



City of Helena

CITY OF HELENA
City-County Joint Work Session
March 7, 2023 - 4:00 PM

City - County Building Room 326 / Zoom Online Meeting; <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87237363208>

1. **Call To Joint Work Session, Introductions**
2. **Commission Comments, Questions**
3. **Minutes**
4. **Joint Discussion**
 - A. Housing Navigator Program Update
 - B. Ordinance Establishing Burning Regulations
 - C. Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan
 - D. City-County Partnerships in Response to COVID-19
5. **Future Agenda Items**
6. **Public Comment**
7. **Adjournment**

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City of Helena, Montana

2/8/2023

To: Mayor Collins, the Helena City Commission, and the Lewis & Clark County Board of Commissioners

From: Jon Campbell, Fire Chief

Subject: Ordinance Establishing Burning Regulations

Present Situation: The City of Helena Commission approved first passage of an Ordinance establishing burning regulations within the City of Helena on November 7, 2022, and adopted the Ordinance at its final passage on January 9, 2023.

Proposal/Objective: To update the Joint body of this Ordinance.

Advantage: This ordinance aligns City of Helena with future burning restrictions at the county level, clarifies the applicability of fire code relative to burning, and creates policy and direction regarding burning.

Notable Energy Impact: N/A

Disadvantage: N/A

Notice of Public Hearing: False

Recommended Motion: Information only, no recommended action at this time.

ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA

ORDINANCE NO. 3303

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FIRE RESTRICTIONS IN THE CITY OF HELENA

WHEREAS, the City of Helena desires to establish requirements for responsible burning and reduce irresponsible burning, which may endanger the safety and property of persons in the City, through prohibition of hazardous open burning;

WHEREAS, the City of Helena, United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, and the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation are the only entities permitted to conduct open burning for the purpose of fuel mitigation within city limits;

WHEREAS, prescribed burning requires planning and safeguards for proper fire control, and the ability for agencies to utilize seasonal prescribed burning operations reduces the personnel and resources needed to control a wildland fire and reduces the severity of losses from wildland fire; and

WHEREAS, the City of Helena wishes to align its fire restrictions with Lewis and Clark County, the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, and other entities which authorize Stage 1 and Stage 2 fire restrictions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA:**

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That Title 13, Fire Regulations, is established, and Title 13, Chapter 1, of the Helena City Code is hereby enacted as follows:

TITLE 13

FIRE REGULATIONS

CHAPTER 1

FIRE RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS:

13-1-1: DEFINITIONS: As used in this title, unless the context requires otherwise, the following definitions apply:

FIRE CODE OFFICIAL: The Fire Chief or the Fire Chief's designee charged with the administration and enforcement of the International Fire Code.

OPEN BURNING: The burning of materials in an unenclosed space (i.e. open fields, wildland urban interface) wherein products of combustion such as trees, brush, grass, and weeds are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber. Open burning does not include road flares, smudge pots, or similar devices associated with safety or occupational uses typically considered open flames, recreational fires, or use of portable outdoor fireplaces. A chamber shall be regarded as enclosed when, during the time combustion occurs, only apertures, ducts, stacks, flues, or chimneys

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necessary to provide combustion air and permit the escape of exhaust gas are open.

RECREATIONAL FIRE:

An outdoor fire burning materials not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit, which has a total fuel area of three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height. This kind of fire includes ordinary campfires and other small fires, and is not meant to be used for burning trees, brush, or grass. Burning of trash or rubbish is prohibited.

13-1-2: OPEN BURNING PROHIBITED WITHOUT PERMIT:

- A. A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any open burning or within the City of Helena unless conducted in accordance with the conditions of a permit issued by the Fire Code Official and in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.
- B. A permit shall only be issued to the owner of the land upon which the fire is to be kindled, or alternatively, to the landowner's agent.

13-1-3: RESTRICTIONS ON ALL FIRES:

- A. All fires must be constantly attended until extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher (5 pounds or larger) with a minimum 4-A rating or other on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose, or water truck, must be available for immediate utilization.
- B. If any fire grows outside the confined or intended area, the person responsible for the fire, homeowner, and/or permit holder may each be held liable for suppression costs and damages and other civil and criminal penalties as allowed by law.

