

## Appendix A: Public Engagement

The Montana Department of Commerce administers the HOME Investment Partnerships, Community Development Block Grant, and Housing Trust Fund programs. The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services administers the Emergency Solutions Grant program. Comments made regarding the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report for these programs are addressed below.

### **2025-2026 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report Public Input**

Written Comment Received via Email on June 12, 2026

#### **Shyla Patera Comment**

My name is Shyla Patera. I am the Policy Coordinator for North Central Independent Living Services, Inc. in Black Eagle, Montana. The mission of a center for independent living is to assist people with disabilities as they navigate services which will allow them to live work and play in our communities or without supports. NCILS thanks Montana Commerce, Montana DPHHS as well as Montana Housing for submitting this 2025-2026 CAPER.

As a long time, housing advocate and supporter of accessible affordable housing in Montana. NCILS advocates for the building of more universally designed accessible affordable housing stock. NCILS congratulates the current and proposed projects that are utilizing funds to maintain projects which are offering opportunities to assist Montanans with disabilities to stay and live in our Montana communities.

MBOH must ensure that all development used for housing and appropriate rental properties must incorporate universal design to the highest degree. NCILS supports both the codification of language and allocation of funding which would hopefully allow the State of Montana to advance the incorporation of visitable, universally designed housing stock in Montana. We, at NCILS know that tiny dwelling unit as well as

accessory developed unit construction will play a vital part in advancing Montana's construction and design portfolio.

Regarding affirmative fair housing policies, MBOH and Montana Housing officials should encourage use of all housing tools in our toolbox available to us as a community. We need to maximize use of Section 8 vouchers, McKinney Vento Funding, HUD VASH vouchers, Mainstream 811 vouchers and more. NCILS thank Montana Housing for partnering with DPHHS to implement the Housing Stability fund. We must as a state serve all with various disabilities and make sure if there is a medical emergency where someone needs to be hospitalized in a medical setting that they can return to a housing option that offers accessible features and potential services if needed, wanted, and requested by citizens with disabilities. For those that that may have criminal history and or mental health barriers NCILS encourages the State of Montana to codify laws ,policies ,procedures, and practices that will benefit those with disabilities who may have experienced criminal issues in past once sentences are completed as long as it does not harm another community member living in HUD communities.

The State of Montana may benefit from bringing back or assisting communities in utilizing and implementing small community ADA housing development grants that were once housed and I believe still are in the Community Development Division. We also hope that the Federal construction and manufactured housing developments rule that that have been announced will not harm Montana, visibility and universal design standards as well as allowing construction to occur in those areas Montana should encourage emergency shelters to maximize disability accessibility of shelters and ESG programs. Those who work in and administer community shelter systems should be exploring and undertaking partnerships with both statewide and our DPHHS Home and Community Waiver (HCBS) teams so that people with disabilities can also receive home health and PCA services residing in Montana shelters. We, as a state need to assist those who have homelessness needs to ensure that income can be found, and we as a state, ensure that all HRDC's and those organizations offering homeless supports can maximize homeless assistance beyond just a one time offer. The State of Montana may

also need to devise specific disability specifications for pallet houses to ensure that pallet houses are accessible and don't cause mobility or sensory issues for those who need them.

NCILS also encourages partnerships with justice courts and legal development organizations so that tenants can also have opportunity to make their case is heard in Montana as a basis for whether a person is in need of homeless supports, the State of Montana should be also measuring the status of evictions in the legality of said evictions. The State of Montana should be working on getting housing with the best supports built and housing services coordinated. The Fuse and as well as continuum of care groups have done amazing work. [h]owever, most individuals that may need the services offered by permanent supportive housing, continuums of care and FUSE groups may not understand what could be offered to them and or afforded to them when leasing up because many people do not wish to disclose disabilities whether they be concurrent cooccurring physical or sensory. Montana needs to develop statewide policies in regards to encampments as well as homeless camps and if possible to offer support to rural and small urban areas throughout the state.

NCILS be remiss if we did not mention the federal proposed work rule timelines, and other time limited uses of HUD funding that would help tenants and even builders build more affordable accessible Housing in Montana. Nichols is against these changes and we hope that based UPON the experiences when the state of Montana had to close eligibility for the Housing choice vouchers offered by Commerce and the state of Montana didn't have the most up-to-date data to justify certain HCV voucher needs NCILS hopes that the State of Montana and other states will have the ability to petition the federal government for relaxing and flexibilities on both work rules and times and allowable situation beyond two years for the use of HUD funding programs or services such as housing choice vouchers among other things. Many people with disabilities rely on supports beyond just a limited time and need reasonable accommodations for HUD services as well as to work in order to keep said HUD benefits.

Montana Housing should be working with DPHHS as well as FUSE groups and local continuums of care to ensure that the State of Montana and communities do not discharge to nowhere if medical emergencies occur. The State of Montana should be partnering with HUD to both reduce rental barriers and enhance community living supports in both rental and homeownership programs. Montana Housing should also be examining HUD contracts at the end of their useful life and building service to ensure that if HUD funding is used in any way shape or form and HUD residents are living there that if a building is sold and a contract is not renewed with HUD and the housing stock becomes part of Fair Market Rent housing stock, seniors or people with disabilities or HUD resident can be offered a similar housing situation that would ensure accessibility and affordability. Residents must also be given ample notice of sale or contract changes with HUD regarding the housing stock and units if a building is sold. Also, if a building is a 202 assisted living facility or other facility that serves people with disabilities and seniors who may be receiving Montana Home and Community based waiver funds especially Big Sky waiver, the developmental disabilities, waiver, the O208 autism waiver, as well as the severely disabling mental illness, waiver in Montana, NCILS ask that if HUD funding is available to tenants and that HUD funding is used in rehabilitating a building that is an assisted living facilities or an elderly 202 buildings and a congregate setting that building should be following the 2014 HCBS Community Settings Rule.

Montana Housing should be encouraging HUD to study and implement policies regarding fair housing and disparate impacts based upon Source of Income policies particularly if someone lives on a fixed income and that person finds a need to appeal an HUD bill or a landlord action in a unit. Just as the State of Montana prorates for income eligibility in HUD programs based on medical expenses as well as family and custodial needs, the State of Montana should be prorating HUD fines and adjust appeal time frames and opportunities to better match the Montana Human Rights Act.

In regards to Community develop[ment] infrastructure, [NCILS] encourages that implementation of growth policy plans and ADA transition plans so that people can

access their community with accessible features in mind. NCILS does not wish to see food and water deserts in our Montana communities as well so we advocate for grocery stores and clean wastewater infrastructure products.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 2025-26 CAPER - Shyla Patera Policy Coordinator - North Central Independent Living Services, Inc.

## **Commerce Response**

- Commerce requires universal design and visitability standards in all new housing developed with HOME, Housing Trust Funds and Community Development Block Grant funds. To the extent feasible, projects to rehabilitate properties will be held to the same standards. Proposals that include the use of tiny homes and accessible dwelling units will be considered eligible activities so long as they meet federal, state and local codes and the building standards required by each program's regulations.
- Commerce, in its role as the state public housing authority, works to ensure all voucher programs are fully utilized by eligible households.
- Commerce does provide CDBG funds to cities and counties to implement single-family rehabilitation programs that can address accessibility, health and safety standards.
- Commerce staff actively collaborate with owners of properties in HUD and USDA Rural Development portfolios that received project-based rental assistance. These efforts help identify possible solutions with interested developers to work toward preserving the rental assistance and improving the property for future use.
- Commerce requires cities and counties that receive CDBG funds to provide ADA transition plans before Commerce enters contracts with them. All public and community facilities and housing financed with CDBG, HOME or HTF must meet ADA requirements and Section 504 accessibility requirements, as outlined in their respective federal regulations.

