

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

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

Department Listing		New or Update	Required	Delay	Project Title		
U6	of 21	Update	Is this project Required?	Can project be delayed?	West Broadway River Corridor		
Project Rating	Department		Yes	No			
	Culture & Recreation						
Required	Parks & Recreation		Is the project APPROVED for Fiscal Year 2026?				FUNDED?

Summary Description and Rationale of project and funding sources.

In Sept. 2021, through collaboration with Clark Fork Coalition, Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks (MFWP) and Trout Unlimited (TU), the City purchased the Flynn-Lowry Ditch which drew water from the Clark Fork River. The City has ceased use of this irrigation ditch and is required to remove irrigation infrastructure from the floodplain. The City, TU & MFWP recognize that this project has numerous environmental, recreational, and social equity benefits. The City and partners are embarking on a multi-year, multi-faceted project to develop and implement a holistic vision for this 1/2 mi. of urban and severely impacted section of the Clark Fork River. This project will include components of the W. Broadway Master Plan, N. Riverfront Parks & Trails Plan, CF River Access & Restoration project and Long Range Transportation Plan. The section of Ron's River Trail from Riverfront triangle (orange Street bridge) to Burton Street is either non-existent or follows a 6' wide sidewalk adjacent to Broadway. This is an important section of trail to construct in order to connect the west broadway neighborhood with downtown and the other portions for the commuter trail system. This portion of the trail is part of the Flynn Lowry RFP to explore options for creating this trail connection in a very constrained area. Funding for this project will come from multiple sources including URD funds, MPR & PWM operating budgets, grants & donations. FY24 and FY25 funding is to initiate the planning process. Once scoping and planning work complete, estimated design and construction costs will be identified. In March of 2022, the MRA board committed up to \$300K (with the ability to ask for more) to fund master planning and preliminary engineering (including construction costs estimates) for the project. Prior year funding is appropriated for expense in FY25 via the FY25 Parks CIP update form. In May of 2025, the MRA board approved an additional \$60K to conduct technical modeling to determine feasibility of permitting & building several key features identified in the Master planning process. A Fall 2025, adoption of the master plan is anticipated.

History & Current Status: Impact if Cancelled or Delayed

The City, as the current owner of the Flynn Lowney Ditch, is liable and required to maintain or remove irrigation infrastructure from the floodplain. This same irrigation infrastructure has facilitated significant bank destabilization adjacent to Civic Stadium that is threatening an arterial commuter trail and the stadium. This 100-ft wide destabilized bank has been eroding at a rate of approx. 5ft./yr. It is approximately 12ft. from the arterial commuter trail. Irrigation infrastructure has also negatively impacted the function of the Silver's park boat ramp. Addressing irrigation infrastructure will require significant cofferdams and temporary rerouting of the Clark Fork River. Project partners have agreed that there are multiple other opportunities to improve river health & public recreation while implementing the intricate and required removal of irrigation infrastructure.

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

How is this project going to be funded?

How is this project going to be funded:						
Funding Source	Prior Years Funding	Yr. 1. budget		Unappropriated subsequent years		
		FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
MRA	360,000	300,000				
Impact Fees				Impact Fees		
Type	Approval	Date	Amount	Amounts		
			360,000	300,000	-	-

How is this project going to be spent

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Budgeted Funds	Accounting Code	Prior Year Appropriations	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
A. Land		-				
B. Buildings		-				
C. Improvements	4083	-	450,000			
D. Machinery & Equipment		-	—			
E. Percent for Art?			100,000			

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)
\$360,000.00	\$—	\$—	\$360,000.00	

Is there going to be ongoing Operating and/or Maintenance?

(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 project.~~

Description of additional operating budget impact:

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Responsible Person:	Responsible Department:	Date Submitted to Finance	Today's Date and Time	Preparer's Initials
Morgan Valliant	Parks & Recreation			