



Montana University System

Long Range Building Program (LRBP)

LRBP Projects

LRBP Ranking Criteria:

1. Health and Life/Safety
2. Major Maintenance of Building/Utility Systems
3. Code Compliance
4. Operational Efficiency/Savings
5. Adaptive Renovation
6. New Construction

2017 Biennium Projects

Direct Funded Projects:

- Deferred Maintenance, \$3M

Authority Only Projects:

- Barnard Hall, MSU- Bozeman - \$1.5M
- Montana Agricultural Experiment Station Livestock Complex, MSU - \$10M
- Liberal Arts Building, UM- Missoula - \$6M
- Education Building, UM- Missoula - \$20M
- Clinical Psychology Building, UM-Missoula - \$4M
- Neural Injury Center, UM Missoula - \$7M
- Living Learning Center, MT Tech - \$8.5M
- Nanotechnology Lab, MT Tech - \$350,000

Background

The Long Range Building Program (LRBP) is always a work in progress for the Montana University System (MUS). The UM and MSU campuses utilize excellent software to track all aspects of the physical plants of the affiliated campuses and research agencies, especially in regard to energy utilization, age and condition, and needs for capital construction, in light of overall campus master plans. The staff of the Board of Regents schedules visits to most university system sites in the year between legislative sessions to review and rank the highest-priority needs. They partner with personnel from the Department of Administration, Architecture and Engineering Division (A&E) in this process. Others who often participate include regents, budget office and legislative staff, and regional legislators.

LRBP Process

Step 1 - Preliminary projects lists are developed by each campus. The visiting team listens to campus facilities directors, faculty, and students as they tour the facilities, with focus on the areas of greatest need (see ranking criteria on side bar).

Step 2 – Based on project scope and cost estimates, a draft Consolidated Project Priority List (CPPL) is presented to the presidents of the UM and MSU campuses. In November, a full fourteen months prior to the start of the legislative session, a preliminary priority list is also shared with campus Chancellors and Deans for review/discussion. The campuses generally finalize the CPPL in January, one year in advance of the legislative session.

Step 3 – The Board of Regents staff, led by the Director of Operations and Administration, then develops a Montana University System Consolidated Project Priority List for submittal to the March Board of Regents meeting. This priority list is developed as systematically and objectively as possible with the advice and counsel of campus leaders, the Architecture & Engineering Division (A&E), and the LRBP site visitors.

Step 4 – After review and debate, the Board of Regents adopts an MUS Consolidated Project Priority List to submit to A&E of the Department of Administration for inclusion in the State LRBP that is introduced to the Legislature (to whatever extent is possible). This step normally takes place during the May Board of Regents meeting. The MUS CPPL is required to be submitted to A&E by June 30, six months prior to the start of the legislative session. A&E normally publishes the Governor's LRBP Plan in mid-November.

Legislative Involvement: The Board of Regents welcomes involvement by regional legislators early in the process as the priority list for the entire system is still in the formation stage. It is cost-effective for the executive and legislative branches of government to join with the Board of Regents in adhering to project priorities established through this rigorous 18-month process. No approach is perfect, but this LRBP process achieves a reasonable balance to meet needs across various campuses and research agencies over a number of biennia.