# 2025-2026 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report Public Hearing


Wednesday, June 10, 2026

2-3 p.m.

Sponsored by the Montana Departments of Commerce  
and Public Health and Human Services




# 2025-2026 CAPER Public Participation Process



The State of Montana, through the Departments of Commerce and Public Health and Human Services, develops a five-year plan to guide policy and investment for housing, economic and other community development projects.

This five-year plan, also known as the “Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development” is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to assess Montana’s needs and current conditions, as well as to determine priorities and allocate HUD funding.

# 2025-2026 CAPER Public Participation Process



The perspectives and opinions shared by participants of this public hearing will help Commerce and DPHHS to edit and finalize the Draft 2025-2026 CAPER, which falls under the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan.

We hope that with your input, we can ensure housing and community development needs across Montana are identified and addressed.

# 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan Goals and Objectives

- The objectives of Montana's Consolidated Plan include:
  - Provide decent housing
  - Provide a suitable living environment
  - Expand economic opportunities
- The goals of Montana's Consolidated Plan are:
  - Goal 1 – Preserve and Construct Affordable Housing
  - Goal 2 – Plan for Communities
  - Goal 3 – Improve and Sustain Public Infrastructure
  - Goal 4 – Revitalize Local Economies
  - Goal 5 – Reduce Homelessness



# 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan Programs

- **Community Development Block Grant**
  - Housing (Rental / Single Family Rehabilitation)
  - Public and Community Facilities
  - Economic Development
  - Planning
- **HOME Investment Partnerships Program**
  - Rental Development / Single Family Development / Rental Rehabilitation
  - Homebuyer Assistance



# 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan Programs

- **Housing Trust Fund**
  - Rental Development and Rental Rehabilitation
- **Emergency Solutions Grant**
  - Emergency Shelter / Homelessness Prevention / Rapid Re-Housing



# 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan Documents

- **Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development**
  - Strategic plan that guide housing and community investments.
  - Montana is currently operating under the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan.
- **Annual Action Plan**
  - Annual plan that outlines specific activities, goals and objectives for the given program year.

# 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan Documents

- **Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report**
  - Annual report that details the use of funds and progress toward meeting goals and objectives for AAPs.



# 2025-2026 CAPER Funding Allocations

- Goal 1 – Preserve and Construct Affordable Housing
  - Funding: \$1,000,000 CDBG (16%)  
\$2,764,372 HOME (79%)  
\$2,384,372 HTF (76%)
- Goal 2 – Plan for Communities
  - Funding: \$600,000 CDBG (10%)
- Goal 3 – Improve and Sustain Public Infrastructure
  - Funding: \$3,096,840 CDBG (50%)



# 2025-2026 CAPER Funding Allocations

- Goal 4 – Revitalize Local Economies
  - Funding: \$1,000,000 CDBG (16%)
- Goal 5 – Reduce Homelessness
  - Funding: \$500,000 CDBG (8%)  
\$750,000 HOME (21%)  
\$743,684 ESG (100%)  
\$750,000 HTF (24%)



# 2025-2026 CAPER Funding Awards

- Goal 1 – Preserve and Construct Affordable Housing
  - Awards: \$3,396,384 CDBG (42%)  
\$1,552,000 HOME (100%)  
\$2,821,000 HTF (100%)
- Goal 2 – Plan for Communities
  - Awards: \$605,963 CDBG (8%)
- Goal 3 – Improve and Sustain Public Infrastructure
  - Awards: \$3,484,612 CDBG (43%)



# 2025-2026 CAPER Funding Awards

- Goal 4 – Revitalize Local Economies
  - Funding: \$525,000 CDBG (7%)
- Goal 5 – Reduce Homelessness
  - Funding: \$744,418 ESG (100%)



# 2025-2026 CAPER Grants Awarded

## **CDBG: Thirty-one projects - \$4,796,247 awarded**

- Housing: Three projects – \$3,396,384 awarded
- Public and Community Facilities: Five projects – \$3,484,612 awarded
- Economic Development: One project – \$525,000 awarded
- Planning: Sixteen projects – \$605,963 awarded

## **HOME: Three projects – \$1,552,000 awarded**

- Two rental rehabilitation
- One rental new construction



# 2025-2026 CAPER Grants Awarded

**HTF: Two projects – \$2,821,000 awarded**

- One new construction
- One rehabilitation

**ESG: Nine grants – \$744,418 awarded**

- Awarded via formula grants to nine HRDCs



# 2025-2026 CAPER Expenditures

- Goal 1 – Preserve and Construct Affordable Housing
  - Expenditures: \$2,220,884 CDBG (26%)  
\$161,652.12 CDBG-CV (12%)  
\$1,254,189.44 HOME (82%)  
\$2,680,422.72 HTF (89%)
- Goal 2 – Plan for Communities
  - Expenditures: \$587,569 CDBG (7%)



# 2025-2026 CAPER Expenditures

- Goal 3 – Improve and Sustain Public Infrastructure
  - Expenditures: \$4,616,768 CDBG (53%)  
\$195,434.74 CDBG-CV (15%)
- Goal 4 – Revitalize Local Economies
  - Expenditures: \$352,569 CDBG (7%)



# 2025-2026 CAPER Expenditures

- Goal 5 – Reduce Homelessness
  - Expenditures: \$783,284.79 CDBG (9%)  
\$924,411.76 CDBG-CV (69%)  
\$15,414.67 HOME (1%)  
\$3,999,219.34 HOME-ARP (93%)  
\$744,418 ESG (91%)  
\$28,000 HTF (1%)



# 2025-2026 CAPER Expenditures

- Administration
  - Expenditures:
    - \$134,997 CDBG (2%)
    - \$63,537 CDBG-CV (5%)
    - \$251,508 HOME (17%)
    - \$294,118 HOME-ARP (7%)
    - \$74,441 ESG (9%)
    - \$294,118 HTF (10%)



# 2025-2026 CAPER Goals and Outcomes

## Goal 1: Preserve and Construct Affordable Housing

- Four rental units constructed
- Twenty-three rental units rehabilitated
- One homeowner housing unit rehabilitated
- Twenty homebuyers assisted with direct financial assistance

## Goal 2: Planning for Communities

- Twenty-eight local governments assisted with planning activities



# 2025-2026 CAPER Goals and Outcomes

## Goal 3: Improve and Sustain Public Infrastructure

- 20,598 individuals benefitting from public facilities or other infrastructure improvements

## Goal 4: Revitalize Local Economies

- 17 jobs created or retained

## Goal 5: Reduce Homelessness

- 244 households received tenant-based rental assistance
- 1,415 homeless persons received overnight shelter
- 229 persons assisted with homelessness prevention



# 2025-2026 CAPER Monitoring

## Project Completion Monitoring

- CDBG – One project
- HOME and HOME-ARP – Four projects
- HTF – Two projects

## Construction Progress Monitoring

- CDBG and CDBG-CV – Seven projects
- HOME and HOME-ARP – Eight projects
- HTF – Four projects



# 2025-2026 CAPER Monitoring

## Period of Affordability Monitoring

- HOME – Thirty-seven projects
- HTF – Six projects

## ESG Monitoring

- All eight ESG subrecipients were monitored with virtual visits and desk monitoring.



# 2025-2026 CAPER Document Review

- Available:
  - Commerce's website:  
<https://commerce.mt.gov/consolidated-plan/documents>
  - Several repositories throughout the state:  
<https://commerce.mt.gov/Infrastructure-planning/resources/consolidated-plan/list-of-repositories>
  - By request



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# 2025-2026 CAPER Comments

Comments regarding the draft CAPER are now being accepted.

