

RESOLUTION NO. 17-_____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA,
APPROVING USE OF \$50,000 FROM THE COUNCIL CONTINGENCY FUND
FOR THE YELLOWSTONE SCIENCE AND ALLIED HEALTH BUILDING**

WHEREAS, the Montana State University-Billings (MSU-B) Foundation has requested a \$50,000 donation from the City Council to assist with an estimated \$18.4 million expansion and renovation of the Yellowstone Science and Allied Health Building on the MSU-B campus; and

WHEREAS, when the current Science Building was constructed in 1947, MSU-B had five science and health programs with 50 student majors and four faculty; and

WHEREAS, MSU-B today has 22 science and allied health programs with more than 850 student majors and 26 faculty members using the facility; and

WHEREAS, the current building has inadequate space for research, unsafe or inadequate facilities for effective equipment use and student learning, and limited technology infrastructure for interdisciplinary work; and

WHEREAS, more than 15,500 new health care workers will be needed in Montana in the next 10 years because of growth in health industries and retirements of those currently in the field; and

WHEREAS, 63% of MSU-B students remain in Yellowstone County after graduation, with more than 400 graduates working for Billings Clinic or St. Vincent's Health Care; and

WHEREAS, MSU-B contributes more than \$86 million annually to Yellowstone County.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE to contribute \$50,000 from the City Council Contingency Fund, Acct. No. 010-1110-411.79-70, to construction of the Yellowstone Science and Allied Health Building.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 26TH DAY OF JUNE, 2017.

Billings City Council

Thomas W. Hanel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Denise Bohlman, City Clerk