



PROJECT SUMMARIES

Housing and Neighborhood Activities

FY2010-2011

#	Organization Name	Project Name	\$ Requested
HN-01	City of Billings	CDBG Administration	\$175,000
<i>General CDBG administration expenditures and salary and benefits for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. CDBG resources also provide the resources for administration of other grants related to community development received by the City.</i>			
HN-02	City of Billings	HOME Administration	\$65,000
<i>General HOME administration expenditures and salary and benefits for the HOME Program Coordinator.</i>			
HN-03	City of Billings	Professional Services	\$20,000
<i>Funding is requested for professional services to assist the Community Development Division in contracting needed services to manage the Division, including: management support for the AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) project; grantee sub-recipient monitoring, and other audit functions as recommended by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Community Development Division staff.</i>			
HN-04	City of Billings	Housing Rehabilitation	\$300,000
<i>Housing rehabilitation assistance is available to low and moderate income homeowners. This program is intended to revitalize established neighborhoods and improve the City's affordable housing stock by providing financing options to eligible homeowners. The Low Interest Loans provide an affordable home improvement financing options for homeowners who are at or below 80% of the area median income. The Deferred Loans are intended for very low-to-low income applicants (below 60% of the area median income).</i>			
HN-05	City of Billings	Affordable Housing Development	\$300,000
<i>The Affordable Housing Support program provides grants or deferred loans as gap financing to developers for affordable housing projects. These projects can range from multi-family apartments to single-family developments.</i>			
HN-06	City of Billings	First Time Homebuyer Program	\$500,000
<i>Assists low to moderate income first time home buyers with down payment and closing costs. Assistance is based on household size and income.</i>			
HN-07	City of Billings	Community Housing Development Orgs	\$82,000
<i>A minimum of 15% of the HOME annual allocation is required by HUD to be reserved for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) for new housing development activities.</i>			
HN-08	City of Billings	Minor Home Repair Program	\$100,000
<i>The City of Billings offers a Minor Home Repair Program for low and very low income homeowners. This program is intended to revitalize established neighborhoods and preserve the existing affordable housing stock through the completion of emergency repairs to stick built homes and essential repairs to mobile/ manufactured housing.</i>			
HN-09	City of Billings	Paint Program	\$10,000
<i>Funds will be used to assist up to 5 low-income homeowners with exterior painting projects to their owner-occupied stick built or mobile / manufactured homes. The maximum assistance for supplies and labor for each project is \$2,000 and will incorporate the use of lead-safe work methods if needed.</i>			
HN-10	Living Independently for Today and Tomorrow	Wheelchair Ramps	\$12,500
<i>Funding would be used to utilize licensed contractors to build wheelchair ramps in the Billings city limits for people with limited mobility thus increasing their independence and access in their homes and communities.</i>			

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HN-11	Rebuilding Together Yellowstone County	Rebuilding Together - 2010 Projects	\$10,000
	<i>Rebuilding Together preserves affordable housing by making minor home repairs, including weatherization, replacement of windows, removal of health and safety hazards, and replacement furnaces – to families who are low income and who are homeowners.</i>		
HN-12	Housing Authority of Billings	Section 8 Deposit Assistance	\$15,000
	<i>Funds will provide security deposit grants to Section 8 participants in need of security deposit assistance to secure housing. Tenants are required to contribute 50% of the deposit of their own funding.</i>		
HN-13	City of Billings	Property Management	\$20,000
	<i>Funds will be used to pay existing SIDs and maintain weeds and snow on property previously acquired through the CDBG Program. These properties are primarily located along South 27th Street, the Kings Green Subdivision and the Neighborhood Stabilization Program for property management.</i>		
HN-14	City of Billings	Special Assessment Grants Program	\$50,000
	<i>Funds will be used to provide grant funds to lower income households impacted by Special Improvement District assessments for public improvements in lower income areas, such as curb, gutter & sidewalk projects. As Special Improvement Districts are formed and assessed to property taxes, these funds are utilized to pay off SIDs for lower income residents.</i>		
			\$1,659,500



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Public Service Activities

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#	Organization Name	Project Name	\$ Requested
PS-1	Big Sky Senior Services	Prevention of Elder Abuse	\$30,000
<p><i>CDBG funds will be used to pay for part of the salary of our social workers, who provide investigative and case management services. They also connect elders and developmentally disabled adults with other services in our community, and function as representative payees.</i></p>			
PS-2	Big Sky Senior Services	Senior Helping Hands	\$30,000
<p><i>Provide assistance to the low-income seniors currently on a waiting list, including homemaking, meal preparation, shopping, laundry, bathing/personal hygiene, and home safety inspections to help them remain in their homes, living independently for as long as possible.</i></p>			
PS-3	Community Housing Resource Board	Fair Housing Education and Outreach	\$30,000
<p><i>Funds will be spent on direct services to consumers in the form of workshops and distribution of fair housing materials, on preparation and distribution of fair housing materials including PSA's and news articles, and on data collection activities designed to create a community-wide picture of fair housing issues in the community.</i></p>			
PS-4	Easter Seals - Goodwill Northern Rocky Mtn	Pediatric Therapy and PLAY Project	\$25,175
<p><i>To help low-income children with autism and other disabilities receive occupational therapy, speech therapy and in-home PLAY (Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters) autism intervention.</i></p>			
PS-5	Family Service, Inc.	Rent & Utility Assistance	\$30,000
<p><i>Assisting low-income families with past due portions of rent / mortgage & utilities to avoid eviction and utility shutoff which allows families to be able to stay in their homes. All granted funds (100%) will be applied to and restricted for direct service program.</i></p>			
PS-6	Friendship House of Christian Service	Summer Enrichment Program	\$15,000
<p><i>The Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) is a comprehensive, youth development program that serves disadvantaged children ages 4-12 living in Billings' South Side neighborhood, as well as the homeless children living in the Women's & Family Shelter and enrolled in the Interfaith Hospitality Network. Funds will be used to defer costs associated with operating the program such as fees for enrichment activities, supplies, transportation expenses, and staff wages.</i></p>			
PS-7	Interfaith Hospitality Network	Shelter Assistance Program	\$30,000
<p><i>To ensure long-term success as IHN clients are placed into permanent housing, there is a need to subsidize rent, to make deposits with landlords, and to place deposits with utility companies. This proposal will provide the "gap" that families can afford to pay (based on 30% of AMI for rent), and will also assist in the required deposits. These funds will assist homeless families in finding safe, sanitary, and adequate housing once they have completed the network's 8-week program – or upon completion of their 12 month lease agreement with the "Housing First" Transitional Housing project.</i></p>			
PS-8	City of Billings	Tree Planting & Removal Program	\$30,000
<p><i>Assistance to low income homeowners with a dangerous or diseased tree on their property. This program is available to help pay for the cost of tree trimming and /or removal. For those homeowners interested in replacing a tree, a matching grant may be available. This program can be used in conjunction with the Minor Home Repair and the Housing Rehabilitation programs.</i></p>			
			\$220,175