

BUDGET AMENDMENT FORM

City of Billings, Montana

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Council Member Name(s):	Tom Rupsis
Fund Name:	General Fund
Amendment Number:	Rupsis 1
Fiscal year	FY 2026

AMENDMENT TEXT:

I move to allocate up to \$10,000 from the Council Contingency fund for the design of a city housing program.

PURPOSE:

Staff has recommended that Council dedicate some effort and funds towards understanding how best a housing program could be designed to fit the needs of Billings. Every effort would be made to make connections and hold virtual meetings with comparable cities that have successful programs. However, even in today's world, sometimes there is enormous value in in-person visits. If so, these funds would be used to pay for that travel.

This allocation would be funded by ending the City's membership in the National League of Cities & Towns thereby reducing the Mayor & Council Operations budget by \$10,000 and increasing the Council Contingency budget by \$10,000.

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Council Member Name(s):	Tom Rupsis
Fund Name:	Council Contingency
Amendment Number:	Rupsis 2
Fiscal year	FY 2026

AMENDMENT TEXT:

I move to allocate up to \$5,000 from the Council Contingency Fund to support our Boards and Commissions and their efforts to engage with the community.

PURPOSE:

Several of our boards and commissions could benefit from a small fund that could be used to support engaging with the community. For example, the fund could be used to pay a registration fee so that the Citizens Police Advisory Board could have a table at HarvestFest. It could be used for the Human Rights Commission to create printed materials that could be distributed to at-risk audiences. It could be used to send a Parks Board or BPAC member to the MT Trails, Recreation, Parks Association annual meeting.

Boards and Commissions that wish to request funds from this allocation should submit an annual report and budget to Council for approval. If approved, the City Administrator would be authorized to pay for expenses without further Council involvement.