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13-1-4: ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON OPEN BURNING:

- A. If the Montana Department of Environmental Quality has issued an unhealthy, very unhealthy, or hazardous air quality warning for all or a portion of Lewis and Clark County, an otherwise valid permit issued under this section may not be used. It is the permittee's responsibility to check conditions before burning.
- B. When open burning creates or adds to a hazardous situation, or a required permit for open burning has not been obtained, the Fire Department is authorized to order the extinguishment of the open burning operation.
- C. The location for open burning shall not be less than 50 feet from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure. If the recreational fire size is three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height, then permitted open burning may be conducted not less than 25 feet from a structure. It is the permittee's responsibility to eliminate conditions within 25 feet of a structure which could cause a fire to spread prior to ignition.

13-1-5: ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON RECREATIONAL FIRES:

- A. Portable outdoor fireplaces must be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material.

13-1-6: ADOPTION OF FIRE RESTRICTIONS:

- A. When Lewis and Clark County established fire restrictions pursuant to Montana Code Annotated 7-3-2212, or the State of Montana, Lewis and Clark County, or any other entity with authority to do so have declared Stage 1 or Stage 2 Fire Restriction, the same restrictions apply as if issued by the Commission.

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B. The City Manager and Fire Chief each have the authority to create restrictions and prohibitions on burning in order to remain consistent with other jurisdictions when, in their determination, the following conditions apply:

1. Open burning or recreational fires would be inconsistent with a local air pollution control program established pursuant to Montana Code Annotated 75-2-301;
2. There exists an active wildland or structural fire within Lewis and Clark County that poses a potential threat to properties located within the City of Helena; or
3. There exists other conditions which create a danger to persons or property if open burning or recreational fires are allowed.

C. A written finding declaring it necessary to restrict burning shall be maintained by the City Clerk and published in all media outlets and social platforms by the Public Information Officer for the City of Helena.

FIRST PASSED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA, THIS 7th DAY OF November, 2022.

ATTEST

MAYOR

CLERK OF THE COMMISSION

FINALLY PASSED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA, THIS 9th DAY OF January, 2023.

ATTEST

MAYOR

CLERK OF THE COMMISSION

City of Helena, Montana

2/6/2023

To: Mayor Collins, the Helena City Commission, & the Board of County Commissioners

From: Ryan Leland, City of Helena Public Works Director
Jenny Chambers, Lewis and Clark County Public Works Director

Subject: Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan

Present Situation:

The City of Helena in partnership with Lewis and Clark County is working with key stakeholders on an Integrated Solid Waste Master Plan (Plan) for the City of Helena (City) and Lewis and Clark County (County). The purpose of the Plan is to develop a long-term waste management plan for the City and County with a goal of creating an efficient, comprehensive system that will improve waste diversion, and provide convenient services at the best price for the people of Lewis & Clark County and the City of Helena.

The Plan will evaluate City, County, and private waste management operations for their efficiency and effectiveness, identify alternatives to current practices and their associated cost, and discuss options for funding sources now and into the future. The operations that will be evaluated include, but are not limited to:

Proposal/Objective:

- Residential and Commercial Curbside Refuse Collection
- Residential and Commercial Curbside Composting
- Residential and Commercial Curbside Recycling
 - i. Single Stream, Source Separated, or Other
- Rental and Use of Roll Off Containers
- Lewis and Clark County Landfill
- Scratch Gravel Solid Waste District
- Marysville Subdistrict
- Transfer Station
 - i. Commercial, Residential, and Renters Recycling Permits
 - ii. Solid Waste Disposal
 - iii. Recycling
 - iv. Composting Including the Use of Biosolids
 - v. Household Hazardous Waste Management
 - vi. Location and/or Relocation of the Transfer Station
- Alternative Recycling Locations

Advantage:

This project will provide the City and County a long-term plan for solid waste management, which will help significantly with short and long-range planning.

Notable Energy

Impact:

To be contemplated by the Plan.

