

Special Allocation Request Form

Group Name: ASUM Student Political Action Committee

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ASUM Index Code: _____

Event Description: ASUM Lobbyist Rent

Event Date: January 1- May 7 Event Location: Helena, MT

Please attach a cover letter explaining the details and purpose of the event, how it will benefit your group and/or the university, who can attend the event, any additional costs/revenues associated with the event, and any other information that may help ASUM when considering your request.

Code	Description	Amount Requested	Board Approved	Senate Approved
628	Rent for the ASUM Lobbyists share of the "Lobbyist House" located at 405 N. Montana Ave., Helena, MT 59601, which is \$900/month, to be paid over the course of the lease, which is January 1 through May 7th. Only 4 months need be paid, the landlord is covering utilities. Security Deposit already paid by other tenant.	\$ 3,600	\$	\$

Code Explanations: 621-Contracted Services (guest speaker, dj's, security, etc.); 622-Supplies and Materials (training supplies, printing, books, etc.); 623-Communications (postage, advertising, phone charges, etc.); 625-Rentals (equipment, films, meeting rooms, etc.); 628-Other (dues, subscriptions, entertainment such as food/beverage, etc.)

Other Sources of Funding: None

Total Amount Being Requested: \$3,600 Total Cost of the Event: \$3,600

Group Member Signature: *Betsy Story* Date: 12/03/2018

For ASUM Use:

Board on Budget And Finance:

Total Amount Approved: 3,600 Date: 12/03/18

X: *Alexandria Schaefer* Print Name: Alexandria Schaefer

ASUM Senate:

Total Amount Approved: _____ Date: _____

X: _____ Print Name: _____

To the Board on Budget and Finance,

We are submitting a STIP Interest request in the amount of \$3,600.00 for the 2019 ASUM Lobbyist Housing Rent. The lease is from January 1st, 2019 to May 7th, 2019 at 405 North Montana, Helena, Montana. Our lobbyist will be living with 3 other tenants: Mike Hopkins, House District 92 Representative; Sam Forstag, Montana Associated Students (MAS) lobbyist; and Geneva Soltek, Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU) lobbyist.

Each month is \$3,600.00 for all tenants, split among 4 tenants is \$900.00 per month per person for 4 months giving us a total of \$3,600.00 for each tenant. All utilities will be paid for by the landlord with the exception of a TV subscription, which the tenants will pay for if they would like it. I have attached the first page of the lease which lays out the rent and the rest can be seen upon request.

As per Fiscal Policy (20.4), legislative funding shall be funded through STIP Interest, just like the lobbyist salary. As stated in the lease, we can pay all up front or monthly, if this request is passed, I intend on paying it all upfront to simplify the process. The lease also requires a \$500.00 deposit which will be paid by Mike Hopkins.

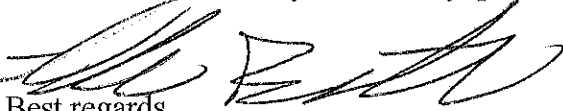
The lease also must be approved by procurement here on campus. I have already initiated that process with our Accountant Marlene. That similar process is ongoing with MAS and ASMSU. I have also sent it off to our Legal Services Director to have her office look over the lease. She said it was a "pretty standard, non-offence lease."

We chose this place in coordination with MAS and ASMSU because I felt it was best if our lobbyist lived with other student lobbyists. For a few reasons, I believe this is a great idea. First, this gave us options when choosing a place because we have more people to split rent amongst. Second, though we don't share all the same legislative priorities, we do share a major one: affordable cost to higher education. By living with each other, they can help each other conduct research, share ideas, strategize and have some other students to live with.

The house is located one and a half blocks from the State Capitol which provides greater and less expensive access for Brenna. Being this close means she won't have to drive every day, thus limiting the amount of gas she would need to pay for (unless the senate wanted to pay for her daily trips, they we would reimburse her). Another benefit is that she would have better access to her house in case she wanted to go back for a break or more research, as opposed to living 10-15 minutes away and having to drive during the winter months.

Now, to address the rent. This seems, and in some respects, very high rent. But as you can see, this house is very well located with several bedrooms to choose from. During the legislative session rent tends to go up because there is a great increase in demand, not just from legislators but other lobbyists, legislative teams, and government employees that work at the session. I think that this location, roommate pairing, and price is actually a good deal for us.

Please let me know if you have any questions, comments or concerns related to this request.


Best regards,

Alex Butler

ASUM President

405 North Montana Rental Agreement

Parties & Premises

This rental agreement is made and entered into on this day of _____, 2018 by and between Mary and/or Richard Seitz, hereinafter called "Landlord," and

hereinafter called "Tenants," for the premises located at 405 North Montana Avenue, Helena, Montana. The rental agreement covers the house and all furnishings, fixtures, and items provided for use as a completely furnished monthly rental. The tenants also shall have use of the north ½ of the driveway.

The parties have further agreed:

1. Term or Period

This agreement is to begin on January 1st, 2019 and will end on May 7th 2019. The owners will be using the days of January 1st and 2nd for cleaning, refreshing and preparation of the premises. The first week in May is flexible and will be included in the rental at no charge.

2. Deposit

Landlord acknowledges receipt of \$ 500 as a refundable \$ 500 security/damage deposit, which may be held by the landlord during the tenancy. Deposit is due prior to move in date.

- (a) If, at the time of termination of this agreement and upon final inspection of the premises, there is no unpaid rent owed to the landlord and no damages or additional cleaning for which the tenant is responsible and the tenant can prove that there are no unpaid utilities for which the tenant is responsible; the landlord shall deliver to the tenant, within ten days of the termination, the full amount of the security deposit.
- (b) If, at the termination of this agreement there remains money owed to the landlord for additional cleaning or damages for which the tenant is responsible or unpaid rent or utilities for which the tenant is responsible, the landlord may deduct these expenses from the security deposit. Within thirty days after termination of this agreement the landlord shall deliver to the tenant:
 - (i) A written statement itemizing all deductions from this deposit and the specific reasons for the deductions and
 - (ii) Any balance of the deposit owed the tenant.

The landlord may deduct for unpaid rent and the actual and reasonable cost of repairing damage caused by tenant, except damage caused by normal wear and tear, as per Montana law (MCA 70-25-201).

3. Rent

A monthly rent of \$ 3,600 for a total rent of \$ 14,400 (4 months times \$3,600) may be paid in advance or on a monthly basis by the 1st day of each month, and will be delivered to 1735 Winne Avenue, Helena Montana. This total rent covers period of January 1st 2019 to May 7th 2019. In the event the legislature finishes earlier than April 30th, the rent may be prorated for the month of April.