



## City Council Proposed Budget Changes Form (AMENDMENTS)

Fiscal Year 2026 - **Due Monday, August 4, 2025** (end of day)

Council member name: **Kristen Jordan**

Short Title: Budget Approval Process Restructure

### Please describe the request and community benefit

The current Missoula City Council budget process requires a single up-or-down vote on the entire budget, regardless of any amendments made during deliberations. While efficient, this process limits the ability of council members to express support or opposition to specific, high-cost programs within a complex and dynamic budget.

This amendment proposes that any individual program or expenditure of \ \$500,000 or more be subject to a separate council vote. This approach will provide greater transparency, allow for program-specific discussion, and ensure that taxpayer dollars are directed toward priorities that align with community needs.

By evaluating substantial expenditures on their own merits, council members can make more informed decisions, improve fiscal accountability, and reinforce public trust in the budget process.

### Please prioritize/rank this request in relation to the total number of requests you've submitted (ex. Rank 2 of 4)

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### Does your request involve increasing staffing? (How many FTEs?)

No

### Requested budget amount

N/A

### Proposed funding (check one)

☐ Increase taxes (only available for general fund requests AND must verify if there are available mills to levy)

☐ Increase Park District Assessments (must be Park eligible expenditure)

☐ Increase Road District Assessments (must be Road eligible expenditure)

☐ Reduce Fund Balance (to Approved Policy Level )

☐ Re-Appropriation/Reduce appropriation elsewhere

*If re-appropriation please note department budget from which to reduce appropriation*

Is this proposed for one time funding or ongoing? (Please check one)

☐ One-time

☒ Ongoing