

BUDGET AMENDMENT FORM

City of Billings, Montana

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Council Member Name(s):	Budget and Finance Committee
Fund Name:	
Amendment Number:	BFC 1
Fiscal year	FY 2027

AMENDMENT TEXT:

Reduce Mayor & Council – Council Contingency from \$35,000 in the proposed budget to \$5,000.
Increase City Administration – Management and Professional Development by \$30,000. This is a net \$0 change in the General Fund.

PURPOSE:

This funding will provide the opportunity for staff to pursue advanced degrees and education that will allow them to advance their careers at the City of Billings. Specifically this is designed to provide education opportunities to staff so that we can develop a workforce that is available to step up to the next level and allow for good succession planning at the City.

This amendment was recommended by the BFC 5-0

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Council Member Name(s):	Budget and Finance Committee
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Amendment Number:	BFC 2
Fiscal year	FY 2027

AMENDMENT TEXT:

Reduce the Downtown Tax Increment Budget for administration from \$258,102 to \$183,850.

PURPOSE:

This amendment will allow for more funds to be used for development projects, and reduce the amount of costs associated with administering the district. This amendment would make the administration cost of all three TIF districts to a combined total of \$450,000.

This amendment was recommended by the BFC 4-1

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Council Member Name(s):	Budget and Finance Committee
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Amendment Number:	BFC 3
Fiscal year	FY 2027

AMENDMENT TEXT:

Increase the Cooperative Safety budget in the Downtown TIF and BID to be split 50/50.

PURPOSE:

The current proposed budget has \$86K budgeted in the Downtown TIF for the Cooperative Safety program. This covered about 25% of the program costs. The DBP recommended that the budget be increased in the TIF district to cover 75% and the BID board work plan recommendation is to cover the remaining 25%. The BFC is recommending that the Downtown TIF budget for Cooperative Safety be increased to cover 50% rather than the DBP recommendation of 75%. This amendment will result in an increase in both the TIF fund and the BID assessment from the FY27 proposed budget. The TIF and BID would each contribute approximately \$204,000 towards Cooperative Safety.

This amendment was recommended by the BFC 5-0

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Amendment Number:	BFC 4
Fiscal year	FY 2027

AMENDMENT TEXT:

Reduce the City Legal department budget by the cost of 1 FTE, by removing the paralegal from the FY27 budget.

PURPOSE:

The BFC would like to see more data demonstrating the funding of the two vacant positions in the Legal department. Without this explanation, the BFC is recommending only one of the positions, the Deputy City Attorney.

This amendment was recommended by the BFC 4-1

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Council Member Name(s):	Budget and Finance Committee
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Amendment Number:	BFC 5
Fiscal year	FY 2027

AMENDMENT TEXT:

Remove the Commercial Code Enforcement Officer and related costs from the FY27 budget. If tax revenue is sufficient, when known in the fall, bring back a budget amendment to consider adding it back in.

PURPOSE:

This amendment will reduce the Code Enforcement budget by the cost of the Commercial Code Enforcement Officer. However, if there is sufficient tax revenue related to new construction to justify the additional costs, Council should consider adding these funds back into the FY27 budget at that time.

This amendment was recommended by the BFC 5-0