

**Department New Request Form  
Fiscal Year 2024**

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|---|--------------|---|
| <b>Program</b>          | Public Works              | <b>Title of New Request:</b><br><br>Water Rights Consulting | <b>Rank:</b> | 3 |
| <b>Department</b>       | Water                     |   |              |   |
| <b>Request Category</b> | Baseline Adjustment       |   |              |   |
| <b>Request Rating</b>   | Required                  |   |              |   |
| <b>Department Goal</b>  | Access to Quality Housing |   |              |   |

**1. How will request assist in achieving Department Goal and benefit the customer**

Missoula Water desires to preserve the value of existing unused water rights, while also facilitating growth in areas of town that have inadequate water supplies or water rights. This will protect previous investments in system water rights and also facilitate the development of new housing to help meet the City's housing shortage.

**2. What specifically is needed to achieve this goal?**

Missoula Water recently selected a Water Rights consulting attorney through an RFQ process. This request seeks to transfer unused water rights at the Pattee Creek wells, which have been decommissioned, to another location. The new location would be the Haugan Wells in the Miller Creek valley. This is an area of town where Missoula Water has inadequate water rights to support any new growth. New developments in the area (ex. Riverfront Trails) are being required to provide additional water rights. This request would allow Missoula Water to provide additional water rights that could be utilized by infill developments.

**3. Cost Impact of New Program:**

| Account #                | Item                  | Qty | Unit Cost | Requested One-Time | Requested Ongoing | FY 2024 Unfunded | FY 2024 Funded | Proposed FY 2025 Ongoing |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Ongoing Expenses</b>  |                       |     |           |                    |                   |                  |                |                          |
|                          |                       |     |           |                    | —                 | —                | —              | —                        |
|                          |                       |     |           |                    | —                 | —                | —              | —                        |
|                          |                       |     |           |                    | —                 | —                | —              | —                        |
|                          |                       |     |           |                    | —                 | —                | —              | —                        |
|                          |                       |     |           |                    | —                 | —                | —              | —                        |
|                          |                       |     |           |                    | —                 | —                | —              | —                        |
|                          |                       |     |           |                    | —                 | —                | —              | —                        |
| <b>One-time Expenses</b> |                       |     |           |                    |                   |                  |                |                          |
| 5210.335.430550.350      | Professional Services | 1   | 100000    | 100,000            |                   | 100,000          | —              | —                        |
|                          |                       |     |           | —                  |                   | —                | —              | —                        |
|                          |                       |     |           | —                  |                   | —                | —              | —                        |
|                          |                       |     |           | —                  |                   | —                | —              | —                        |
| <b>Expense Sub-Total</b> |                       |     |           | <b>100,000</b>     | —                 | <b>100,000</b>   | —              | —                        |

**Revenue Offset:**

| Account #                | Tx | Revenue Description       | Proposed Onetime Revenue | Proposed Ongoing Revenue |
|--------------------------|----|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 5210                     |    | Existing development fees | 100,000                  |                          |
|                          |    |                           |                          |                          |
| <b>Revenue Sub-Total</b> |    |                           | <b>100,000</b>           | -                        |

**4. What sort of data will be used to report results and outcomes of request?**

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| This request should result in the transfer of water rights to the Haugan well that will then allow Public Works staff to approve new developments in an area where new developments currently cannot be permitted due to lack of water rights. | <b>Requested/Proposed Funding Source</b> |                 |                |
|  |  | <b>One-time</b> | <b>Ongoing</b> |
|  | <b>Tax or Assessment</b>                 | -               | -              |
|  | <b>Non-tax</b>                           | 100,000         | -              |
|  | <b>Fund Balance</b>                      | -               | -              |
|  | <b>Total</b>                             | 100,000         | -              |