- If you have a comment and are joining via webinar, please raise your hand so we can unmute you.
- If you are joining via phone, please press \*9 to indicate you have a comment and then press \*6 to unmute/re-mute yourself.

When providing comment:

- Please state and spell your name.
- Please state the organization you represent, if applicable.



# 2025-2026 CAPER Comments

Written comments should be addressed to the address or email below and will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, **June 12, 2025**, for the draft 2025-2026 CAPER.



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STATE OF MONTANA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE and  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Hearing  
June 10, 2026  
for the 2025-2026  
Consolidated Annual Performance and  
Evaluation Report (CAPER)

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS (VIA ZOOM)

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the proceedings in the  
above-captioned matter was heard via Zoom on the  
10th day of June, 2026, beginning at the hour of  
2:00 p.m., before Laurie Crutcher, Registered  
Professional Reporter, Notary Public.

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1 DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL PRESENT:

2 Megan Brace

3 Julie Flynn

4 Rosie Goldich

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7 ATTENDEES/OBSERVERS

8 Shyla Patera

9 Julles Engel

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1           WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were  
2 had:

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4           MS. BRACE: I'd like to welcome all of  
5 you who are here with us today to talk about the  
6 2025 CAPER. Julie, did you want to introduce  
7 yourself before I begin.

8           MS. FLYNN: Sure. My name is Julie  
9 Flynn, and I'm the program manager at the  
10 Department of Commerce who oversees the HOME  
11 Housing Trust Fund, and part of the Community  
12 Development Block Grant program. We also have  
13 Rosie Goldich, who will be calling in later.  
14 Thanks.

15           MS. BRACE: Thank you so much. So my  
16 name is Megan Brace. I'm with Community Health  
17 Advisors, and we are working with Montana  
18 Department of Commerce in the development of this  
19 CAPER. The purpose of our meeting today is to go  
20 over the findings, and then to allow for public  
21 comment. So this meeting is sponsored by both the  
22 Montana Department of Commerce and the Department  
23 of Public Health and Human Services.

24           The State of Montana through the  
25 Department of Commerce and the Department of

1 Public Health and Human Services develops a  
2 five-year plan to guide policy and investment for  
3 housing, economic, and other community development  
4 projects. This includes four different types of  
5 funding, which we'll talk about.

6 The five-year plan, also known as the  
7 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community  
8 Development, is required by the US Department of  
9 Housing and Urban Development, or HUD, to assess  
10 Montana's needs, current conditions, as well as  
11 determining priorities to how we're going to  
12 allocate those four sources of funding.

13 So this public participation process is  
14 a part of this development of the plan, and the  
15 CAPER, which we'll talk about what that is. The  
16 perspective and opinions that are shared by  
17 participants in this public hearing will help  
18 Commerce and DPHHS to edit and finalize its final  
19 draft 2025 to 2026 CAPER, which falls under the  
20 umbrella of that Consolidated Plan.

21 The most recent Consolidated Plan was  
22 developed in 2025, and it covers the years 2025  
23 through 2029, so this is the first CAPER of that  
24 Consolidated Plan process. So we hope that with  
25 your input we can ensure Montana and community

1 development needs across Montana are identified  
2 and addressed.

3           As I mentioned, the most recent  
4 Consolidated Plan was developed in 2025, and it  
5 had a set of objectives and goals, and these are  
6 used to guide the decision making process of the  
7 annual action.

8           The objectives of the Montana  
9 Consolidated Plan were to provide decent housing,  
10 provide suitable living environment, and to expand  
11 economic opportunities. These objectives are met  
12 through five different goals. The first goal is  
13 to preserve and construct affordable housing; the  
14 second goal is to plan for communities; the third  
15 goal is to improve and sustain public  
16 infrastructure; the fourth goal is to revitalize  
17 local economies; and the fifth goal is to reduce  
18 homelessness.

19           Each of these goals is addressed with a  
20 certain amount of funding, which we'll talk about  
21 as we move forward in this process.

22           These goals are also addressed with  
23 programs. The first funding source is the  
24 Community Development Block Grant or CDBG. This  
25 is the widest source of funding that offers the

1 most flexibility. The programs in Montana that  
2 are used with this funding include housing, both  
3 rental and single family rehabilitation; it  
4 includes public and community facilities; it  
5 includes funding for economic development; and it  
6 includes funding for community planning.

7           We also have the HOME Investment  
8 Partnerships Program or HOME. These funds are  
9 allocated toward the different housing projects.  
10 This includes rental development, single family  
11 development, and rental rehabilitation, and it  
12 also includes homebuyer assistance.

13           The Housing Trust Fund is a very similar  
14 program to the HOME fund with some more  
15 restrictions. It's directed only at extremely low  
16 income households, and the programs that address  
17 this in the state are rental development and  
18 rental rehabilitation.

19           The fourth program is the Emergency  
20 Solutions Grant or ESG, and this is directed  
21 towards households that are experiencing or are at  
22 risk of homelessness. It goes towards emergency  
23 shelters, homelessness prevention, and rapid  
24 rehousing.

25           So we have the Consolidated Plan

1 documents. This was developed as the strategic  
2 plan to guide housing and community investments.  
3 It created those goals that we talked about, and  
4 it creates the framework for each annual action.  
5 So the 2025 annual treatment outlines specific  
6 activities, and how those activities will meet  
7 goals and objectives during the 2025 to 2026  
8 program year.

9           At the end of the program year is where  
10 we're at, and where we have this CAPER, the  
11 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation  
12 Report. This lets us look back at the prior  
13 program year, at the annual report so we can look  
14 at detailed use of funds, progress towards meeting  
15 the goals that we have set forth, and the  
16 objectives that we have in the annual action plan  
17 as well as the overarching consolidated plan.

18           The annual action plan outlined  
19 allocations for each goal.

20           For Goal 1, we have three different  
21 funding sources. We have CDBG; we have HOME; and  
22 we have the Housing Trust Fund. The funding for  
23 this first year, we put \$1 million of CDBG funds,  
24 which accounts for 16 percent; about \$2.7 million  
25 in HOME funds, which is 79 percent; and about \$2.3

1 million in Housing Trust Fund dollars, which is  
2 about 76 percent of HTF funding.

3           For Goal 2, Plan for Communities, there  
4 was \$600,000 of CDBG funds allocated, which was  
5 about 10 percent of the funding.

6           For Goal 3, to improve and sustain  
7 public infrastructure, about 50 percent or about  
8 \$3 million of CDBG funds were allocated.

9           For Goal 4, to revitalize local  
10 economies, about 16 percent or \$1 million of CDBG  
11 funds were allocated.

12           For the last goal of reducing  
13 homelessness, all four funding sources had  
14 allocations: \$500,000 in CDBG; \$750,000 in both  
15 HOME and HTF; and \$743,000 in ESG funding.

16           On this page and the next one we'll talk  
17 about the awards that were given during this  
18 program year. The allocations, what we're  
19 planning to spend, the awards are based on the  
20 applications, and what's been approved, and then  
21 we'll talk after that about what has been spent in  
22 the program year.

23           So for Goal 1, to preserve and construct  
24 affordable housing, there's about \$3.4 million in  
25 CDBG funds. All of the HOME funding went to that

1 \$1.5 million; \$2.8 million of Housing Trust Fund  
2 dollars went to that as well.

3 For the Goal 2, planning for  
4 communities, a little over \$600,000 were awarded.

5 Goal 3, improve and sustain public  
6 infrastructure, about \$3.5 million was spent for  
7 CDBG with that.

8 Goal 4, revitalizing local economies,  
9 \$525,000 were awarded in the 2025 program year;  
10 and for reducing homelessness, \$744,000, or all of  
11 the ESG funding was awarded.

