



STATE OF VERMONT
SERGEANT AT ARMS

To: Legislative Statehouse Advisory Committee
Joint Legislative Management Committee

From: Janet Miller Sergeant at Arms

Date: August 3, 2021

Re: Request for approval of \$750,000 spending authority for pre-session facility needs to meet legislative priorities.

The legislature has expressed several goals for the upcoming session:

1. Ensure committees have appropriate meeting space
2. Provide legislators and staff with effective tools to do their work
3. Ensure public has access to legislative deliberations
4. Provide generally for space needs for the upcoming session and beyond

As you are aware, there are several fit up needs for legislative space that should be addressed before the upcoming session. Timing will be extremely tight. For this reason, I am requesting approval of spending authority for up to \$750,000 to do this work. In the event funding needs are higher, I may come back to JLMC. The priority will be to use CRF monies to the extent eligible, however legislative carryforward will be used where necessary. The facility needs include:

1. Statehouse
 - a. Fit up within the statehouse such as committee room reconfiguration for different numbers of people and changed use
 - b. A single use bathroom – for public use
2. 2 & 4 Aiken
 - a. Initial fit up of these spaces to provide options to provide more space. These two buildings need work including electrical, paint, floor repair and other improvements before being used.
 - b. Purchase of needed furnishings to allow occupancy.
 - c. There are supply chain issues which makes the timing an even larger problem. Therefore, I request flexible spending authority that can pivot as problems, opportunities, and needs change.

- **Proposed Motion: Allow the Sgt at Arms to spend up to \$750,000 for pre session facility improvements.**
 - The sergeant at arms will provide monthly reports to JLMC on progress and issues with the use of these funds.