



Missoula Neighborhoods

FY22 NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT GRANT AWARDS

Housing, Redevelopment and Community Programs Committee

May 18, 2022 | Zoom

Purpose



- Our goal is to strengthen neighborhood participation and build opportunities for neighborhood communication, neighborhood-initiated projects and problem solving.
- Each year, the City Council allocates \$21,000 for NH Project Funds
- Grant recipients are awarded up to \$6,000
- Project must be within city limits and/or benefits city residents and has lasting benefits
- Project must be completed within a reasonable amount of time
- www.Missoula-neighborhoods.org

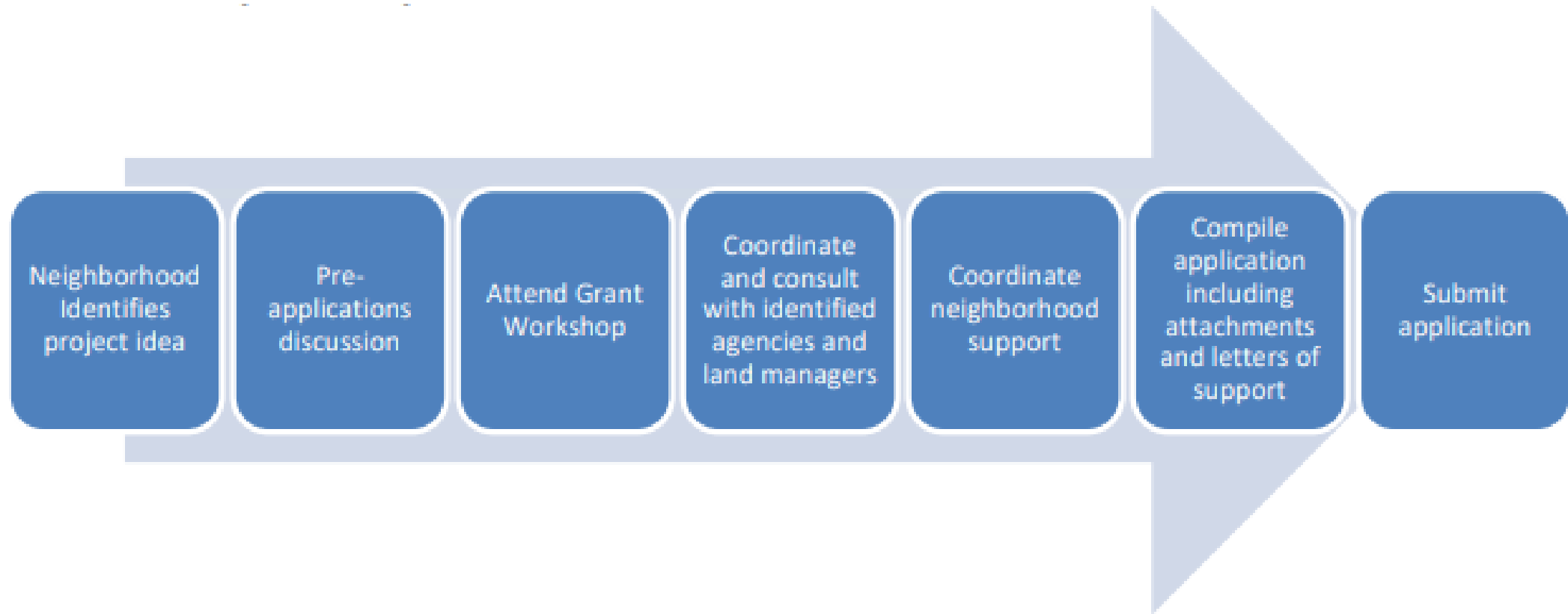
Ineligible Project Types

- Direct social services
- Ongoing general organizational support or overhead
- Direct grants, scholarships, or loans for the benefit of a specific individual
- Loans or debt
- Annual appeals or fundraisers
- Emergency funding
- Event insurance or alcohol permits
- Business promotion