12 So we look at those numbers a little bit  
13 differently as well. We look at those by the  
14 number of projects that were awarded. So with  
15 CDBG, there were 31 different projects awarded.  
16 This includes three housing projects, five public  
17 and community facilities projects, one economic  
18 development project, and then 16 planning  
19 projects, and that totals that \$4.8 million that  
20 was awarded.

21 For HOME, there were three different  
22 projects that were awarded. Two were rental  
23 rehabilitation, and one was a new rental  
24 construction.

25 For Housing Trust Fund, two projects

1 were awarded, about \$2.8 million total. One was  
2 new construction, and one was rehabilitation.  
3 Both were rental units.

4 And then ESG, nine grants were awarded  
5 throughout the state.

6 We have gone over numbers of what was  
7 allocated and what was awarded, and then we look  
8 at what is spent during that time. So the numbers  
9 vary slightly based on what had been accomplished  
10 during that program year from what we saw with the  
11 awards.

12 So the expenditures for Goal 1 with  
13 affordable housing was about \$2.2 million with  
14 CDBG; \$161,000 with CDBG-CV funds; \$1.2 million of  
15 HOME funds; and \$2.7 million of Housing Trust Fund  
16 dollars.

17 When we're looking at Goal 2, plan for  
18 communities, a little under \$600,000 were spent in  
19 the 2025 program year.

20 Goal 3, to improve and sustain public  
21 infrastructure, we had about \$4.6 million in CDBG  
22 funds, and \$195,000 in CDBG-CV dollars.

23 In Goal 4, revitalize local economies,  
24 \$350,000 in CDBG funds.

25 The final goal, reducing homelessness,

1 we have spending in all of the funding sources:  
2 \$780,000 in CDBG dollars; \$920,000 in CDBG-CV;  
3 \$15,000 in HOME funds; almost \$4 million in  
4 HOME-ARP funds; \$744,000 in ESG funding; and then  
5 \$290,000 in Housing Trust Fund dollars.

6           Through the spending we track the  
7 outcomes, and the number of units constructed, or  
8 other measures of how we are reaching our goals.  
9 I do want to note that we have many projects in  
10 various stages of completion, and we just look at  
11 projects that were completed during this program  
12 year.

13           So Goal 1, preserving and constructing  
14 affordable housing, there were four rental units  
15 that were constructed; 23 rental units that were  
16 rehabilitated; one homeowner housing unit that was  
17 rehabilitated; and 20 homebuyers were assisted  
18 with direct financial assistance.

19           Goal 2, planning for communities, 28  
20 local governments were assisted with planning  
21 activities.

22           For Goal 3, improving and sustaining  
23 public infrastructure, over 20,000 individuals  
24 benefited from public facilities or other  
25 infrastructure improvements.

1           Goal 4, revitalizing local economies, 17  
2 jobs were created or retained.

3           And Goal 5, reducing homelessness, 244  
4 households received tenant-based rental  
5 assistance; 1,400 households received overnight  
6 shelter assistance; and 229 people were assisted  
7 with homeless prevention activities.

8           Throughout the year, the departments are  
9 also monitoring these projects and the recipients  
10 of these grants. In CDBG, under project  
11 completion would be the projects that were  
12 finalized. One CDBG project was monitored; four  
13 HOME-ARP projects were monitored; and two Housing  
14 Trust Fund projects were monitored.

15           And when we're looking at construction  
16 progress, seven CDBG and CDBG-CV projects were  
17 monitored; eight HOME and HOME-ARP project were  
18 monitored; and four Housing Trust Fund projects  
19 were monitored.

20           We also looked at the period of  
21 affordability, so for those housing developments  
22 throughout that time that they're required to  
23 remain affordable, 37 HOME projects were  
24 monitored; six Housing Trust Fund projects were  
25 monitored; then ESG, all eight subrecipients were

1 monitored throughout this program year.

2           The draft documents are available on  
3 Commerce's website. The website is listed here,  
4 and I'll read it as well: [https://commerce.mt.  
5 gov/consolidated-plan/documents](https://commerce.mt.gov/consolidated-plan/documents). You can view it  
6 there. There are also several repositories  
7 throughout the state. You can look on Commerce's  
8 website to do that. You can also request the  
9 documents via email or phone, and I'll provide  
10 that information with the next couple slides.

11           If you'd like to reach the Department of  
12 Commerce, they're at 301 South Park Avenue in  
13 Helena, Montana 59601, or P.O. Box 200523, Helena,  
14 Montana, 59620-0523.

15           You can also reach the Department by  
16 phone or fax or email. I will read out loud the  
17 phone and email for you. Phone is 406-841-2770.  
18 You can also receive them by email at  
19 [docconplan@mt.gov](mailto:docconplan@mt.gov), as well as on their website.

20           You can also reach DPHHS at 1400 Carter  
21 Drive, Helena, Montana, 59601, or P.O. Box 202956,  
22 Helena, Montana, 59620-2956. You can also call  
23 the Department at 406-447-4265.

24           We will now accept comments regarding  
25 the CAPER. If you have a comment and you're

1 joining via webinar, please raise your hand so we  
2 can unmute you. If you are joining via phone,  
3 please press star nine to indicate you have a  
4 comment, and then star six to unmute or remute  
5 yourself.

6 When you're providing a comment, please  
7 state and spell your name, and please state the  
8 organization that you represent, if any. Are  
9 there any comments that you'd like to make?

10 MS. FLYNN: Megan, I don't see anyone  
11 with their hands raised, and there are no comments  
12 in the chat or in the question and answer.

13 MS. BRACE: If anybody has a written  
14 comment it should be addressed to the address  
15 below or the email below, and it will be accepted  
16 until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 12th, which is  
17 this Friday, and these are accepted on behalf of  
18 the 2025 CAPER. You can send that to the Montana  
19 Department of Commerce, Community Development  
20 Division, Attention: Con Plan, P.O. Box 200523,  
21 Helena, Montana, 59620-0523. You can also email  
22 that to docconplan, so docconplan@mt.gov.

23 I'm going to pause for just another  
24 moment to see if anyone does have any questions,  
25 but otherwise that concludes our meeting. Julie,

1 did you have anything you would like to add?

2 MS. FLYNN: I don't have anything to add  
3 at this time. I just really appreciate Megan's  
4 work on putting together this slideshow and CAPER  
5 document itself. And I will be sure that  
6 slideshow is posted to our website later this  
7 afternoon. Thank you.

8 MS. BRACE: Thank you, and thank you all  
9 so much for your time today.

10 (The proceedings were concluded  
11 at 2:21 p.m. )

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STATE OF MONTANA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE and  
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Public Hearing  
June 10, 2026  
for the 2025-2026  
Consolidated Annual Performance and  
Evaluation Report (CAPER)

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS (VIA ZOOM)

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the proceedings in the  
above-captioned matter was heard via Zoom on the  
10th day of June, 2026, beginning at the hour of  
2:00 p.m., before Laurie Crutcher, Registered  
Professional Reporter, Notary Public.

