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Hi there,

We are residents of Frenchtown... this week we feel that increased funding from the city to the Poverello Center would be highly beneficial and healthy for our community. Namely, it would allow the Poverello Center to increase their staff ratio which would allow them to rely less on police response for crisis.

Please also consider expanding funding for a Mobile Crisis Response Team that would send out mental health professionals INSTEAD of police officers to handle mental health crises.

Lastly, our community does not have adequate support for substance abuse treatment and detox. The Poverello Center said they wouldu love to see additional dedicated community resources in this area. They often have folks ask for support in these areas and don't have anywhere to send them due to the lack of treatment options in Missoula.

Please help, we can all work to make this community a safer, happier, healthier place to thrive.

Thank you.

Cheers, Emily McMeekin