

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

City of Missoula CIP Project Request/Update Form FY 2025 - 2029

Department Listing		New or Update	Required	Delay	Project Title		
3	of 5	New	Is this project Required?	Can project be delayed?	Fort Missoula Ponds River Bank Restoration (DNRC Reclamation Grant)		
Project Rating	Department		Yes	No			
	Culture & Recreation						
Leverage	Parks & Recreation	Is the project APPROVED for Fiscal Year 2025?				FUNDED?	

Summary Description and rationale of project and funding sources:

Fort Ponds historically operated as an open pit aggregate mine since the 1950's. Prior to mining operations stopping in ~2015, Knife River/JTL Group, owner/operator at the time offered the land to the City of Missoula for the benefit of the public. The site was donated to the City of Missoula on November 24, 2020 after meeting DEQ requirements for remediation and closing out Knife River's Bond on September 20, 2019. A substantial amount of work remains to safely open the site to the public and balance the site's ecosystem with appropriate recreation. To protect mining operations, an artificial riverbank constructed of waste concrete and overburden was established along the Bitterroot River's western edge, eastern edge of the Fort Missoula Ponds parcel that filled a historic forested riparian area and established an artificial river bank. To date, the artificial river bank is subject to severe erosion. Spring of 2024, Parks and Recreation staff applied for funding from the RDGP planning grant program to fund planning/design to correct the failing Bitterroot River bank and restore a filled historic forested riparian area that was the result of aggregate mining. April 2024 a \$75,000 RDGP Planning grant was awarded to the City of Missoula. Parks and Recreation funding commitment is a cash match \$13,149 to be funded by Park Impact Fees: Project Contingency 10% (\$8,014) and toward task 5 of the Grant, Design Development (\$5,135). As per the grant application the project listed a start date of April 2025 with a April/May 2026 completion.

History & Current Status: Impact if Cancelled or Delayed

The site is currently closed to the public but trespass onto the property increases every year. User made trails, beach access and vandalism has greatly increased on the property. The longer the City takes to proactively manage recreational access on site the more resource damage and irresponsible recreational trends will develop. Multiple funding opportunities for site development/improvement/restoration exist. Despite a history of significant disturbance due to open pit aggregate mining, five (5) main habitat types exist across the parcel: Upland grassland, Freshwater pond, Freshwater emergent wetland, Riparian emergent wetland, and Riparian forest. The goal is a community supported master plan that balances the parcels ecosystem health and appropriate recreation. A master plan will strengthen the City of Missoula's ability to leverage funds for implementation, prioritize work and address site needs with the goal to open the site to public access.

Are there any site requirements/ Potentially Affected Interest (PAI) Coordination:

Coordination with University of Montana and FWP.

How is this project going to be funded:

Funding Source			Yr. 1. budget	Unappropriated subsequent years				
			FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	
Federal/State Grant			75,000					
Impact Fees			Impact Fees					
Type	Approval	Date	Amount	Amounts				
Parks	No		13,149	13,149				
			0	88,149	-	-	-	-

How is this project going to be spent:

Budgeted Funds	Accounting Code	Prior Year Expenses	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
A. Land	4081.370.460501.930.000	-					
B. Buildings		-					
C. Improvements		-	88,149				
D. Machinery & Equipment		-					
E. Percent for Art?							
Total		—	88,149	—	—	—	—

History of project and amount left yet to expend

Total Funded to date	Exps through FY23	FY24 Exps	Amount yet to expend	Description of history (Optional)
\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	

Is this equipment prioritized on an equipment replacement schedule?

Is there going to be ongoing Operating and/or Maintenance costs upon completion of the project?

Yes

(account for operational savings and/or reduction in current budget of previous operating/maintenance charges)

Expense Object	Accounting Code		FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
A Personnel							
B Supplies							
C Purchased Services							
D Fixed Charges							
E Capital Outlay							
F Debt Service							
G (Operational Savings)							
			—	—	—	—	—

NOTE: Approval of the CIP does not indicate approval of the ongoing operating and maintenance costs. Those costs must be submitted as a "New Request" in the regular budget process. This will ensure the coordination exists between the CIP and the new request

Description of additional operating budget impact:

Responsible Person:	Responsible Department:	Date Submitted to Finance	Today's Date and Time	Preparer's Initials
Morgan Valliant	Parks & Recreation			