

Becoming a Montana Main Street Member Community

Readiness Checklist

Communities interested in the MMS Program should reference the readiness checklist below. A community must be actively pursuing downtown revitalization, working with partner organizations and outlining a commitment to long- and short-term planning. Interested communities are dedicated to improving quality of life through place-based economic development and community preservation. Once accepted to MMS, communities join a collective movement among local partners and grassroots leaders.

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| The applicant has been in touch with Commerce MMS Program staff and discussed the community's vision and goals if accepted as a member community. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| The applicant has identified and convened with a core group of local stakeholders, community leaders, city representatives and development groups that are engaged in downtown revitalization in the community and have gained consensus on participating in the network. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| The applicant has discussed the MMS Program and opportunities with downtown businesses and downtown property owners. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| The applicant follows the Main Street America Four-Point Approach and has created sub-committees focusing on these four points. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| The applicant has visited MMS communities to explore other downtown districts and talk to local leaders about the MMS experience. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |

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| <p>If yes, which communities did the applicant observe?</p> <p>If no, please inquire with the State Program to help your community get connected with similar programs.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <p>The applicant has invited MMS to their community for a Main Street 101 presentation and to discuss Program requirements and other downtown revitalization strategies.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <p>The applicant has established a volunteer base.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <p>The applicant can demonstrate how they will meet the requirement of submitting an annual report. This is often accomplished by first developing an annual strategic plan or detailed work plan.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <p>The applicant has a budget for downtown revitalization work.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <p>The applicant has completed the training on organization, design, promotion and economic vitality.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |