

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

City of Missoula CIP Project Request/Update Form FY 2026 - 2030

Department Listing		New or Update	Required	Delay	Project Title		
O8	of 35	Update	Is this project Required?	Can project be delayed?	Downtown Lions		
Project Rating	Department		Yes	Yes			
	Culture & Recreation						
Plan	Parks & Recreation	Is the project APPROVED for Fiscal Year 2026?				FUNDED?	

Summary Description and rationale of project and funding sources:

Downtown Lions Park is part of the adopted North Riverside Parks and Trails Master Plan. The park's location at the intersection of Ron's River Trail and the California Street Pedestrian Bridge and adjacent to a riparian area positions it as an important neighborhood hub. However, the park faces issues of public safety and environmental hazards. Second, a lack of connectivity on Ron's River Trail limits usefulness of the portion of the trail through the park, and makes it important to consider larger connectivity (addressed with the Flynn Lowney/ West Broadway River Corridor Project). Since plan adoption, additional feasibility studies, partnerships, and public input have informed an evolved plan concept. Proposed improvements include a basketball half court, an active play space, a portalet, art, and lighting.

History & Current Status: Impact if Cancelled or Delayed

The North Riverside Parks and Trails Master Plan was developed in 2020. In 2021, Native Americans Against Drugs & Alcohol (NAADA) selected the park as a space to improve community health outcomes. NAADA, Parks & Recreation, and the University of Montana applied for a grant for the park that was not funded. Parks & Recreation, NAADA, and All Nations Health Center partnered with Great Western Recreation to receive discounted park amenities. In 2022, Parks and Recreation hosted a series of listening sessions with All Nations Health Center and Youth Homes. The project stalled due to a shortfall in funding, but design development will continue alongside the Flynn Lowney/West Broadway River Corridor Project in FY26.

Are there any site requirements/ Potentially Affected Interest (PAI) Coordination:

Coordination with the Flynn Lowney/ West Broadway River Corridor Project is necessary since these projects are complementary.

How is this project going to be funded:

Funding Source	Prior Years Funding	Yr. 1. budget FY2026	Unappropriated subsequent years			
MRA	140,000		FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
TBD			350,000			
Impact Fees			Impact Fees			
Type	Approval	Date	Amount	Amounts		
Parks	Yes	06/07/2022	150,000			
			290,000	-	350,000	-

How is this project going to be spent:

Budgeted Funds	Accounting Code	Prior Year Expenses	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
A. Land	4081.370.460400.930.234	-					
B. Buildings		-					
C. Improvements		-		640,000			
D. Machinery & Equipment		-					
E. Percent for Art?			-				
Total		-	-	640,000	-	-	-

History of project and amount left yet to expend

Total Funded to date	Exps through FY24	FY25 Exps	Amount yet to expend	Description of history (Optional)
\$290,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$-	\$287,000.00	

Is this equipment prioritized on an equipment replacement schedule?

Is there going to be ongoing Operating and/or Maintenance costs upon completion of the project?

(account for operational savings and/or reduction in current budget of previous operating/maintenance charges)

Expense Object	Accounting Code	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
A Personnel						
B Supplies						
C Purchased Services						
D Fixed Charges						
E Capital Outlay						
F Debt Service						
G (Operational Savings)						
		-	-	-	-	-

NOTE: Approval of the CIP does not indicate approval of the ongoing operating and maintenance costs. Those costs must be submitted as a "New Request" in the regular budget process. This will ensure the coordination exists between the CIP and the new request

Description of additional operating budget impact:

Operating Impacts will be developed as actual construction is detailed on site.

Responsible Person:	Responsible Department:	Date Submitted to Finance	Today's Date and Time	Preparer's Initials
Lucy Rummler	Parks and Recreation			