— DESTINATION —
FORT BENTON

October 13, 2025

Present: Shannon (DFB), Jessie (DFB), Dean (St. Paul's), Raymond Gonzalez, Cory (City) Juli (CCFA), Kristi (DFB), Austin McGrann (DFB), Joellyn (DFB), Karen(DFB), Wendy, Jenice, Katie, Colette

1. Approve minutes
2. Treasurer's report (see attached)
3. Volunteer Hours Reminder; work as matching funds, can show a broad group of people when we go to apply for our next rounds of funds…so it's important to get these hours in!
4. Sub-grant project reports
    a. Saint Paul's Episcopal Church - $5000 **(Dean)** TC Glass is scheduled for this Wednesday to install the glass doors.
    b. Fort Benton GFWC Women's Club - $2000 **(Karen)** Project is done; just waiting on the bill.
    c. Chouteau County Fair - $3700 **(Austin)** Project is moving slowly.
    d. Chouteau County Performing Arts - $5000 **(Jenice)** Have not seen a bill yet for radio ads. They do plan to do some META advertising
    e. Palace Bar - $2500 **(No rep)** Project is finished, looks great! (Exterior Sign)
    f. Chouteau County Fine Arts Council - $1800 **(Juli)** First floor is ready to go; third floor is being worked on now. These will be silhouettes. Second floor will be partially done by professional artists, the rest by the community. These are historically representative of Fort Benton. End of month, first floor will be installed. Entire project should be done by May.They are hoping to paint the exterior of the first floor to make it look better.
    g. Chamber of Commerce - $5000 **(Joellyn)** Project is finished. (Visitor's center deck)
5. State of the Summer— data sharing meeting plans **(Colette);** invites have gone out. We will need to follow up with personal calls/contact next week.
6. Main Street Montana update (grant, reports, etc.) **(Joellyn)** We are needing to pull together a few things for them: boundary map(we need to define what our main street boundary is…maybe align with the TIFD district?), and quarterly report. The boundary area cannot include residential, nor can it be 2 separate areas. Volunteer numbers could be added. The city is the entity that belongs to MSM; we can access grant funding from them. We plan to ask for money for our historic levee signs. We are working with CIA to apply for grant money.
7. Other grants (Strand, Lippard-Clawiter) Applying for basic operating expenses (insurance, rent, etc.)
8. Active Project Committee Updates
    a. Photo and Video Assets **(Joellyn)** We are still waiting on the gallery of photos.
    b. Branding- We are meeting regularly with BMD. Should be finished by November. We are considering a sneak peek for select group when finished and then official launch in Spring, possibly in conjunction with the website.
    c. Master planning **(Katie)** Working with Sanbell out of Bozeman. Will be visiting Fort Benton this week. They then will set up meetings with various groups (signage, trails, etc…)
    d. Data / Placer.ai—**Shannon / Ani** update
    e. Website **(Joellyn)** RFQ is out; we are waiting on responses. BMD, Kinetic (Bozeman), Tempest (Central MT website) have been solicited. Joellyn will also send to Wendt and Windfall.
9. Reimagining Rural update **(Karen);** Games have been put together; waiting to hear when next activity will be. Greenhouse project has withered and may be revisited in the future.

Misc.

-Dean talked about new grants available for direction signage.

-Montana Performing Arts Consortium just happened; many new, great groups, if anyone has need for entertainment, the CCPA could recommend.

-Cancer support group is going to do a walk on Saturday, October 25, 2025. 10am

Next meeting: Monday, October 27, 6 p.m. <u>at Grand Union,</u> held in conjunction with our first annual "State of the Summer" event.