Grant Process



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Grant Committee



- Leah Morrow, Heart of Missoula
- Colleen Biehl, Lewis & Clark
- Alex Fregerio, Miller Creek
- Bert Lindler, Grant Creek
- Jennifer Savage, Ward 1 City Council

Committee Timeline



- **March 18:** Grant Applications Submitted
- **April 1:** Internal Grant Review Comments Gathered
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Public Works & Mobility
 - Community Planning, Development, and Innovation
- **April 8:** Committee Grant Review Scoring Gathered
- **April 11:** First Grant Review Committee Meeting
- **April 15:** Second Grant Review Committee Meeting
 - Final Recommendation via email with unanimous support

Scoring Rubric



<u>Metric or Area</u>	<u>Total Possible Score</u>	<u>Percentage of Score</u>
Project Description: Clear Articulation of the project goals and the project vision	10	10%
Project Description: Physical Improvements	10	10%
Community Need: Demonstrated Community Need	15	15%
Community Benefit: Demonstrated Community Benefit	15	15%
Citizen Support: Demonstrated Community Engagement	20	20%
Project Feasibility: Demonstrated Financial Support	10	10%
Project Feasibility: Sustainability and Maintenance	10	10%
Project Feasibility: Project Schedule	10	10%

Applications



- Seven (7) applications were submitted
- Five (5) recommended for funding

Grant Project	Neighborhood	Funding Requested	Funding Recommended
3 rd Street Third Space	Riverfront	\$6,000	\$5,500
NS/WS Public Art & Placemaking	NS/WS	\$5,303.77	\$3,800
Ninkpata Park Preliminary Plan	Farviews/Pattee Canyon	\$6,000	\$5,300
Call for Street Art, Traffic Circles	Lewis & Clark	\$6,000	\$5,300
Bonner Park Improvements	University	\$6,000	\$1,100
Barrow Pit Trail Engineering Report	Upper Rattlesnake	\$2,000	\$0
Invermere Park Improvements	Miller Creek	\$4,500	\$0
Total:		\$35,803.77	\$21,000

Final Grant Scoring



Project Title	3rd Street Third Space	Barrow Pit Trail Engineering Report	Bonner Park Exercise Upgrades	Call for Street Art - Traffic Circles	Invermere Park Improvements	Ninkpata Park Preliminary Plan	NS/WS Public Art & Placemaking
Neighborhood	Riverfront	Upper Rattlesnake	University	Lewis & Clark	Miller Creek	Farview/Pattee Canyon	NS/WS
Metric or Area	<u>3rd Street Third Space</u>	<u>Barrow Pit Trail Engineering Report</u>	<u>Bonner Park Exercise Upgrades</u>	<u>Call for Street Art - Traffic Circles</u>	<u>Invermere Park Improvements</u>	<u>Ninkpata Park Preliminary Plan</u>	<u>NS/WS Public Art & Placemaking</u>
Total Points	551	462	470	471	282	526	545

From Highest to Lowest Scoring:

