



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

**Committee:** Administration and Finance

**Item:** Brownfields Assessment Professional Services Agreement

**Date:** December 28, 2021

**Sponsor(s):** John Adams

**Prepared by:** John Adams

**Ward(s) Affected:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

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**Action Required:**

Authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with WGM Group, Inc. to provide environmental site assessments related professional services.

**Recommended Motion(s):**

I move the City Council: authorize the Mayor to sign a Professional Services Agreement with WGM Group, Inc. to provide Phase I Environmental Site Assessments, Phase II Environmental Site Assessments, site cleanup planning, and other services related to environmental assessment.

**Timeline:**

Referral to committee:	December 28, 2021
Committee discussion:	01/05/2022
Council action (or sets hearing):	01/10/2022
Public Hearing (if required):	<a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a>
Deadline:	<a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a>

**Background and Alternatives Explored:**

The City periodically requires Phase I Environmental Site Assessments, Phase II Environmental Site Assessments, and other professional services related to the assessment and cleanup planning of brownfields, which the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) defines as “real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.” Although the City may fund such assessments from other sources, this procurement was catalyzed by the 2021 award of a \$300,000 EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant in 2021. The contract serves as a master agreement, with work orders completed for specific projects as necessary and desirable.

**Financial Implications:**

The contract authorizes up to \$400,000 in expenditures at the City’s discretion; expenditures would principally be covered by the EPA Assessment Grant other dedicated brownfields funding, but could potentially be covered by departmental funds.

**Links to external websites:**