Respectfully submitted by Colette Tihista-Longin, Secretary

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TREASURY REPORT

PILOT GRANT YEAR 1 = $250,000

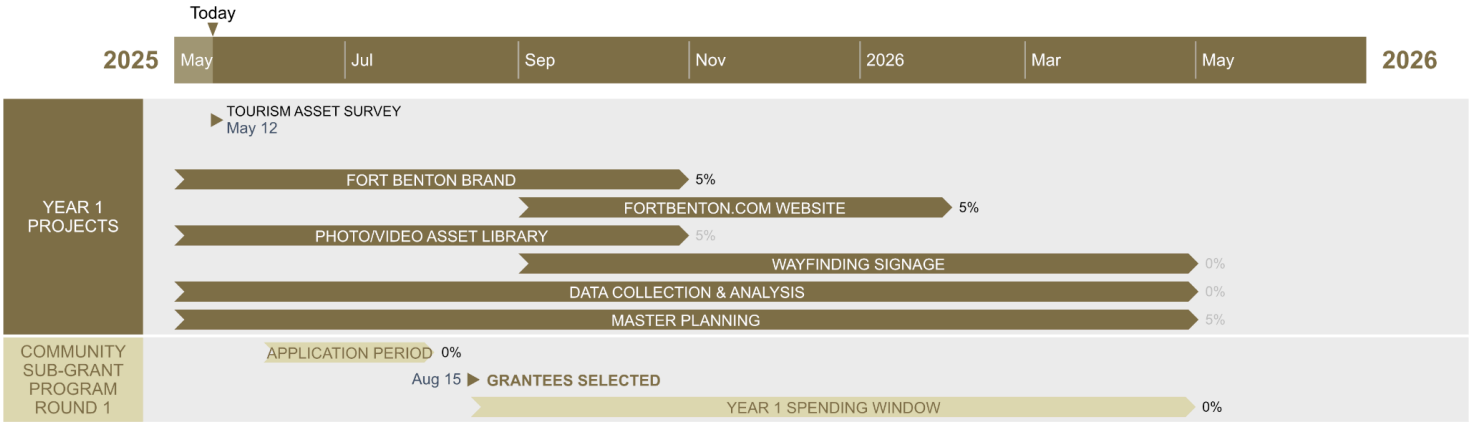
	PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	PCTGP BUDGET	BUDGET EXPENDED	BUDGET REMAINING	UPCOMING EXPENSES
1	Engineering/Master Planning	$75,000.00		$75,000.00	
2	Brand and Style Guide Development	$10,000.00	$4,875.00	$5,125.00	
3	Photo and Video Asset Library	$10,000.00	$2,000.00	$8,000.00	
4	Redesign fortbenton.com website	$10,000.00		$10,000.00	
5	Tourism Asset Survey	$28,000.00	$26,962.35	$1,037.65	
6	Placer.ai tourism data service	$13,200.00	$13,200.00	$0.00	
7	Wayfinding Signage	$28,800.00		$28,800.00	
8	Grant within a Grant program	$25,000.00	$6,238.66	$18,761.34	
9	Grant Administration	$45,000.00	$2,800.50	$42,199.50	
10	Steering Committee travel and training expenses	$1,000.00	$1,075.40	-$75.40	
11	Steering Committee meeting & planning space rent	$3,600.00	$165.90	$3,434.10	
12	Steering Committee Meeting & Printing expenses	$400.00	$58.35	$341.65	
	TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	**$250,000.00**	**$57,376.16**	**$192,623.84**	

REIMAGINING RURAL GRANT

	GRANT	INCOME	EXPENSE	COST
1	2025 Reimagining Rural	$1,750.00		
			REMAINING BALANCE	**$1,750.00**

NON-GRANT

	DONATIONS	INCOME	EXPENSE	COST
1	Anonymous	$10,000.00	Post Office Box	$82.00
2	Contribution	$1.00	Stamps	$7.30
3			501c3 application fee - reimbruse Shannon Wald	$319.00
4			Pioneer Insurance	$3,145.00
5			Parade banners - reimbruse Joellyn Clark	$112.43
6			501c3 application fee - reimbruse Jenice Fugere	$295.00
7			Fort Benton (Northwest) Hardware	$129.93
8			Checks- Harland Clark	$40.37
9			Fort Benton (Northwest) Hardware	$7.11
10			Bozeman Media Design (reimb. grant expense)	$4,875.00
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12				
13				
		$10,001.00		**$9,013.14**
			REMAINING BALANCE	**$987.86**


Today
2025
May
Jul
Sep
Nov
2026
Mar
May
2026
YEAR 1 PROJECTS
TOURISM ASSET SURVEY
May 12
FORT BENTON BRAND
5%
FORTBENTON.COM WEBSITE
5%
PHOTO/VIDEO ASSET LIBRARY
5%
WAYFINDING SIGNAGE
0%
DATA COLLECTION & ANALYSIS
0%
MASTER PLANNING
5%
COMMUNITY SUB-GRANT PROGRAM ROUND 1
APPLICATION PERIOD
0%
Aug 15
GRANTEES SELECTED
YEAR 1 SPENDING WINDOW
0%