Disadvantage:

None Noted.

Notice of Public

Hearing:

False

Recommended

Motion:

No formal action needed. The consultants who are working on the project, Great West and Burns/McDonnell, are to present a project overview and answer any questions in coordination with City and County staff.

City of Helena & Lewis and Clark County



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Stephanie Beckert, PE (Great West Engineering)

Matt Evans, PE (Burns & McDonnell)

Gretchen Mathiason, EIT (Burns & McDonnell)



Integrated Solid Waste Master Plan

» Purpose of the Plan

» *“The goal of the Plan is to create an efficient, comprehensive system that will improve waste diversion, and provide convenient waste disposal services at the best price for the people of Lewis & Clark County and the City of Helena.”*

» Partnership with City and County

» Timeline

» Anticipated completion of ISWMP - March 2024

Tasks Completed

- » Site Tours of all facilities
- » Communications Plan
- » Gather Steering Committee's comments



▲ City of Helena Transfer Station



▲ Lewis and Clark County Landfill



Steering Committee Makeup

- » **County Commissioner**
- » **City Commissioner**
- » **County Public Works**
- » **City Public Works**
- » **Scratch Gravel Solid Waste District Board**
- » **Citizen Conservation Board**
- » **Private Hauler/Recycler**
- » **At Large County Resident**
- » **At Large City Resident**

Communications Plan

» Goals

- » Optimize public engagement
- » Broadly reach the impacted area
- » Create clear talking points for Steering Committee members, City and County Leadership, and others involved in the development of the ISWMP
- » Facilitate support of the final scenario

» Communication Audience

- » Public
- » Businesses
- » Schools, hospitals and other institutional entities
- » Others that will be impacted by the ISWMP

Communications Phases

- » **Phase One: Gathering General Feedback**
- » **Phase Two: Alternative Scenarios**
- » **Phase Three: Preferred Scenario**

Phase One: Gathering General Feedback

- » Geared toward general public and solid waste management stakeholders
- » What is the ISWMP, and what is it not
- » Open-ended responses to figure out what areas the public is interested in changing or keeping

Phase One: Gathering General Feedback

» Communication Methods – Gathering General feedback

- » “Be Heard Helena” Virtual Survey
- » Physical Copy Surveys
- » Mail Notices with Link and General Information
- » Social Media Postings
- » Open House (In-person and virtual)



Phase Two: Alternative Scenarios

- » Informing the public about the alternative scenarios that the engineering team and Committee have created with the results of the Phase One survey taken into account.
- » Description of scenarios
- » How they will be implemented
- » Pros and Cons list with each option
- » Public can give feedback on the most appealing based on the descriptions

Phase Three: Preferred Scenario

- » Informing the public about the selection of the preferred scenario chosen from the feedback taken into account in Phase Two.
- » In depth description of scenario
- » Highlight why it was chosen

Anticipated Schedule

	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	April 2023	May 2023	Jun. 2023	Jul. 2023	Aug. 2023	Sept. 2023	Oct. 2023	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2023	Jan. 2024	Feb. 2024	Mar. 2024
Phase One: Gathering General Feedback														
Phase Two: Alternative Scenarios														
Phase Three: Preferred Scenario														

Key Talking Points

- **What is the goal of the Solid Waste Management Plan? If asked:**
 - “The goal of the Solid Waste Management Plan is to create an efficient, comprehensive system that will improve waste diversion, and provide convenient services at the best price for the people of Lewis & Clark County and the City of Helena.”
- **When is it going to be done? If asked:**
 - “The Solid Waste Management Plan is scheduled to be complete by April 2024”
- **What are the next steps? If asked:**
 - “Phase One will include gathering feedback and data of the current system and potential alternative scenarios, Phase Two will include creating those alternative scenarios, and Phase Three will be defining the preferred scenario.”
- **Who is developing the Solid Waste Management Plan? If asked:**
 - “The Solid Waste Management Plan is a collaborative effort of the public, stakeholders, solid waste leaders, and the engineering team.”
- **Who will be impacted? If asked:**
 - “The Solid Waste Management Plan will impact anyone that generates, collects, or manages the disposal/diversion of solid waste in the City of Helena or Lewis & Clark County.”

