



City of Missoula, Montana
Item to be Referred to City Council Committee

Committee: Administration and Finance

Item: Resolution to Authorize Submission of CDBG-CV Applications

Date: September 8, 2021

Sponsor(s): Montana James

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Ward(s) Affected:

☐ Ward 1	☐ Ward 4
☐ Ward 2	☐ Ward 5
☐ Ward 3	☐ Ward 6
☒ All Wards	☐ N/A

Action Required:

(Adopt/Deny) a Resolution to Authorize Submission of CDBG-CV Applications to the Montana Department of Commerce to support funding for three priority projects of the City of Missoula.

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: adopt a Resolution to Authorize Submission of CDBG-CV Applications.

Timeline:

Referral to committee:	September 13, 2021
Committee discussion:	September 15, 2021
Council action (or sets hearing):	September 20, 2021
Public Hearing (if required):	September 27, 2021
Deadline:	October 4, 2021

Background and Alternatives Explored:

Through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the State of Montana, Department of Commerce was awarded Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG CARES) to support communities as they respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Montana's allocation of CDBG CARES funds is \$10,174,175 (CDBG-CV1, CDBG-CV2, and CDBG-CV3).

Eligible applicants include towns, cities, and counties. Billings, Great Falls, and Missoula – known as entitlement areas – are eligible applicants for CDBG CARES, but CDBG CARES regulations limit the amount of CDBG CARES the State of Montana can award to these entitlement areas. Other entities such as tribes, non-profits, public housing authorities, etc., although not eligible directly, may apply in partnership with an eligible applicant.

Activities funded through CDBG CARES must:

- Prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Primarily benefit Montanans whose incomes are low or moderate
- Avoid duplication of benefits from other local, state, or federal sources of funds

Montana will use CDBG CARES to fund activities that:

- Improve and Sustain Public Facilities
- Provide Vital Public Services
- Preserve and Construct Affordable Housing / Reduce Homelessness

This City of Missoula, in partnership with the Poverello Center, Neighborworks Montana, and the City's Parks & Recreation Department will submit three applications for funding to support priority projects for FY22 and in alignment with the City of Missoula's Strategic Framework.

Financial Implications:

None – this resolution authorizes staff to submit funding applications to the Montana Department of Commerce for additional project funding from the State's Community Development Block Grant – Cares Act funds. This would bring additional funding to the City and our projects.

Links to external websites:

<https://comdev.mt.gov/Programs-and-Boards/Community-Development-Block-Grant-Program/CARES>