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Governor Bullock Announces Grant Awards to Montana Communities to Help Plan for Growth and Development

HELENA – Governor Steve Bullock and Montana Department of Commerce Director Meg O'Leary announced the award of \$169,750 to nine communities across Montana through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program at the Montana Department of Commerce.

"These grants help Montana's cities and counties plan for future growth and development in their regions," said Governor Bullock. "The projects we are funding will help our community leaders create long-term solutions to critical housing and infrastructure needs."

The CDBG planning grants will help cities and counties throughout Montana conduct various housing and public facility planning activities, such as the preparation of and updates to local growth policies, housing plans, capital improvement plans, and similar long-range planning documents. Several of the grants awarded will go to communities to complete Capital Improvements Plan and Growth Policies.

"These planning activities are essential for economic and community development success," said Director Meg O'Leary. "We are glad that the Bullock Administration is able to continue to fund these efforts throughout Montana's communities and ensuring responsible and resilient growth for the state as a whole."

RECIPIENTS OF CDBG GRANT FUNDS:

- Town of Columbus, \$30,000, Capital Improvements Plan (CIP)
- Sanders County, \$20,000, Completion of PAR for Noxon Senior Housing
- Mineral County, \$15,000, Update Growth Policy
- Phillips County, \$30,000, PAR for Senior Center & Transit Facility in Malta
- Town of Dodson, \$5,000, Capital Improvements Plan (CIP)
- City of Harlem, \$30,000, Housing Study for Harlem, Malta and Chinook
- City of Chinook, \$15,000, Housing Study for Harlem, Malta and Chinook
- Teton County, \$9,750, Growth Policy Update

- Judith Basin County, \$15,000, Growth Policy

“We are grateful to receive these funds from the State of Montana and appreciate their continued support of critical infrastructure planning elements for our community,” said Lesley Robinson, Phillips County Commissioner. “Because of this grant we will be able to examine the feasibility of a new senior center and transit facility in Phillips County.”

CDBG planning grants are made available annually for award by the Montana Department of Commerce through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Community Development Division at the Montana Department of Commerce awards planning grants to local government applicants. Each eligible entity may receive up to \$30,000 in CDBG planning grant funds, which require a 1:3 match with local or other funds.

More information on CDBG planning grants can be accessed through the Community Development Division website at www.comdev.mt.gov/CDBG, or by contacting Gus Byrom, Program Manager, at (406) 841-2777.

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