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 2</p> <p>1 <b>DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL PRESENT:</b>  2 Megan Brace  3 Julie Flynn  4 Rosie Goldich  5  6  7 <b>ATTENDEES/OBSERVERS</b>  8 Shyla Patera  9 Julles Engel  10 Melissa Herrera  11  12  13  14  15  16  17  18  19  20  21  22  23  24  25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 4</p> <p>1 Public Health and Human Services develops a  2 five-year plan to guide policy and investment for  3 housing, economic, and other community development  4 projects. This includes four different types of  5 funding, which we'll talk about.  6 The five-year plan, also known as the  7 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community  8 Development, is required by the US Department of  9 Housing and Urban Development, or HUD, to assess  10 Montana's needs, current conditions, as well as  11 determining priorities to how we're going to  12 allocate those four sources of funding.  13 So this public participation process is  14 a part of this development of the plan, and the  15 CAPER, which we'll talk about what that is. The  16 perspective and opinions that are shared by  17 participants in this public hearing will help  18 Commerce and DPHHS to edit and finalize its final  19 draft 2025 to 2026 CAPER, which falls under the  20 umbrella of that Consolidated Plan.  21 The most recent Consolidated Plan was  22 developed in 2025, and it covers the years 2025  23 through 2029, so this is the first CAPER of that  24 Consolidated Plan process. So we hope that with  25 your input we can ensure Montana and community</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 3</p> <p>1 WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were  2 had:  3 * * * * *  4 <b>MS. BRACE:</b> I'd like to welcome all of  5 you who are here with us today to talk about the  6 2025 CAPER. Julie, did you want to introduce  7 yourself before I begin.  8 <b>MS. FLYNN:</b> Sure. My name is Julie  9 Flynn, and I'm the program manager at the  10 Department of Commerce who oversees the HOME  11 Housing Trust Fund, and part of the Community  12 Development Block Grant program. We also have  13 Rosie Goldich, who will be calling in later.  14 Thanks.  15 <b>MS. BRACE:</b> Thank you so much. So my  16 name is Megan Brace. I'm with Community Health  17 Advisors, and we are working with Montana  18 Department of Commerce in the development of this  19 CAPER. The purpose of our meeting today is to go  20 over the findings, and then to allow for public  21 comment. So this meeting is sponsored by both the  22 Montana Department of Commerce and the Department  23 of Public Health and Human Services.  24 The State of Montana through the  25 Department of Commerce and the Department of</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 5</p> <p>1 development needs across Montana are identified  2 and addressed.  3 As I mentioned, the most recent  4 Consolidated Plan was developed in 2025, and it  5 had a set of objectives and goals, and these are  6 used to guide the decision making process of the  7 annual action.  8 The objectives of the Montana  9 Consolidated Plan were to provide decent housing,  10 provide suitable living environment, and to expand  11 economic opportunities. These objectives are met  12 through five different goals. The first goal is  13 to preserve and construct affordable housing; the  14 second goal is to plan for communities; the third  15 goal is to improve and sustain public  16 infrastructure; the fourth goal is to revitalize  17 local economies; and the fifth goal is to reduce  18 homelessness.  19 Each of these goals is addressed with a  20 certain amount of funding, which we'll talk about  21 as we move forward in this process.  22 These goals are also addressed with  23 programs. The first funding source is the  24 Community Development Block Grant or CDBG. This  25 is the widest source of funding that offers the</p>

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1 most flexibility. The programs in Montana that  
 2 are used with this funding include housing, both  
 3 rental and single family rehabilitation; it  
 4 includes public and community facilities; it  
 5 includes funding for economic development; and it  
 6 includes funding for community planning.  
 7 We also have the HOME Investment  
 8 Partnerships Program or HOME. These funds are  
 9 allocated toward the different housing projects.  
 10 This includes rental development, single family  
 11 development, and rental rehabilitation, and it  
 12 also includes homebuyer assistance.  
 13 The Housing Trust Fund is a very similar  
 14 program to the HOME fund with some more  
 15 restrictions. It's directed only at extremely low  
 16 income households, and the programs that address  
 17 this in the state are rental development and  
 18 rental rehabilitation.  
 19 The fourth program is the Emergency  
 20 Solutions Grant or ESG, and this is directed  
 21 towards households that are experiencing or are at  
 22 risk of homelessness. It goes towards emergency  
 23 shelters, homelessness prevention, and rapid  
 24 rehousing.  
 25 So we have the Consolidated Plan

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1 documents. This was developed as the strategic  
 2 plan to guide housing and community investments.  
 3 It created those goals that we talked about, and  
 4 it creates the framework for each annual action.  
 5 So the 2025 annual treatment outlines specific  
 6 activities, and how those activities will meet  
 7 goals and objectives during the 2025 to 2026  
 8 program year.  
 9 At the end of the program year is where  
 10 we're at, and where we have this CAPER, the  
 11 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation  
 12 Report. This lets us look back at the prior  
 13 program year, at the annual report so we can look  
 14 at detailed use of funds, progress towards meeting  
 15 the goals that we have set forth, and the  
 16 objectives that we have in the annual action plan  
 17 as well as the overarching consolidated plan.  
 18 The annual action plan outlined  
 19 allocations for each goal.  
 20 For Goal 1, we have three different  
 21 funding sources. We have CDBG; we have HOME; and  
 22 we have the Housing Trust Fund. The funding for  
 23 this first year, we put \$1 million of CDBG funds,  
 24 which accounts for 16 percent; about \$2.7 million  
 25 in HOME funds, which is 79 percent; and about \$2.3

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1 million in Housing Trust Fund dollars, which is  
 2 about 76 percent of HTF funding.  
 3 For Goal 2, Plan for Communities, there  
 4 was \$600,000 of CDBG funds allocated, which was  
 5 about 10 percent of the funding.  
 6 For Goal 3, to improve and sustain  
 7 public infrastructure, about 50 percent or about  
 8 \$3 million of CDBG funds were allocated.  
 9 For Goal 4, to revitalize local  
 10 economies, about 16 percent or \$1 million of CDBG  
 11 funds were allocated.  
 12 For the last goal of reducing  
 13 homelessness, all four funding sources had  
 14 allocations: \$500,000 in CDBG; \$750,000 in both  
 15 HOME and HTF; and \$743,000 in ESG funding.  
 16 On this page and the next one we'll talk  
 17 about the awards that were given during this  
 18 program year. The allocations, what we're  
 19 planning to spend, the awards are based on the  
 20 applications, and what's been approved, and then  
 21 we'll talk after that about what has been spent in  
 22 the program year.  
 23 So for Goal 1, to preserve and construct  
 24 affordable housing, there's about \$3.4 million in  
 25 CDBG funds. All of the HOME funding went to that

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1 \$1.5 million; \$2.8 million of Housing Trust Fund  
 2 dollars went to that as well.  
 3 For the Goal 2, planning for  
 4 communities, a little over \$600,000 were awarded.  
 5 Goal 3, improve and sustain public  
 6 infrastructure, about \$3.5 million was spent for  
 7 CDBG with that.  
 8 Goal 4, revitalizing local economies,  
 9 \$525,000 were awarded in the 2025 program year;  
 10 and for reducing homelessness, \$744,000, or all of  
 11 the ESG funding was awarded.  
 12 So we look at those numbers a little bit  
 13 differently as well. We look at those by the  
 14 number of projects that were awarded. So with  
 15 CDBG, there were 31 different projects awarded.  
 16 This includes three housing projects, five public  
 17 and community facilities projects, one economic  
 18 development project, and then 16 planning  
 19 projects, and that totals that \$4.8 million that  
 20 was awarded.  
 21 For HOME, there were three different  
 22 projects that were awarded. Two were rental  
 23 rehabilitation, and one was a new rental  
 24 construction.  
 25 For Housing Trust Fund, two projects

