

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

Department Priority		New or Update	Required	Delay	Project Title	
1	of 3	New	Is this project Required?	Can project be delayed?	Pattee Creek Public Education and Wetland Enhancement	
Project Rating	Department				Yes	Yes
	Public Works					
Efficiency	Storm Water		Is the project APPROVED for Fiscal Year 2026?			FUNDED?

Summary Description and rationale of project and funding sources:

The Cutthroat Corner project will revitalize a stormwater detention basin on the University of Montana campus, originally constructed in 2003 and renamed in 2023 to highlight the presence of the pure-strain West Slope Cutthroat Trout, a state species of concern. The project will enhance the site's ecological function through the construction of wetland benches, regrading, and the addition of culturally significant native plants such as Camas. Designed as a multifunctional outdoor classroom, the space will support environmental education for K-12 students, homeschoilers, university students, and local residents—particularly those from disadvantaged neighborhoods. This effort will promote hands-on learning in stormwater management, wetland ecology, and native plant restoration while fostering environmental awareness and cultural connection. This will be funded through an EPA grant with a local match.

History & Current Status: Impact if Cancelled or Delayed

Cutthroat Corner, originally built in 2003 as the Pattee Creek Grit Chamber, was designed to manage stormwater and reduce flooding in Missoula's South Hills area. While it continues to serve this purpose, the site remains ecologically underperforming due to steep slopes and limited vegetation, and its potential as an educational resource is currently untapped. The proposed improvements would enhance habitat, support the native West Slope Cutthroat Trout, and create valuable learning opportunities for students and local residents. While a delay wouldn't result in immediate harm, it would mean another year of missed educational programming, continued habitat decline, and a loss of momentum in community engagement and restoration planning. Implementing the project this year allows us to build on current interest, align with seasonal conditions for planting, and start realizing long-term benefits sooner.

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

Coordination with The University of Montana.

How is this project going to be funded:

Funding Source	Prior Years Funding	Yr. 1. budget	Unappropriated subsequent years			
		FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
Grant/Donation/Private Funding		22,500				
Storm Water		7,500				

Impact Fees

Type	Approval	Date	Amount	Impact Fees			
				Amounts			
			—	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

How is this project going to be spent:

Budgeted Funds	Accounting Code	Prior Year Expenses	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
A. Land							
B. Buildings							
C. Improvements	5450.334.430239.930.???		30,000				
D. Machinery & Equipment			—				
E. Percent for Art?							
Total		—	30,000	—	—	—	—

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)		
\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—			

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	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:

Potential additional maintenance maybe required.

Responsible Person:	Responsible Department:	Date Submitted to Finance	Today's Date and Time	Preparer's Initials	
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