



MRA Project Summary

January 13, 2023

Urban Renewal District: Front Street URD

City Council Ward: 1

Neighborhood: Heart of Missoula

Name of Project: Downtown Recycling Receptacles Funding Request

Project Location: Various locations in downtown

TIF Investment: \$14,640

Project Description: Partner with the City and the Downtown Business Improvement District for the purchase of 30 recycling containers for the downtown over a three-year period.

Cost Breakdown and Funding Sources:

BID	\$32,153
MRA/TIF	\$14,670
City of Missoula	\$9,000

Current District Sunset Date: 2046

Percent of Fiscal Year Available Contingency Funds Represented by the Request: .015%



MEMORANDUM

TO: MRA Board of Commissioners

FROM: Ellen Buchanan, Director *EB*

DATE: January 11, 2023

SUBJECT: Downtown Recycling Receptacles Funding Request
(Front Street URD/Ward 1)

The Downtown Business Improvement District (BID) Board received a request from the City of Missoula's Climate Action Specialist, Leigh Ratterman, to assist with the City's efforts to achieve the City Council initiative of "ZERO by FIFTY: Missoula's Pathway to Zero Waste". This is a policy that was adopted by the City Council in 2018 and diverting recycled materials from the landfill is a key component for success. There are currently 16 receptacles throughout the downtown area that are not up to standards for recycle containers and are at the end of their useful life. This upgrade is very comparable to when we replaced the old trash cans in downtown with the current Victor Stanley containers which will last for decades and help maintain the sense of place that is "Downtown Missoula". The new containers are steel, will be the recycling signature blue color, will be clearly labeled with "recycle" branding on the sides and lids and are part of the Victor Stanley line of street furniture already in use in downtown.

The goal is to replace the old containers and almost double the current inventory in areas with high pedestrian traffic. The request is for the purchase of 30 containers over three years with contributions from the City, the MRA and the BID. The cost per container is \$1,800, including shipping, with a 5% inflation factor built in for 2024 and 2025 purchases. The City will assist with the funding in the first year, MRA is being asked to assist for the first two years and the BID will contribute all three years. If the MRA Board approves this request, the plan is to purchase 15 new containers immediately with each entity providing \$9,000 this year. In 2024, 10 more containers will be purchased with the BID providing \$13,200 and the MRA providing \$5,670. The final 5 containers will be purchased solely by the BID in 2025 at a projected cost of \$9,923. The BID Board approved the entire \$32,153 to be expended over the three years at their December Board meeting and the City's contribution of \$9,000 was approved in the City's FY23 budget.

The eight containers proposed to be purchased through the use of TIF funding will be located in the Front Street URD, for a total of \$14,640 to be spent over two years. There is approximately \$1M in unobligated funds in that district, providing more than adequate

capacity to fund this request. MRA has invested a significant amount of TIF revenue in the downtown since the creation of the first urban renewal district in an effort to create the downtown that we have today and to maintain and improve that vitality. We are currently in the position of having to make those investments incrementally as individual projects come to MRA for funding assistance. Generally, that assistance involves improvements in the right of way such as curb extensions, street trees, pedestrian scale lighting and, in some cases, widening sidewalks to a more urban scale. This project will allow us to complete an investment in three years which will not only continue our efforts to transform the public realm but also assist the City in achieving its goal of ZERO by FIFTY on our path to sustainability.

This project will be managed by the BID and the Downtown Missoula Partnership staff. Jack Hall with the Downtown Missoula Partnership will be at the Board meeting to present this request and answer any questions that the Board might have.

City of Missoula Strategic Plan

This investment in the downtown meets the strategic goals in the City of Missoula Strategic Plan as follows:

- Community Design and Livability – “Develop and implement policies that establish shared design standards for utilities, transportation and green infrastructure.”
- Environmental Quality – “Partner to implement Zero by Fifty: Missoula’s Pathway to Zero Waste.”

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the MRA Board approve a total of \$14,670 to partner with the BID and the City to place 30 new recycling containers in the downtown with eight of those being located in the Front Street URD at a cost of \$14,670 and authorize staff to determine the best way to formalize this partnership and sign any required agreements with the BID.