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1 were awarded, about \$2.8 million total. One was  
 2 new construction, and one was rehabilitation.  
 3 Both were rental units.  
 4 And then ESG, nine grants were awarded  
 5 throughout the state.  
 6 We have gone over numbers of what was  
 7 allocated and what was awarded, and then we look  
 8 at what is spent during that time. So the numbers  
 9 vary slightly based on what had been accomplished  
 10 during that program year from what we saw with the  
 11 awards.  
 12 So the expenditures for Goal 1 with  
 13 affordable housing was about \$2.2 million with  
 14 CDBG; \$161,000 with CDBG-CV funds; \$1.2 million of  
 15 HOME funds; and \$2.7 million of Housing Trust Fund  
 16 dollars.  
 17 When we're looking at Goal 2, plan for  
 18 communities, a little under \$600,000 were spent in  
 19 the 2025 program year.  
 20 Goal 3, to improve and sustain public  
 21 infrastructure, we had about \$4.6 million in CDBG  
 22 funds, and \$195,000 in CDBG-CV dollars.  
 23 In Goal 4, revitalize local economies,  
 24 \$350,000 in CDBG funds.  
 25 The final goal, reducing homelessness,

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1 we have spending in all of the funding sources:  
 2 \$780,000 in CDBG dollars; \$920,000 in CDBG-CV;  
 3 \$15,000 in HOME funds; almost \$4 million in  
 4 HOME-ARP funds; \$744,000 in ESG funding; and then  
 5 \$290,000 in Housing Trust Fund dollars.  
 6 Through the spending we track the  
 7 outcomes, and the number of units constructed, or  
 8 other measures of how we are reaching our goals.  
 9 I do want to note that we have many projects in  
 10 various stages of completion, and we just look at  
 11 projects that were completed during this program  
 12 year.  
 13 So Goal 1, preserving and constructing  
 14 affordable housing, there were four rental units  
 15 that were constructed; 23 rental units that were  
 16 rehabilitated; one homeowner housing unit that was  
 17 rehabilitated; and 20 homebuyers were assisted  
 18 with direct financial assistance.  
 19 Goal 2, planning for communities, 28  
 20 local governments were assisted with planning  
 21 activities.  
 22 For Goal 3, improving and sustaining  
 23 public infrastructure, over 20,000 individuals  
 24 benefited from public facilities or other  
 25 infrastructure improvements.

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1 Goal 4, revitalizing local economies, 17  
 2 jobs were created or retained.  
 3 And Goal 5, reducing homelessness, 244  
 4 households received tenant-based rental  
 5 assistance; 1,400 households received overnight  
 6 shelter assistance; and 229 people were assisted  
 7 with homeless prevention activities.  
 8 Throughout the year, the departments are  
 9 also monitoring these projects and the recipients  
 10 of these grants. In CDBG, under project  
 11 completion would be the projects that were  
 12 finalized. One CDBG project was monitored; four  
 13 HOME-ARP projects were monitored; and two Housing  
 14 Trust Fund projects were monitored.  
 15 And when we're looking at construction  
 16 progress, seven CDBG and CDBG-CV projects were  
 17 monitored; eight HOME and HOME-ARP project were  
 18 monitored; and four Housing Trust Fund projects  
 19 were monitored.  
 20 We also looked at the period of  
 21 affordability, so for those housing developments  
 22 throughout that time that they're required to  
 23 remain affordable, 37 HOME projects were  
 24 monitored; six Housing Trust Fund projects were  
 25 monitored; then ESG, all eight subrecipients were

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1 monitored throughout this program year.  
 2 The draft documents are available on  
 3 Commerce's website. The website is listed here,  
 4 and I'll read it as well: [https://commerce.mt.](https://commerce.mt.gov/consolidated-plan/documents)  
 5 [gov/consolidated-plan/documents](https://commerce.mt.gov/consolidated-plan/documents). You can view it  
 6 there. There are also several repositories  
 7 throughout the state. You can look on Commerce's  
 8 website to do that. You can also request the  
 9 documents via email or phone, and I'll provide  
 10 that information with the next couple slides.  
 11 If you'd like to reach the Department of  
 12 Commerce, they're at 301 South Park Avenue in  
 13 Helena, Montana 59601, or P.O. Box 200523, Helena,  
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 23 the Department at 406-447-4265.  
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9 there any comments that you'd like to make?

10 **MS. FLYNN:** Megan, I don't see anyone  
11 with their hands raised, and there are no comments  
12 in the chat or in the question and answer.

13 **MS. BRACE:** If anybody has a written  
14 comment it should be addressed to the address  
15 below or the email below, and it will be accepted  
16 until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 12th, which is  
17 this Friday, and these are accepted on behalf of  
18 the 2025 CAPER. You can send that to the Montana  
19 Department of Commerce, Community Development  
20 Division, Attention: Con Plan, P.O. Box 200523,  
21 Helena, Montana, 59620-0523. You can also email  
22 that to docconplan, so docconplan@mt.gov.

23 I'm going to pause for just another  
24 moment to see if anyone does have any questions,  
25 but otherwise that concludes our meeting. Julie,

1 did you have anything you would like to add?

2 **MS. FLYNN:** I don't have anything to add  
3 at this time. I just really appreciate Megan's  
4 work on putting together this slideshow and CAPER  
5 document itself. And I will be sure that  
6 slideshow is posted to our website later this  
7 afternoon. Thank you.

8 **MS. BRACE:** Thank you, and thank you all  
9 so much for your time today.

10 (The proceedings were concluded  
11 at 2:21 p.m.)

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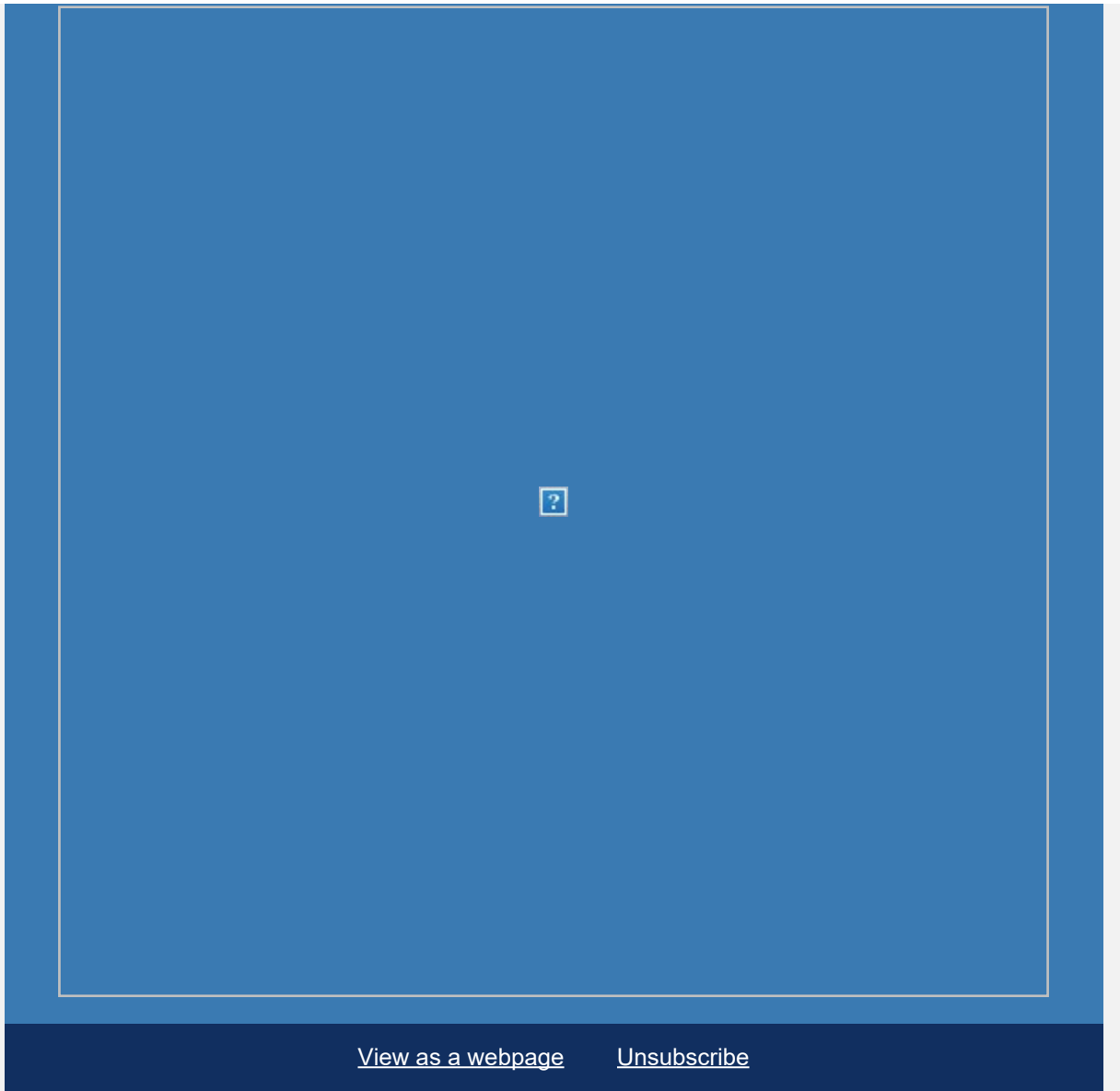
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### Weekly Roundup