**Water/Wastewater ▪ Transportation ▪ Grant Services ▪ Solid Waste ▪
Structural ▪ Bridges ▪ Natural Resources ▪ Planning**

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Phase One Survey Questionnaire

General Questions

Question 1:

Are you a:

- City of Helena resident
- Lewis and Clark County resident

Question 2:

Which of the following best describes your home?

- Single family residence
- Townhome
- Apartment
- Manufactured home
- Student housing

Garbage Questions

Question 1:

Do you have curbside pickup of garbage at your residence?

- Yes
- No

Question 1a:

If yes, what is the pickup frequency?

- Once a week
- Twice a week
- Other: _____

Question 1b:

If yes, how would you rate the service in terms of:

- Convenience
 - 1 – Poor
 - 2 – Fair
 - 3 – Average
 - 4 – Good
 - 5 – Excellent
- Reliability
 - 1 – Poor
 - 2 – Fair

- 3 – Average
 - 4 – Good
 - 5 – Excellent
- Cost
 - 1 – Poor
 - 2 – Fair
 - 3 – Average
 - 4 – Good
 - 5 – Excellent

Recycling Questions

Question 1:

Do you recycle?

- Yes
- No

Question 1a:

If yes, how do you recycle? (Select all that apply)

- Curbside
- Transfer Station
- Drop-Off sites
- Other: _____

Question 1b:

If you have curbside recycling, what is the pickup frequency?

- Once a week
- Twice a week
- Other: _____

Question 1c:

If you have curbside recycling, how would you rate the service in terms of:

- Convenience
 - 1 – Poor
 - 2 – Fair
 - 3 – Average
 - 4 – Good
 - 5 – Excellent
- Reliability
 - 1 – Poor
 - 2 – Fair
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 - 5 – Excellent

Question 3:

Would you like to see more waste diversion (recycling, composting, re-use) opportunities?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Question 3a:

If yes, how much would you be willing to spend for the additional services than what you are currently getting?

- \$0
- \$1-10/month
- \$10-20/month
- \$20-40/month
- \$40/month or more

Question 4:

Would you be interested in universal curbside recycling (i.e., curbside recycling containers are provided to you and your neighbors, and everyone pays for the service whether they choose to use it or not)?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Question 4a:

If yes, how much are you willing to spend on this service per month?

- \$0
- \$1-10/month
- \$10-20/month
- \$20-40/month
- \$40/month or more

Yard Waste Questions

Question 1:

What do you do with your yard waste? Yard waste includes leaves, grass clippings, and tree branches (select all that apply).

- Helena Transfer Station
- Curbside collection
- Throw away in my garbage
- I compost at my own residence
- I don't have yard waste to manage
- Other _____

Question 1a:

If you don't throw away your yard waste in your garbage, how would you rate the yard waste service in terms of:

- Convenience
 - 1 – Poor
 - 2 – Fair
 - 3 – Average
 - 4 – Good
 - 5 – Excellent
- Reliability
 - 1 – Poor
 - 2 – Fair
 - 3 – Average
 - 4 – Good
 - 5 – Excellent
- Cost
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 - 3 – Average
 - 4 – Good
 - 5 – Excellent

Food Waste Questions

Question 1:

What do you do with your food waste (select all that apply)?

- Throw away in my garbage
- I compost some of it at my own residence
- I subscribe to a service to have some of it composted
- Other: _____

Question 1a:

If you have a food waste service, how would you rate the service in terms of:

- Convenience
 - 1 – Poor
 - 2 – Fair
 - 3 – Average
 - 4 – Good
 - 5 – Excellent
- Reliability
 - 1 – Poor
 - 2 – Fair
 - 3 – Average
 - 4 – Good
 - 5 – Excellent
- Cost
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 - 4 – Good
 - 5 – Excellent

Miscellaneous Questions

Question 1:

Do you use the existing Helena Transfer Station (located at 1975 N. Benton Ave. next to Carroll College)?

