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Bullock Announces Grants to Improve Public Housing and Infrastructure for 20 Communities across Montana

HELENA – Governor Steve Bullock announced awards totaling more than \$400,000 to 20 communities across Montana through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program at the Montana Department of Commerce.

"From Kalispell to Miles City, cities and counties across Montana will be able to better plan for future growth and development," said Governor Bullock. "The projects will equip community leaders with the resources needed to 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 will go to Eastern Montana communities to assist them in planning for future impacts to public services and facilities as a result of the increase in oil and gas development.

The recipients of CDBG funds include:

- *Custer County,* \$15,000
- Dawson County, \$30,000
- Town of Flaxville, \$1,000
- *City of Glasgow, \$15,000*
- Miles City, \$15,000
- Sheridan County, \$18,000
- *Town of Westby, \$10,000*
- Town of Broadview, \$12,000
- Butte-Silver Bow, \$30,000
- *Carbon County*, \$30,000
- City of Deer Lodge, \$20,000
- City of Harlowton, \$15,000
- Town of Ennis, \$30,000
- *City of Kalispell*, \$30,000

- Lewis & Clark County, \$30,000
- *Meagher County,* \$29,682
- *City of Red Lodge*, \$20,000
- Sanders County, \$10,000
- Toole County, \$15,000
- Yellowstone County, \$30,000

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 http://comdev.mt.gov/CDBG/default.mcpx, or by contacting Community Development staff at (406) 841-2770 or DOCCDBG@mt.gov.

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