

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

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SUBJECT: Ratify Grant Application to Montana Disaster and Emergency Services (MT DES) State Resiliency Fund for the Sourdough Creek Municipal Watershed Fuels Reduction Program

MEETING DATE: March 24, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Grant

RECOMMENDATION: Ratify Grant Application to Montana Disaster and Emergency Services (MT DES) State Resiliency Fund for the Sourdough Creek Municipal Watershed Fuels Reduction Program

STRATEGIC PLAN: 1.3 Public Agencies Collaboration: Foster successful collaboration with other public agencies and build on these successes.

BACKGROUND: Through Montana Disaster and Emergency Services Montana Resiliency Grant Funding, this grant application will support Phase 4 of the Sourdough Creek Municipal Watershed Fuels Reduction program. The Sourdough Creek Fuels Reduction program performs hazardous wildfire fuels reduction activities on timbered lands owned by the City of Bozeman at the mouth of Sourdough Canyon. The project area which is a 380-acre area is part of the Wildland Urban Interface or WUI with the U.S. Forest Service Custer Gallatin National Forest System (CGNF) to the south, and private lands within Gallatin County to the north. This project will allow the City of Bozeman to continue its efforts to mitigate effects from a catastrophic wildfire event that has the potential of interrupting the City's Sourdough Creek municipal water supply. Because of the area's terrain, the project proposes to reduce accumulated fuel loads using helicopter logging methods on approximately 100 treatment unit acres of overstocked, mature timber stands within the overall 380-acre project area.

The City has submitted similar applications to U.S. Department of Homeland Security FEMA and Montana Department of Natural Resources. Per each agency, those applications are still pending due to delayed federal funding bills.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by Commission.

FISCAL EFFECTS:

Total expenditures are expected to be \$647,000. Expenditures are included in the FY27-31 recommended Capital Improvement Program in the Water Fund.

Attachments:

[City of Bozeman_FINAL_Resiliency Funds Application.pdf](#)

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