

Department New Request Form
Fiscal Year 2026

Program	Public Works	Title of New Request:	Rank:	9
Department	Water			
Request Category	New Request/Service/Feature	Aquifer Sustainability Study Phase 2		
Request Rating	Expand Level of Service			
Department Goal	Insure future water supply	# of FTE's in this request		

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

We recently completed a Phase 1 study of the static water levels of the Missoula aquifer, which focused on historical data for the aquifer. This study was completed by a local firm called Adaptive Hydrology. While that study did not identify any immediate areas of concern, it did recommend a future Phase 2 study that would attempt to forecast how the aquifer could be affected by a changing climate and increased water demands as the system grows. This new request would complete this recommended Phase 2 study.

2. What specifically is needed to achieve this goal?

3. Cost Impact of New Program:

Account #	Item	Qty	Unit Cost	Requested One-Time	Requested Ongoing	FY 2026 Unfunded	FY 2026 Funded	Proposed FY 2027 Ongoing
Ongoing Expenses								
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One-time Expenses								
5210.335.430530.350	Professional services	1	50000	50,000		50,000	—	
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Expense Sub-Total				50,000	—	50,000	—	—

Revenue Offset:

Account #	Revenue Description			Proposed Onetime Revenue	Proposed Ongoing Revenue
5210	E	Water Fund		50,000	
Revenue Sub-Total				50,000	—

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

	Requested/Proposed Funding Source	One-time	Ongoing
<i>Tax or Assessment</i>		—	—
<i>Non-tax</i>		50,000	—
<i>Fund Balance</i>		—	—
<i>Total</i>		50,000	—