

**Department New Request Form  
Fiscal Year 2021**

<b>Program</b>	Administration	<b>Title of New Request:</b>	<b>Rank:</b> 1
<b>Department</b>	Mayor	2021 Legislative Session	
<b>Request Category</b>	New Request/Service/Feature		
<b>Request Rating</b>	New Program		
<b>Department Goal</b>	Provide leadership for tax reform in the Legislature.		

**1. How will request assist in achieving Department Goal and benefit the customer in Department Goal and**

The Montana Legislature will meet again in 2021 and will consider legislation that affects local governments. The City desires tax reform at the state level, including a local-option tourist tax and tax fairness measures that will reduce the burden on local property tax-payers. The City of Missoula tracks state legislation and lobbies for bills that benefit the City.

**2. What specifically is needed to achieve this goal?**

The City uses legislative tracking software to monitor and determine the impact of bills as they move through the legislature. The City also hires a Helena-based lobbyist who keeps track of legislation that affects the City, testifies at hearings, and coordinates with our partners on issues that affect cities across Montana.

**3. Cost Impact of New Program:**

Account #	Item	Qty	Unit Cost	Requested One-Time	Requested Ongoing	FY 2021 Unfunded	FY 2021 Funded	Proposed FY 2022 Ongoing
<b>Ongoing Expenses</b>								
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<b>One-time Expenses</b>								
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1000.390.419000.350	Legislative software	1	500	500		500	-	
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				-		-	-	
<b>Expense Sub-Total</b>				<b>33,000</b>	-	<b>33,000</b>	-	-

**Revenue Offset:**

Account #	Revenue Description	Proposed Onetime Revenue	Proposed Ongoing Revenue
1000.000.311000.00	Fund Balance	33,000	
<b>Revenue Sub-Total</b>		<b>33,000</b>	-

**Net Cost of Impact for New Program 33,000**

**4. What sort of data will be used to report results and outcomes of request and how will it be reported?**

The lobbyist will provide a weekly status and activity report on high-priority legislation, which will be attached to City Council meetings and available on the City's website. Staff also track legislation relevant to the City, post the status of that legislation and the City's position online, and prepare an end-of-session legislative summary that is available online and at a City Council committee meeting.