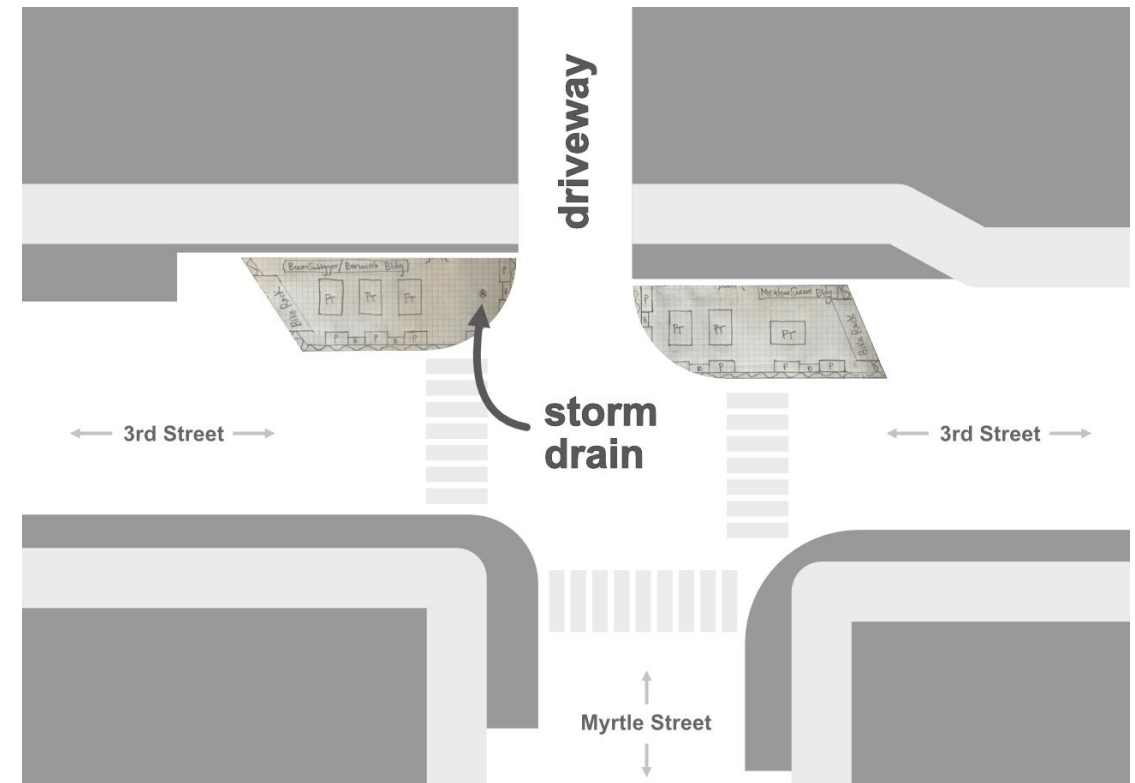
- 3rd Street Third Space: **551**
- NS/WS Public Art & Placemaking: **545**
- Ninkpata Park Preliminary Plan: **526**
- Call for Street Art – Traffic Circles: **471**
- Bonner Park Improvements: **470**
- Barrow Pit Trail Engineering Report: **462**
- Invermere Park Improvements: **282**

GRANT PROJECTS

3rd Street Third Space



- **Neighborhood:** Riverfront
- **Amount Requested:** \$6,000
- **Recommended Award:** \$5,500
- **Project:**
 - Improve safety and visual appearance of the traffic calming installation at the intersection of 3rd and Myrtle to create a “third space”
- **Project Comments:**
 - Highest scoring project
 - Connects to Neighborhood Greenway Project Priorities
 - Award adjusted to \$5,500



NS/WS Public Art & Placemaking

- **Neighborhood:** Northside/Westside
- **Amount Requested:** \$5,303.77
- **Recommended Award:** \$3,800
- **Project:**
 - One large street mural and three quick build traffic circle enhancement installations
- **Project Comments:**
 - High community benefit and engagement
 - Connects to Neighborhood Greenway Project Priorities
 - Award adjusted to \$3,800
 - Does not fund the other two circles and refreshments



Ninkpata Park Preliminary Plan

- **Neighborhood:**
Farviews/Pattee Canyon
- **Amount Requested:** \$6,000
- **Recommended Award:** \$5,300
- **Project:**
 - Topographic survey and preliminary design for Ninkpata Park
- **Project Comments:**
 - High community need and engagement
 - Connects to P&R Priorities
 - Award adjusted to \$5,300
 - P&R indicated that they will be able to assist with addressing this funding adjustment



Conceptual Master Plan
April 2019

Ninkpata Park
City of Missoula, MT

Call for Street Art (Traffic Circles)



- **Neighborhood:** Lewis & Clark
- **Amount Requested:** \$6,000
- **Recommended Award:** \$5,300
- **Project:**
 - Three quick-build circles – artist to complete fully painted traffic circle plus two designs for citizen-engagement art projects during the 2022 Sunday Streets
- **Project Comments:**
 - Great fit for NH, High community need and great community engagement with connection to Sunday Streets
 - Connects to Neighborhood Greenway Project Priorities
 - Award adjusted to \$5,300

