

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Community Development Board

FROM: Brit Fontenot, Director of Economic Development
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SUBJECT: Overview of the Economic Development Strategy Issue Plan

MEETING DATE: April 20, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Plan/Report/Study

RECOMMENDATION: Receive information.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 4.1 Informed Conversation on Growth: Continue developing an in-depth understanding of how Bozeman is growing and changing and proactively address change in a balanced and coordinated manner.

BACKGROUND: The City adopted its Economic Development [Strategy](#) [external link] (EDS) in 2023. The City's Economic Development [Department](#) [external link] leads the development of this document. The Economic Vitality Board is the advisory board in the City that works with the Economic Development Department. The EDS is an issue plan supporting the City's adopted land use plan the Bozeman Community Plan. [Appendix B](#) in the Bozeman Community Plan, page B-18, provides a link to the Strategy and other economic development related data.

The Economic Development Department also manages the City's affordable housing program. In support of both responsibilities, the Department provides an annual [report](#) [external link] on economic and housing activity. The report follows the fiscal year (ends on June 30th) and is published in the fall.

Brit Fontenot, Director of Economic Development, will provide an overview of the EDS.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None identified.

ALTERNATIVES: N/A

FISCAL EFFECTS: None with this item.