

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

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

Department Priority		New or Update	Required	Delay	Project Title		
2	of 4				Is this project Required?	Can project be delayed?	High Park Drainage System Improvements Phase 1
Project Rating	Department	New	Yes	No			
	Public Works						
Efficiency	Storm Water	Is the project APPROVED for Fiscal Year 2026?		FUNDING?			
Summary Description and rationale of project and funding sources:							
<p>The High Park Stormwater Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) aims to identify necessary improvements to the High Park drainage system in Missoula's South Hills. This natural drainageway receives both stormwater runoff and clean, cold spring water from the surrounding hillside, making it an ecologically valuable corridor as well as a key part of the City's stormwater infrastructure. The project area is currently experiencing significant erosion due to steep terrain, undersized culverts, and unstable streambanks. These conditions threaten nearby homes, increase flood risk, and contribute to the degradation of soil and water quality. By stabilizing the drainageway through measures such as streambank restoration, check dams, and wetland creation, the project will mitigate flooding, improve climate resilience, and enhance an important urban wildlife refuge. These improvements will also help the City reduce emergency response costs and shift toward more sustainable, proactive stormwater management. This funded through two different grants MCEP and DNRC. Stormwater funding is to help minimize delays. Future phases would seek further funding.</p>							
History & Current Status: Impact if Cancelled or Delayed							
<p>The High Park drainage has long served a dual role as both a natural stream and a stormwater conveyance system, but increased development and more frequent extreme weather events have placed growing pressure on this fragile corridor. Erosion has worsened in recent years, with visible downcutting, sediment loss, and bank instability occurring even during minor storm events. While a delay in the project wouldn't result in immediate catastrophic failure, the current trajectory points to continued infrastructure strain, ongoing property risk for nearby residents, and escalating maintenance costs for the City. Delaying action would also miss the opportunity to implement ecological improvements that could enhance habitat and water quality. Addressing these issues now allows the City to get ahead of compounding damage, better protect public safety, and restore a natural asset before problems become more complex and costly to fix.</p>							
Are there any site requirements/ Potentially Affected Interest (PAI) Coordination:							
How is this project going to be funded:							
Funding Source			Prior Years	Yr. 1. budget	Unappropriated subsequent years		
			Funding	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
Grant/Donation/Private Funding				\$ 60,000			
Storm Water				\$ 25,000			
Impact Fees							
Type Approval Date Amount			Impact Fees				
			Amounts				
			—	\$ 85,000	\$ —	\$ —	
How is this project going to be spent:							
Budgeted Funds		Accounting Code		Prior Year Expenses	FY2026	FY2027	
A. Land		5450.334.430235.930.251		—	85,000	FY2028	
B. Buildings				—	—	FY2029	FY2030
C. Improvements				25,454	—	—	—
D. Machinery & Equipment				—	—	—	—
E. Percent for Art?				—	—	—	—
Total			25,454	85,000	—	—	
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)		
		\$—	\$25,454.04	\$(25,454.04)			
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	
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:							
Responsible Person: Preparer's Initials							
Responsible Department: RA		Date Submitted to Finance		Today's Date and Time			
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