The Weekly Roundup is a summary of events, news and information important to Commerce's constituents this week. Click on any topic for more information.

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**Infrastructure and Planning**

[\*\*The Lead Service Line Technical Assistance Program\*\*](#) migrated to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality on May 9. Contact Drinking Water Scientist Jayde Duysen at DEQ at [jayde.duysen@mt.gov](mailto:jayde.duysen@mt.gov) or 406-444-0917 for help regarding lead service lines.

The Montana Main Street Program seeks additions to its MMS murals catalog. MMS members may submit a mural by [\*\*visiting the project's web page\*\*](#).

[\*\*The Community Development Block Grant Planning Program will accept applications for a third round of funding\*\*](#) now through 11:59 p.m. on July 10. Application guidelines are available on the [\*\*CDBG planning web page\*\*](#). Apply through the [\*\*grants and loans portal\*\*](#).

[\*\*The Montana Coal Board is hosting a public quarterly meeting\*\*](#) on June 4 at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be at the Hilton Garden Inn at 2465 Grant Road in Billings. Interested individuals can also attend [\*\*virtually\*\*](#).

[\*\*The Community Technical Assistance Program\*\*](#) is available to help with community planning needs, including growth policies, subdivision regulations, downtown master plans or long- or short-range planning. [\*\*Contact the CTAP team\*\*](#) for more information.

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## **Business**

[\*\*The Opportunities in Rural Economies Program is accepting applications from economic development organizations through its online application portal\*\*](#). The enrollment period is open-ended; organizations engaged in active economic development are encouraged to apply. Lenders interested in participating in the ORE Loan Participation Program may contact program staff for more information and, if eligible, will be required to execute a General Lender Loan Servicing Agreement with Commerce. For more information, contact Business Resource Partner Josh Bennett at 406-841-2748 or [josh.bennett@mt.gov](mailto:josh.bennett@mt.gov).

[\*\*The Wood Products Revolving Loan Fund\*\*](#) is accepting new applications. The program offers a loan participation structure for requests up to \$2 million and continues to provide direct loans to eligible businesses for amounts under \$1 million. The application portal will remain open until all available funds are committed, with approximately \$1.4 million currently available. For more information, contact Program Specialist Chris Ryan at [chris.ryan@mt.gov](mailto:chris.ryan@mt.gov).

[\*\*The Montana State Small Business Credit Initiative 2.0 Loan Participation Program-Recycled Funds application is open\*\*](#) and will remain so for the duration of the program, with capital availability contingent on repayments from existing borrowers. A list of participating lenders with funds for recycling is on the [\*\*SSBCI web page\*\*](#).

[\*\*Native American Collateral Support Program funding is available\*\*](#). The NACS Program is accepting applications online, which can be found on the website under

“Application Process.” Currently, approximately \$61,235 in cash funding is available. For more information, contact Program Specialist Chris Ryan at [chris.ryan@mt.gov](mailto:chris.ryan@mt.gov) or 406-841-2594.

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## Housing

**[Montana Board of Housing Public Meeting](#)**: June 8. This meeting will include the Board’s consideration of submitted [loan applications](#).

**[Montana Board of Housing Public Meeting](#)**: July 20.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has published the following income and rent limits for the HOME Investment Partnerships and Housing Trust Fund programs. The new limits are effective June 1, 2026.

- [HOME income limits](#)
- [HOME rent limits](#)
- [HTF income limits](#)
- [HTF rent limits](#)

HUD also released the HOME per-unit subsidy limits, which Commerce applies to HOME and HTF projects. They are now incorporated in the Maximum Subsidy tab of the [Pro Forma and Subsidy Review Spreadsheet](#) on Commerce’s website. The per-unit subsidy limits became effective May 11, 2026.

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## Commerce News/Upcoming Events

**[The Montana Heritage Commission will meet June 5](#)** at 9 a.m. [via Zoom](#) and in-person in Virginia City. In-person space is limited. Registration is required for online participation; click the Zoom link in advance to do so.

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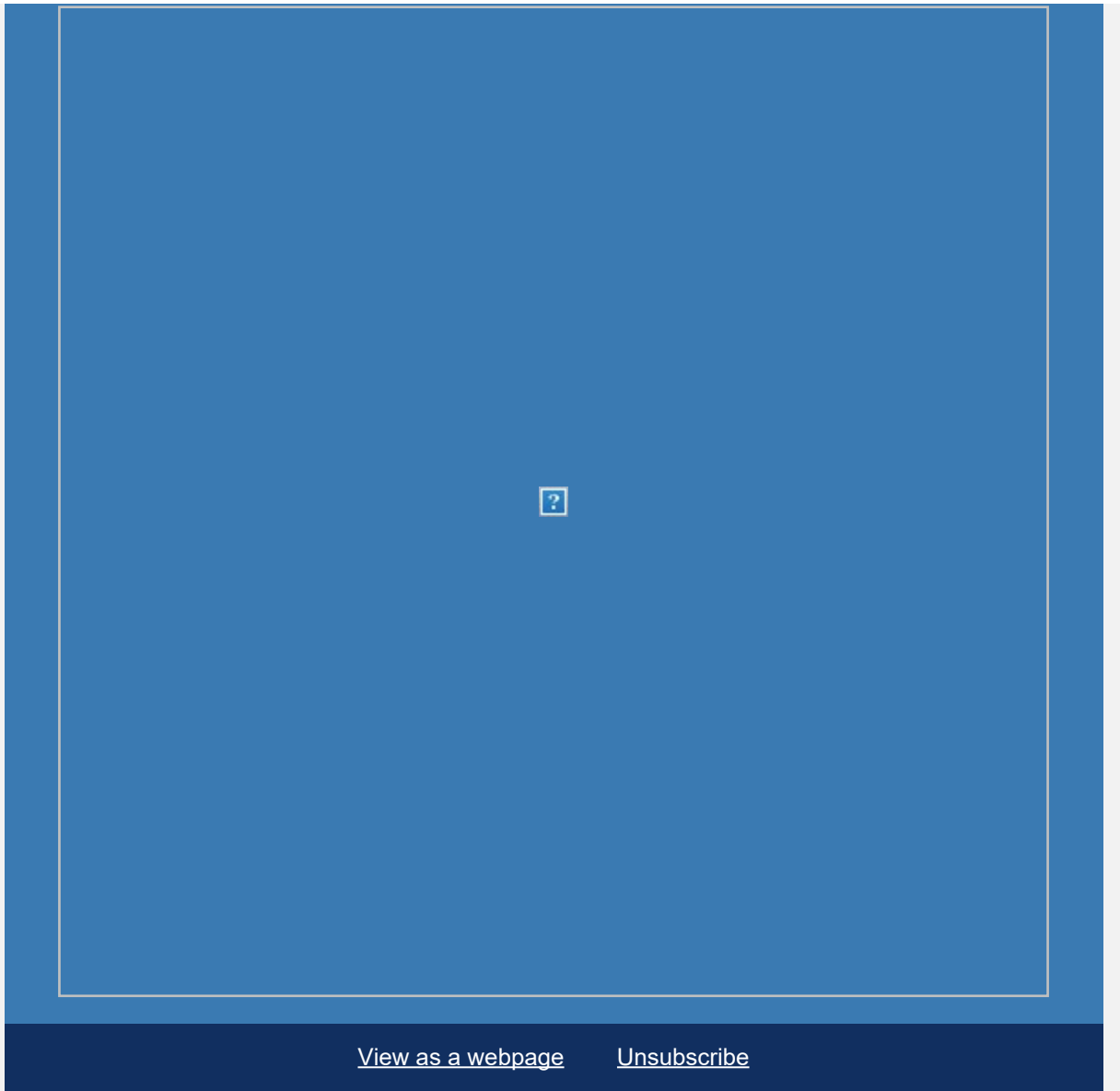
[The Research and Information Services Bureau](#) supports early outreach planning for the [2030 Census](#) through its role as the Census and Economic Information Center. Census data drives over \$4 billion annually in federal funding for Montana communities, making accurate counts essential. Staff are working with partners to build awareness strategies ahead of the 2030 count; community engagement will be key. When residents share information with partners and neighbors, it strengthens Montana's ability to ensure everyone is counted.

