



Application for Affordable Housing Citizen Oversight Committee

Please Note: All Applications Are Included In Council Packets And Are Published On The City Website.

If you have any questions or are unable to complete an online or paper application and would like to request an application interview, please contact Emily Harris-Shears by email: harris-shearse@ci.missoula.mt.us or call (406) 552-6394.

Date: <u>2/10/2021</u>	Application Deadline: <u>Wednesday, February 10, 2021 by 5pm</u>
Name: <u>Mistee Braun</u>	Pronouns: <u>She/Her/Hers</u> Learn more about sharing pronouns: https://lgbt.ucsf.edu/pronounsmatter
Street Address(if applicable):	Phone: <u>406-381-6864</u> Email Address: <u>misteeosbe@gmail.com</u>
Mailing Address (if applicable): <u>Same as above</u> Zip Code:	
How long have you lived in the City of Missoula? <u>Eight years</u>	
How long have you lived in the State of Montana? <u>26 years</u>	
What is your current living situation? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Renter <input type="checkbox"/> Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Living Arrangement <input type="checkbox"/> Staying with Family/Friends <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (please expand if you'd like) _____	
This committee will consist of nine (9) voting members and two (2) non-voting alternates. If you are not selected for a voting position, are you interested in an alternate position? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
What is your interest in serving on the Affordable Housing Citizen Oversight Committee? <u>as an active community member, I'm seeking to engage in the housing crisis that deeply affects so many Missoulians.</u>	

What skills and perspective will you bring to or draw on as a member of the Citizen Oversight Committee? Please include any experiences (lived and/or professional) or familiarity you have with affordable housing, zoning, funding, housing policy, or other relevant skills.

I've worked in the non-profit sector for close to six years, along side marginalized populations struggling to access Missoula's high-barrier housing. I also lived in low income housing while attending U of M.

Describe your vision of a successful Affordable Housing Citizen Oversight Committee.

A successful committee will identify community stakeholders, advocate/brainstorm/implement policy changes, and elicit citizen engagement.

Why, in your opinion, are people in our community (Black, Indigenous, People of Color, those with lower incomes, young people, elderly people, etc.) being disproportionately affected by the affordable housing crisis in Missoula?

Because even in a relatively low minority, idyllic Montana, implicit bias is an insidious force, impacting youth, low income, elderly demographics. These impacts are further perpetuated via historic and systemic constructs.

Please provide a brief summary of your background (such as life, work, educational, or volunteer experience that feels relevant to this opportunity).

I graduated from U of M in 2017 w/ a BS in Community Health and Prevention. I've worked with hard-to-house populations at Mountain Home Montana, Human Resource Council and Open aid.

On Monday, July 20, 2020 City Council adopted the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Ordinance and Funding Commitments Resolution. The Ordinance outlines the membership roles required for this committee. Please indicate below which roles apply to you.

Role (please select any that apply):

Community Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Community Member whose household has received assistance to secure or maintain housing within the last two years	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing non-profit	<input type="checkbox"/>
Name of Organization:	

Field of housing or real-estate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Name of Organization:	
Banking and/or finance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Name of Organization:	
Any other roles/affiliations you'd like to note: <i>currently working under a HUD funded grant to house homeless youth and women @ HRDC and also work w/ homeless mothers @ Mountain Home MT. :)</i>	
Please list two personal references:	
Name: <i>Shelly Ompalik</i>	Phone: <i>406-240-7396</i>
Name: <i>Emily Jensen</i>	Phone: <i>206-618-2701</i>

Agreement and Signature

I affirm that my application responses are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Name (typed or signature)	<i>[Signature]</i>
Date	<i>02/10/2021</i>

If you'd prefer, you can mail or deliver your completed application and attachments to:

City Clerk Office
435 Ryman St
Missoula, MT 59802

*Please note the City Clerk Office is currently closed to the public. There is a drop box located at the entrance to City Hall where you can place your materials.

Thank you for considering my application!