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Chief Financial Officer; Treasurer**

Reuther Library HVAC

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors authorize the President, or her designee, to approve spending to design, solicit bids, and award contracts for the Reuther Library HVAC Improvements located 5401 Cass Avenue with a project cost not to exceed \$2,415,000. Funding for this project will be provided by the Reserve for Special Non-Recurring funds.

Background and Project Description

The Walter P. Reuther Library, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs was established as the Labor History Archives at Wayne State University in 1960, with the goal of collecting and preserving original source materials relating to the development of the American labor movement. In 1975, the Walter P. Reuther Library was constructed with funds given to Wayne State University by the United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, and through a supplementary grant from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. A later gift from the UAW funded the construction of the library's Leonard Woodcock Wing, completed in 1991, for a total square footage of 73,955.

The Reuther Library is the largest labor archives in North America and is home to the collections of numerous unions and labor-related organizations. Its collection strengths extend to the political and community life of urban and metropolitan Detroit, the civil rights movement in Michigan and nationally, and women's struggles in the workplace. The Reuther Library is also the home of the Wayne State University Archives, established by the Board of Governors in 1958 in recognition of the importance and permanent value of the University's official files, records, and documents.

Reuther Library is experiencing excessive fluctuations in temperature and relative humidity in the collection and viewing spaces which must be addressed for long-term preservation of the archive collection materials. The scope of the work includes replacing two air handling units in the basement and removing and replacing the existing humidification system. The project also updates controls throughout the facility and includes modifications to the chiller serving Reuther from the Purdy/Kresge Libraries.

All contracts for this project will be awarded in accordance with University policies and procedures.

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Project Budget

Funding Source	
Reserve for Special Non-Recurring funds	\$2,415,000
TOTAL Sources	\$2,415,000
Expenditures Plan	
Design Fees	\$180,000
Construction	\$1,941,000
Project Management Fees	\$75,000
Contingency	\$219,000
TOTAL Expenditures	\$2,415,000