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# MEMORANDUM

July 12, 2024

## Utah State University – Non-State Funded Project

Board Policy [R702, \*Non-State Funded Projects\*](#) requires the Board to review capital projects requiring State Building Board or Legislative approval. Utah code 63A-5b-401 defines capital projects with more than \$5,000,000 of renovated space as “capital developments” and allows the Department of Construction and Facility Management (DFCM) to approve those projects without legislative approval if the project does not use state funding sources for the design, construction, operation, or maintenance of the facility.

Utah State University requests Board approval to construct a 50,000+ square foot indoor equestrian arena for \$6,964,400, funded through donations, grants, and USU Extension. The arena will be located at the Bastian Agriculture Center. This project will focus on roping, barrel racing, and other rodeo type of events that will support year-round use of the facility.

O&M and future capital improvements will be provided by the Bastian Foundation as previously agreed upon. The project was approved by the Utah State University Board of Trustees in the June 28, 2024 meeting. Additional information about the project is provided in the attached letter, and staff from the university will be available during the meeting for any additional questions or discussion

### **Commissioner’s Recommendation**

The Commissioner recommends the Board authorize Utah State University to obtain approval for the construction of the Talmage Arena at the Bastian Equestrian Center and to move to DFCM for final approval.

### **Attachments**

- Attachment 1 – USU Talmage Arena Non-State Funded Project Letter