[Early bird registration is open for the 2026 Montana Department of Commerce Governor's Conference on Tourism](#). This year's conference will be held Sept. 16-18 in Great Falls. The event brings together more than 350 tourism and business professionals to educate, network and inspire one another. Instead of standard breakout sessions, rural immersive experiences will be offered and are designed to show attendees what Montana's landscapes need to thrive. Register today!

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Carlos Ramalho, Executive Director  
Living Independently for Today and Tomorrow  
1201 Grand Ave, Ste 1  
Billings, MT 59101

Dear Executive Director Ramalho :

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Julie Flynn, Program Manager

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Shane Walk, VP, Acquisitions  
Mountain Plains Equity Group, Inc  
2101 Overland Ave  
Billings, MT 59102

Dear VP, Acquisitions Walk :

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Margaret Keener, Executive Director  
North Central Independent Living Services  
1120 25th Ave N  
Black Eagle, MT 59414

Dear Executive Director Keener :

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Scott Birkenbuel, Chief Executive Officer  
Montana Independent Living Project  
2015 Charlotte, Ste 2  
Bozeman, MT 59718

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Heather Grenier, Executive Director  
District IX HRDC  
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Pam Bean, Executive Director  
Montana Fair Housing  
519 E Front St, Ste 533  
Butte, MT 59701

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May 20, 2026

Cindy Larsen, Chief Executive Officer  
Action for Eastern Montana  
PO Box 1309  
Glendive, MT 59330

Dear Chief Executive Officer Larsen :

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Kaia Peterson, Executive Director  
NeighborWorks Montana  
509 First Ave S  
Great Falls, MT 59401

Dear Executive Director Peterson :

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Karla Seaman, Executive Director  
Opportunities, Inc.  
905 First Ave N  
Great Falls, MT 59401

Dear Executive Director Seaman :

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Joshua Revious, Executive Director  
District IV HRDC  
2229 Fifth Ave  
Havre, MT 59501

Dear Executive Director Revious :

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Scott Birkenbuel, Executive Director  
Montana Independent Living Project  
825 Great Northern Blvd, Ste 105  
Helena, MT 59601

Dear Executive Director Birkenbuel :

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Kristine Mosby, Executive Assistant  
Montana DPHHS, Human and Community Serv Div  
PO Box 20925  
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Executive Assistant Mosby :

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Marieke Beck, Program Manager  
Montana Human Rights Bureau  
PO Box 8011  
Helena, MT 59601

Dear Program Manager Beck :

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Jim Kammerer, Government Information Librarian  
Montana State Library  
PO Box 201800  
Helena, MT 59601

Dear Government Information Librarian Kammerer :

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Lori Ladas, Executive Director  
Rocky Mountain Development Council  
200 S Cruse  
Helena, MT 59601

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Tracy Diaz, Executive Director  
Community Action Partnerships of NW Montana  
PO Box 8300  
Kalispell, MT 59904

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Esther Wilson, Executive Director  
District 6 HRDC  
300 1st Ave N #203  
Lewistown, MT 59457

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Kate Jerrim Ybarra, Executive Director  
District XI HRDC  
1801 S Higgins  
Missoula, MT 59801

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Karissa Trujillo, Executive Director  
Homewood  
1535 Liberty Ln, Ste 116A  
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Dave Glaser, President  
Montana Community Development Corporation  
229 E Main St  
Missoula, MT 59802

Dear President Glaser :

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Tori Matejovsky, Executive Director  
Great Northern Development Corporation  
233 Cascade St  
Wolf Point, MT 59201

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The Contract Documents consisting of Drawings and Project Manual may be examined or obtained at the office of Big Sky Civil & Environmental, Inc., 1324 13th Ave SW, Great Falls, MT (406-727-2185) in accordance with Article 2.01 of Instructions to Bidders. Electronic contract documents are available upon request.

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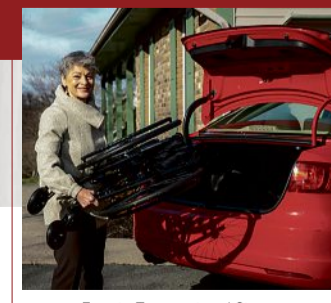


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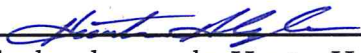
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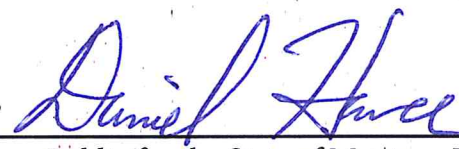
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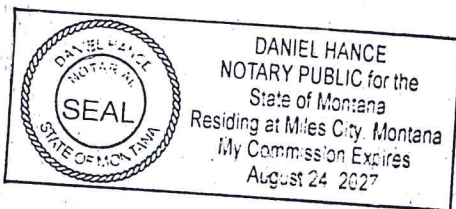
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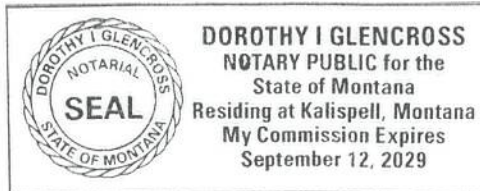
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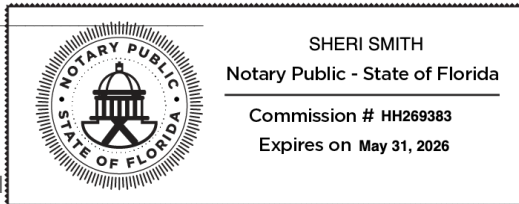
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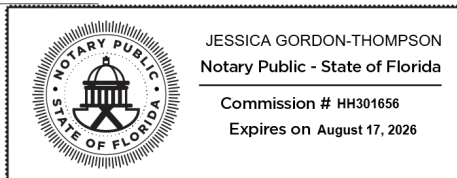
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*J. Thompson*

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
My Commission Expires January 23, 2027

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*Sharon E. Thomas-Pope*

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