- Yes
- No

Question 1a:

If no, why not?

- Location
- Hours
- Convenience
- I have no need to use this facility

Question 1b:

If yes, how would you rate the Transfer Station facility in terms of:

- Convenience
 - 1 – Poor
 - 2 – Fair
 - 3 – Average
 - 4 – Good
 - 5 – Excellent
- Cost

- 1 – Poor
- 2 – Fair
- 3 – Average
- 4 – Good
- 5 – Excellent

Question 2:

- Would you be interested in a program that charges based on the amount of waste you throw away/recycle/compost as opposed to the current system where there is a standard flat rate?
- Yes
- No

Question 2a:

If yes, for what categories of disposal/diversion would you be interested in? (Select all that apply)

- Garbage
- Recycling
- Composting

Open Ended Questions:

Question 1:

What do you like about the current Solid Waste Management System?

Question 2:

What would you like to see changed about the current Solid Waste Management System?

Comment Questionnaire
Helena Integrated Solid Waste Master Plan
Helena, Montana

Rank the following on importance. Below is the scale:

- 1 = Not Important
- 2 = Low Importance
- 3 = Neutrally Important
- 4 = Fairly Important
- 5 = Very Important

Recycling/Diversion Comments	
Comment	Rank (1-5)
Look into additional recycling container locations around Lewis and Clark County	
Expand composting opportunities for City and County	
Look into a tire recycling program	
Create a system to repurpose or recycle C&D waste including furniture, appliances, etc	
Create a baseline of recycling data from other Montana cities on number of participants	
Incorporate sustainable means and methods into material management	

Operational Comments	
Comment	Rank (1-5)
Re-brand "Waste Collection Services" to include recyclables, yard waste, food waste, and garbage	
Increase the amount of hazardous waste/construction material collection events	
Maintain recycling opportunities at the Transfer Station	

Infrastructure Comments	
Comment	Rank (1-5)
Evaluate traffic flow at the Transfer Station	
Evaluate building an additional recycling facility	
Relocate yard waste collection from the Transfer Station	
Evaluate construction of baling facility owned/operated by City/County	
Evaluate construction of commercial packer truck storage at transfer station	

Policy Comments	
Comment	Rank (1-5)
Evaluate Universal Curbside Collection services for the City and County	
Expand City of Helena's initiatives to County Residents	
Implement a "zero waste plan" policy for all public events for the City and County	

Comment Questionnaire
Helena Integrated Solid Waste Master Plan
Helena, Montana

Education Comments	
Comment	Rank (1-5)
Provide public education on "City of Helena's Strategic Plan for Waste Reduction"	
Continue providing waste disposal cost education to residents	

Cost Analysis Comments	
Comment	Rank (1-5)
Provide funding/support to clean up public spaces	
Evaluate "Pay as you throw" approach/Re-evaluate how waste/sustainable materials management is paid for	
Conduct a comprehensive cost analysis of commercial cardboard pickup	
Conduct a comprehensive cost analysis of solid waste vs recycling vs diversion management	
Assess recycling practices to break even financially	

Partnership Comments	
Comment	Rank (1-5)
Optimize Public/Private partnerships	
Incorporate Business Improvement District into decisions	

City of Helena, Montana

3/2/2023

To: Joint City and County Commissions

From: Ann McCauley, Grants and Purchasing Director, Lewis and Clark County
Amanda Opitz, Grants Administrator, City of Helena

Subject: City-County Partnerships in Response to COVID-19

Present Situation: The City and County received federal funding via the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (2020) and the American Rescue Plan Act (2021) to help address pandemic-related issues and fund recovery efforts. This staff report illustrates areas where the City and County have collaborated to maximize the public benefit of these funds.

Proposal/Objective: Highlight how the City and County have collaborated to address community needs through federally allocated COVID-19 and other funding.

Advantage: N/A

Notable Energy Impact: N/A

Disadvantage: N/A

Notice of Public Hearing: True

Recommended Motion: N/A



**City-County Partnerships in Response to
COVID-19
Joint City-County Meeting
March 7, 2023**



In an effort to acknowledge and consolidate efforts by both the City of Helena and Lewis and Clark County with respect to COVID-19 response over the past three years, City and County staff identified the below areas of partnership.

