



MONTANA MAIN STREET PROGRAM

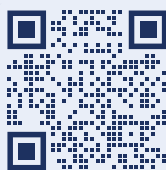
REVITALIZING DOWNTOWNS THROUGH GRASSROOTS EFFORTS

BACKGROUND

The Montana Main Street program is administered by the Montana Department of Commerce and is supported by a grassroots network comprised of more than 35 member communities throughout the state.

As a state coordinating program within the Main Street America® network, the MMS program awards competitive grant funding to communities focusing on planning and/or implementation projects directly related to downtown revitalization, development and historic preservation that contribute to Montana's unique sense of place.

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PROGRAM APPLICATION

It's important to understand the MMS program and its requirements prior to application. The program may not be right for all communities at any given time; acceptance is competitive and based on community preparedness and resources available from the Montana Department of Commerce. Basic application requirements and ongoing accreditation processes include:

- A broad base of public support for the Main Street district revitalization efforts.
- Organization focused on the Main Street district revitalization efforts.
- Long-term commitment to Main Street district revitalization demonstrated through continuing submission of quarterly statistics.

Photos by: Downtown Billings Association (front); KLJ Engineering (back, backdrop).

Montana Main Street

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

2005

Montana joined the Main Street America® network

660,000

documented MMS volunteer hours

PROGRAM FUNDING

\$1.7 million

in grant funding utilized across the state

\$4.5 million

received in private and public investments

ECONOMIC SUCCESS

1,070

businesses have been created as a result of MMS

3,150

jobs have been created as a result of MMS

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

90

MMS projects have been supported across the state

1,900

building improvement projects completed