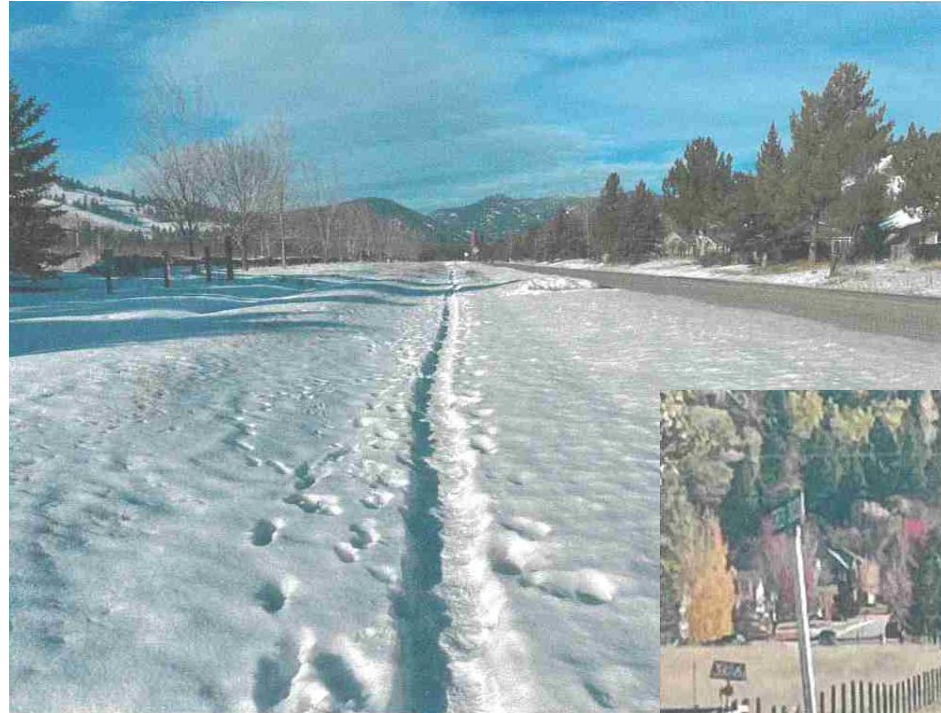
Bonner Park Upgrades

- **Neighborhood:** University
- **Amount Requested:** \$6,000
- **Recommended Award:** \$1,100
- **Project:**
 - Upgrades – pickleball courts and a preliminary study for the addition of outdoor exercise equipment
- **Project Comments:**
 - Pickleball painting very supported
 - Preliminary study does not connect with current P&R workplan
 - Award adjusted to \$1,100 to fully fund the pickleball painting, but not the preliminary design elements