*Note: The monetary amounts noted are approximate and reflect staff's best efforts at compiling data from multiple sources.

Congregate Emergency Sheltering: ~\$100,000 expensed to date; City and County

At the onset of the pandemic, a quickly identified need was to provide non-congregate emergency shelter options for those living in congregate settings. Working with the Elkhorn COAD and numerous nonprofits, the City and County contributed \$25,000 each to support emergency sheltering options for those living in a congregate setting. Rocky Mountain Development Council was the lead in managing the program and funds.

Additionally, the City and County worked together to establish other emergency sheltering solutions, including use of the Fairgrounds, former Jan Shaw Home, and Journey Home. The City and County also obligated \$25,000 each, in City General Funds and ARPA funds, respectively, to provide emergency sheltering during the COVID resurgence in fall 2021/winter 2022.

Public Health Response: ~\$1,442,000 expensed to date; County

Lewis and Clark Public Health (LCPH) is a joint City-County Health department (along with the City of East Helena) administratively attached to the County. LCPH served as the primary local organization leading the community's response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Necessary expenditures included temporary staff (e.g., contact tracers and additional nurses), setting up community testing sites and vaccine clinics, Covid-19 specific communications and technology needs, and wastewater testing.

Support Services Division: ~\$1,550,000 obligated to date; City and County

The Support Services Division is a City- County Department administratively attached to the City. The City and County contributed \$750,000 each to a new CAD RMS system and \$25,000 each to needed repairs for the Mt. Helena radio system.

**City-County Building/Law & Justice Center Building Improvements:
~\$1,830,000 obligated to date; City and County**

As joint owners of these two buildings, the City and County have jointly funded needed building repairs and upgrades. Projects include the motor vehicle/election remodel and boiler replacement at the LJC. The City allocated \$69,000 from ARPA to help project overages. Contributions to capital projects for both buildings are also currently under consideration.

Information Technology and Services: ~\$130,000 obligated to date; County

The IT&S department is a joint City-County department administratively attached to the County. The Covid-19 pandemic required numerous remote work upgrades and equipment to allow City and County employees to maintain essential services while working remotely. Necessary expenditures included cybersecurity and remote network enhancements, GIS enterprise upgrade that allowed for increased functionality of the COVID-19 Hub, laptops and monitors with cameras, and Zoom subscriptions, to name a few.

Fairgrounds Paving and Henderson/Custer Intersection Project: ~\$1,800,000 obligated to date, County and City

Staff from the Fairgrounds, County Public Works, and City Public Works are currently discussing a partnership project that would leverage resources to do paving improvements at the Fairgrounds and a possible roundabout at the intersection of Henderson and Custer.

Minimum Allocation Grant funding, ~\$500,000 transfer from County to City

In December 2022, the County transferred ~\$500,000 of the County's Minimum Allocation funds from Montana DNRC to the City for necessary water and sewer improvement upgrades.

Detention Center/Coroner's Office Shared Resources: ~ \$360,000 obligated to date, County

Through the Sheriff's Office, the Detention Center and Coroner's Office serve all County residents; there are no duplicative services within the incorporated cities. CARES and ARPA funds were obligated to both Detention Center and coroner services to help address impacts from the pandemic. Projects included Detention Center remodel overruns due to Covid-19, a body scanner, and a mobile morgue unit.

Community Organizations Serving the Greater Helena Area: ~\$3,300,000 obligated to date; County and City

The Covid-19 pandemic affected everyone and every organization. The nonprofit community was deeply impacted by the pandemic, both in their own operations and in their collective mission to serve others within our community. The County and City have jointly acknowledged the various needs within our nonprofit community. The City provided \$402,000 to Helena Area Community Foundation for their grant-making process and \$200,000 to Montana Business Assistance Connections for their local business revolving loan fund program. The County provided \$275,000 to the 11 Human Resources Task Force agencies and has

obligated \$2,385,000 in ARPA funding to six Helena-area organizations to date. The City is currently considering seven community organization requests with ARPA funds.

