

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between Yellowstone County and the City of Billings

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made between Yellowstone County (“County”) and the City of Billings (“City”) (collectively “the Parties”).

PURPOSE:

The Montana Opioid Abatement Trust (MOAT) provides funds to reduce the harm caused by opioid misuse and addiction in Montana through prevention, treatment, and recovery initiatives. The purpose of this MOU is to establish the terms and conditions for the MOAT funds that, if appropriated, will be distributed by the Parties to address opioid issues in Yellowstone County and the City of Billings. A flow chart of the MOAT application is attached as Exhibit A.

ADMINISTRATION:

The Parties have created a 7-person committee to oversee the allocation of the grant funding including representatives from both the County, the City, and other interested parties. The initial members of the committee will be:

- Brad Mansur – Patrol Sergeant, City of Billings Police Department;
- Sam Bofto – Undersheriff, Yellowstone County Sheriff’s Office;
- Eric Owen - Vice President of Public Health, Riverstone;
- Steve Williams – Chief In-House Counsel, Yellowstone County Attorney’s Office;
- Rod Ostermiller – Executive Director, Mental Health Center;
- Jason Banfield – Assistant Fire Chief, Billings Fire Department; and
- Chantel Anderson; Deputy City Attorney, Billings City Attorney’s Office.

The chair of the committee will be Eric Owen. These members and the chair of the committee are subject to change.

DURATION:

The duration of this agreement will begin at the date of signatures. It is the intent of the parties to automatically renew the agreement every five years, as long as there are grant opportunities through the MOAT.

TERMINATION

It is anticipated that funding for the committee will be provided by a grant from the MOAT. In the event that the funding is exhausted, not approved, or not renewed, the agreement will be terminated. Additionally, either party may determine that it does not want to seek the renewal of the funding through the MOAT application, thereby terminating the MOU once the already-appropriated funding is exhausted.

CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA

By _____
William A. Cole, Mayor

BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY,
MONTANA

By _____
JOHN OSTLUND, CHAIRMAN

By _____
DONALD JONES, MEMBER

By _____
MARK MORSE, MEMBER

M.O.A.T Application Flow Chart

EXHIBIT A

