



**City of Missoula, Montana
City Council Committee Agenda Item**

Committee: Committee of the Whole

Item: Resolution Requesting Missoula County refer a Crisis Services Levy to Missoula County Voters

Date: July 21, 2022

Sponsor(s): Mayor's Office

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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 type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

Action Required:

Consider a resolution requesting Missoula County refer a Crisis Services Levy to Missoula County Voters.

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: adopt a resolution requesting the Missoula County Commission adopt a resolution and referral to the people of Missoula County for authorization of a crisis services levy to pay costs of services to support people experiencing mental health, addiction, or housing crisis, and to facilitate criminal justice reforms.

Timeline:

Committee discussion:	July 27, 2022
Council action (or sets hearing):	August 8, 2022
Public Hearing (if required):	N/A
Final Consideration	N/A
Deadline:	N/A

Background and Alternatives Explored:

The Missoula County Commissioners opened a public hearing on July 21 to consider a potential ballot initiative to fund crisis services. A coalition of local residents has requested City Council support for placing a crisis services levy on the ballot. This City Council resolution, if passed, will be submitted to the County as public comment in support of placing the Crisis Services Levy on the ballot in the November 2022 general election.

Coalition members recognize that local government has an increased role in providing services to support people experiencing mental health, addiction, or housing crisis, and to facilitate criminal justice reforms. Federal American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds allowed the City of Missoula and Missoula County to implement new programs and expand on existing ones to respond to people in crisis. After fiscal year 2023, ARPA funds will no longer be available. Missoula local government needs a dedicated funding source to continue support for our neighbors in crisis.

If the crisis services levy is placed on the ballot and passed by Missoula voters, the funds will be distributed to City and County programs via an interlocal agreement.

Financial Implications:

Potential dedicated funding source for crisis services

Links to external websites:

[Missoula County Voice](#)