Recipient organizations of County Covid-19 relief funds to date:

- Helena Area Habitat for Humanity
- Florence Crittenton Home and Services
- Margaret Stuart Home/Youth Montana
- Montana Business Assistance Connections (for workforce housing)
- PureView Health Center
- God's Love
- Center for Mental Health (now Many Rivers Health)
- The Salvation Army
- Helena Indian Alliance
- The Friendship Center
- Good Samaritan Ministries and Thrift Store
- Helena Food Share
- YWCA of Helena
- Family Promise of Greater Helena
- East Helena Rodeo Association

Recipient organizations of City COVID-19 relief funds to date (via HACF):

- Angel Fund
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Montana
- Big Sky Institute for the Advancement of Nonprofits (BSI)—Returning Funds
- Boy Scouts of America
- Cohesion Dance Project
- Exploration Works
- Family Outreach Inc.
- Family Promise of Greater Helena
- Florence Crittenton Family Services
- The Friendship Center
- Good Samaritan
- Grandstreet Theatre
- Helena Area Friends of Pets
- Helena Area Habitat for Humanity
- Helena Food Share
- Holter Museum of Art
- Lewis and Clark Humane Society
- Merlin CCC
- Montana Budget and Policy Center
- Montana Children's Foundation (Shodair)
- Montana Legal Services Association
- Montana Playwrights Network
- Montana Preservation Alliance Inc (DBA Preserve Montana)

Musikanten Montana
Myrna Loy
Premiere Dance Company
Prickly Pear Land Trust
Queen City Ballet Company
United Way of Lewis and Clark Area
YWCA Helena
Instar Enterprises
Girls Thrive
Exploration Works
Family Promise of Greater Helena
Rotary Club of Helena
CASA of Lewis and Clark and Broadwater Counties
Helena Symphony
Archie Bray Foundation
Intermountain Deaconess
Children's Services
Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies of Montana

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City/County Partnerships with COVID Funding		ARPA	COUNTY CARES	Other	ARPA	CITY CARES	Other	TOTAL LEVERAGING	NOTES
Congregate Emergency Sheltering - COVID									
	Obligated:	\$25,000	\$48,227	\$25,000			\$25,000	\$123,227	
	Expended to date:	\$4,115	\$48,227	\$25,000			\$25,000	\$102,342	
Public Health - Covid Response									
	Obligated:	\$1,472,200	\$304,890					\$1,777,090	
	Expended to date:	\$1,137,133	\$304,890					\$1,442,023	
Support Services Division									
	Obligated:		\$25,000	\$750,000	\$775,000			\$1,550,000	
	Expended to date:		\$25,000	\$750,000				\$775,000	
CCB/LJC Building Improvements									
	Obligated:	\$1,059,425*			\$303,500*	\$70,000	\$400,000	\$1,832,925	2nd floor remodel not included, other than \$69k - City ARPA *\$234,500 under consideration City and County
	Expended to date:	\$824,925				\$70,000		\$894,925	
IT&S									
	Obligated:	\$27,000	\$102,419				\$27,000	\$156,419	
	Expended to date:	\$18,000	\$102,419				\$18,000	\$138,419	
Fairgrounds Paving/Henderson-Custer									
	Obligated:	\$1,800,000					*	\$1,800,000	Project currently under discussion. *Proposed plan is for City to provide substantial equipment, material, labor support
	Expended to date:	\$0					*	\$0	
Detention Center/Coroner									
	Obligated:	\$218,000	\$139,126					\$357,126	
	Expended to date:	\$162,550						\$162,550	
Community Organizations serving Greater Helena Area									
	Obligated:	\$2,385,000	\$275,000	\$25,000	*	\$602,000	\$20,000	\$3,307,000	*Community projects under consideration by City
	Expended to date:	\$885,000	\$275,000	\$25,000	*	\$602,000	\$20,000	\$1,807,000	
						TOTALS			
						Obligated:		\$10,903,787	
						Expended to date:		\$5,322,259	