



Downtown Billings
Partnership

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City of Billings Planning and Community Services
Attn: Andy Zoeller
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Request for TIF Assistance - Billings Depot Inc

Dear, Andy -

The DBP is hereby submitting a request for TIF assistance on behalf of the Billings Depot Inc, the Nonprofit that manages the Depot campus on behalf of the City of Billings, for a project in the Expanded North 27th Street Urban Renewal District.

The project involves rehabilitation efforts of the 2310 Montana Avenue campus with mostly exterior work but some interior upgrades as well. Since its 2000 restoration, the exterior doors have been failing lately, which is a security hazard for employees and events attendees within the campus. The concrete walkways have had their share of wear and tear due to the weather as well as near miss car accidents. The building's roof is in need of attention. The historic wood flooring is in need of maintenance. Finally, the Historic Post building is in need of several improvements for safety and energy efficiency enhancements. The good news, the Billings Depot Inc has secured three grants to cover the bulk of the work.

The total project cost is \$570,000 but the request for TIF assistance is for \$80,000 toward the cement walkways. The Board of Directors of the DBP support this project & recommend approval. This project complies with the Montana Code Annotated in terms of eligible expenses. Furthermore, this project conforms with many goals & elements of the Urban Renewal Plan as well as the Downtown Billings Strategic Plan to contribute toward a safer campus and recruitment of events/activities to downtown. This will ensure a Historic asset like the Depot is preserved, maintained, and well kept to keep up with the demand of activating that campus as a robust venue for downtown events.

The DBP is requesting a position for review by the Billings City Council during its regular meeting Monday, August 26th.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mehmet Casey, Development Director | Downtown Billings Partnership