



# Revoke Resolution 8149

## – *AKA Betty's Fund*

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ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RESOLUTION REPEAL

FEBRUARY 9, 2021



## RESOLUTION NUMBER 8149

A RESOLUTION OF THE MISSOULA CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING A PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FUND FOR INDIVIDUALS DISPROPORTIONALLY AFFECTED BY CITY PROPERTY TAX INCREASES, AKA "BETTY'S FUND".

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2016 the Missoula City Council approved a motion directing staff to create a fund offering city property tax relief for qualified Missoula city residents by Resolution,

WHEREAS, the Missoula City Council wishes to create The Missoula City Property Tax Relief to the Elderly and Disabled Fund to provide Missoula seniors, the disabled, and other income eligible citizens who qualify under the Montana State LIEAP, or Montana State PTAP (Property Tax Assistance Program) standards with help paying their city Property Taxes,

WHEREAS, the Missoula City Council wishes to name the program "Betty's Fund" after a local elderly homeowner who had trouble paying her property taxes and subsequently lost her home,

WHEREAS, the Missoula City Council intends for the this fund to offer our income qualified residents up to 25% assistance to help pay their remaining city tax bill; after all state options have been applied for and exercised,

WHEREAS, the Missoula City Council wishes this fund to be funded by citizen donations,

WHEREAS, assistance will be awarded annually, on a first come first served basis, as allowed by the balance of donations within the fund, and the city will not and cannot guarantee a level of assistance, or that any aid would be recurring,

# TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS

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We have multiple programs available to help Montana citizens who need assistance with their income or property tax.

Injured Spouse Assistance

Innocent Spouse Relief

Land Value Property Tax Assistance Program

Montana Disabled Veteran Assistance Program (MDV)

Natural Disaster Forest Land Reduction

Natural Disaster Income Tax Extension

Natural Disaster Property Tax Reduction

Property Tax Assistance Program (PTAP)

<https://mtrevenue.gov/taxes/tax-relief-programs/>

# Property Tax Assistance Program (PTAP)

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The Property Tax Assistance Program (PTAP) helps citizens on a fixed or limited income by reducing the property tax rate on their home.

The PTAP benefit only applies to the first \$200,000 of your primary residence's market value. Your income and marriage status determine the reduction.

For homes on [agricultural or forest land](#), the benefit applies to the home and one-acre home site.

## Eligibility

To qualify in Tax Year 2022, you must:

- Own or currently be under a contract to purchase a home or mobile/manufactured home
- Live in the home as your primary residence for at least seven months of the year
- Have a 2020 Federal Adjusted Gross Income (FAGI), excluding capital and income losses, less than:
  - Single: \$23,385
  - Married or Head of Household: \$31,181
- Include your spouse's income in your 2020 FAGI regardless of whether they are a co-owner of the home.

If you are a new Montana resident, include a copy of your 2020 federal income tax return with your completed application.

**If your *only* income is from social security, veterans' benefits and/or other nontaxable sources**, include a copy of your social security statement and/or other income documentation with your completed application.

## Benefit

Depending on your marital status and income, the reduction is 80%, 50%, or 30% of the normal tax rate. The income ranges are updated each year for inflation.

You may use this table to find which level or reduction you will receive if you qualify for this program in tax year 2022.

Single	Married or Head of Household	Reduction
\$0 - \$9,354	\$0 - \$12,472	80%
\$9,355 - \$14,344	\$12,473 - \$21,827	50%
\$14,345 - \$23,385	\$21,828 - \$31,181	30%

## Community Development

### Emergency Housing Assistance Program

- [HUD Evictions Guidance](#)
- [Montana Emergency Rental Assistance Program](#)
- [Step-By-Step for People Facing Eviction \(USICH\)](#)
- [Tool to Help Families Experiencing Homelessness Claim Child Tax Credits \(USICH\)](#)

### Housing and Shelter Resources

#### Renter / Landlord / Homeowner

- [Montana Law Help](#) - free legal information and resources, or call 1-800-666-6899
- [Salvation Army of Missoula](#) - rent assistance, or call 406-549-0710
- [Women's Opportunity & Resource Development \(WORD\), Inc. of Missoula](#) - some limited rental assistance and other resources, call Kim Hope 406-544-1276
- [Homeward's Financial and Renter Programs](#)
- [The Montana Residential Landlord and Tenant Act](#)

#### Emergency Shelter

*During this time, please begin by calling one of the phone numbers below for assistance:*

- [Missoula Coordinated Entry System Access Points](#)
  - Poverello - 406-728-1809
  - Dial 2-1-1 or 406-549-5555, and ask to speak with an operator about your housing situation



### Affordable Housing Trust Fund

The Trust Fund is the tool to fund affordable housing and housing programs. Funded by the City, local partnerships and donations from individuals.



## **Recommended motion:**

Revoke Resolution 8149 entitled: A Resolution of the Missoula City Council Establishing a Property Tax Relief Fund for Individuals Disproportionally Affected by City Property Tax Increases, AKA “Betty's Fund.”

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