture. When doing so, they identified areas where life-safety improvements would be made while leaving many adjoining areas in an outdated condition.
4. The third and fourth floors of Hamilton Hall are occupied by the growing Army ROTC and Air Force ROTC programs which excel at their critical mission of producing high quality officers for the armed forces. The Air Force ROTC program at MSU is the only program of its type in Montana.
5. MSU plans to leverage the opportunity of the LRBP project to efficiently make renovation improvements to the ROTC spaces on the third and fourth floors of Hamilton Hall
6. ROTC space renovations will be most cost effective and least impactful when done in coordination with the LRBP project with the same designer and contractor, avoiding rework that would be required to do the projects separately.
7. The proposed renovations will improve space utilization, modernize instructional spaces, improve ROTC student access to study spaces and support resources, improve privacy for mentoring, and provide a welcoming home for these critical programs.
8. Renovating the spaces will improve the visitor experience and improve recruitment and retention efforts for ROTC and MSU.
9. The work will be paid for using physical plant funds.
10. No additional operations and maintenance funding will be requested as a result of this project.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Physical Plant 1003.7