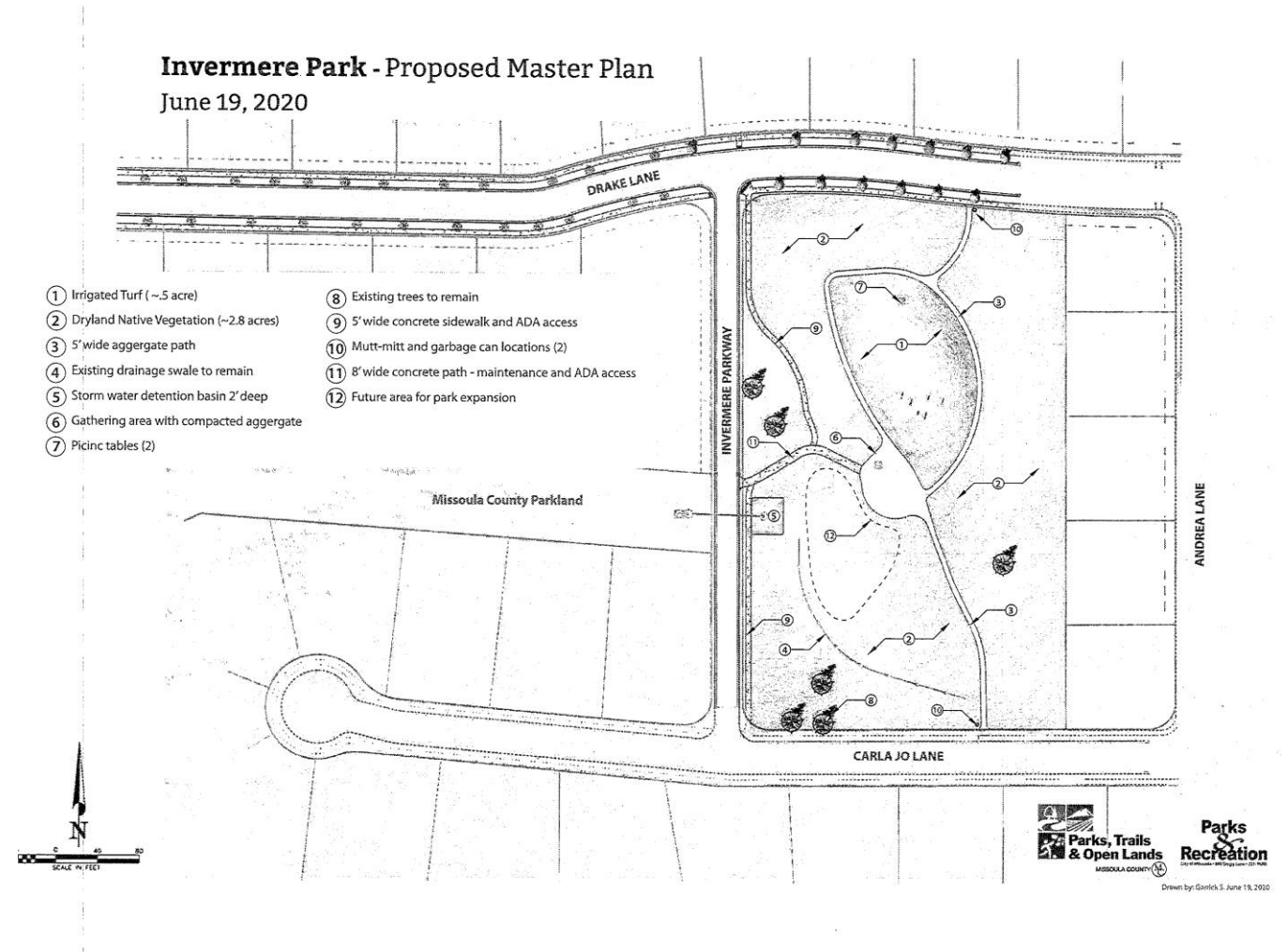
Barrow Pit Trail Engineering Report

- **Neighborhood:** Upper Rattlesnake
- **Amount Requested:** \$2,000
- **No Recommended Award**
- **Project:**
 - Engineering addendum for laying a gravel surface on the proposed Barrow Pit Trail
- **Project Comments:**
 - Community need and benefit is clear, however the project is not a high priority for transportation/engineering
 - Project was funded in 2010 (\$3,000 NH Grant Funds) with no movement forward – concern that these funds would not be effective
 - No funding at this time



Invermere Park Improvements

- **Neighborhood:** Miller Creek
- **Amount Requested:** \$4,500
- **No Recommended Award**
- **Project:**
 - Maintenance assistance for Invermere subdivision through the HOA
- **Project Comments:**
 - No communication or support from Miller Creek Leadership Team
 - Grant funds should be used for improvement projects, not maintenance focused projects
 - Would welcome future park improvement grants applications once park is fully mature
 - No funding at this time



Recommended Funding

- The grant committee is recommended funding for five (5) of the seven (7) grant applications that were submitted with partial funding for all five.
- **Recommended Motion:**
 - I move the City Council adopt a resolution of the City Council awarding \$21000 in Neighborhood Project Fund Grants for fiscal year 2022 to certain organizations and directing staff to negotiate contracts with said organizations for the Mayor's signature.

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