

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Economic Vitality Board

FROM: Brit Fontenot, Economic Development Director

SUBJECT: Discussion of the EV Board's Interests and Involvement in the 2026-2027 Adopted Economic Development and Community Housing Program Workplans.

MEETING DATE: March 4, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Citizen Advisory Board/Commission

RECOMMENDATION: None.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 1.2 Community Engagement: Broaden and deepen engagement of the community in city government, innovating methods for inviting input from the community and stakeholders.

BACKGROUND: On February 4, 2026, at its regular monthly meeting, the Economic Vitality Board unanimously adopted the 2-year workplan for the Economic Development Department, including the Community Housing Program. The adopted 2-year work plan includes the following projects:

Economic Development (Fontenot)

Year 1 (2026)

Traded sector business development

Workforce development

Childcare

MSU Innovation Campus

Data gathering

Market update

Year 2 (2027)

Traded sector business development

Workforce development

Childcare

MSU Innovation Campus

Data gathering

Market update

2023 Economic Vitality Strategy update

Housing (Guyer)

Year 1 (2026)

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) strategic planning

Affordable Housing Ordinance Cash in Lieu provision

Family Promise water connection

Affordable Housing Ordinance “for sale” provision

Fowler housing project

Year 2 (2027)

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) strategic planning

Housing Needs Assessment update

Affordable Housing Ordinance “for sale” provision

Fowler housing project

Some members of the EV Board requested a discussion this month (March 2026) on which projects staff recommend they could become involved in. This agenda item intends to make space for that discussion amongst the board and with some of the staff responsible for completing these projects.

This discussion is limited to the adopted workplans for the Economic Development Department, including the Community Housing Program. Please note that neither the Economic Development Department nor the Community Housing budget have been approved by the Bozeman City Commission and are therefore subject to change. We anticipate the City Commission will consider the city budget in March 2026.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None at this time.

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by the Economic Vitality Board.

FISCAL EFFECTS: None identified.

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