

Montana Department of Commerce | Helena

Goals and Activities

The Montana Department of Commerce Community Development Division (CDD) supports the development of homes that Montanans can afford by providing gap financing through three HUD Programs - the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investments Partnership Program (HOME), and the Housing Trust Fund (HTF). The Housing Trust Fund, and HOME Investment Partnerships Program are U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development-funded affordable home programs administered through the Department of Commerce.

Major Outcomes

Disburse HUD allocations throughout the state to support the development, rehabilitation and preservation of homes for rent and for purchase that are affordable in Montanans. As of January 2020, Commerce announced \$4.5 million in Housing Trust Fund and Home awards, where funding will support 294 affordable homes in Montana. Commerce Director Tara Rice stated “Our goal is to strengthen communities by supporting the development and rehabilitation of affordable homes in Montana. This funding enables us to partner with existing federal, state and local efforts to increase the supply of safe and affordable homes in Montana. Housing Trust Fund grants will be awarded to:

- **Billings | Accessible Space, Inc:** \$120,000 for elevator replacements at a Billings property with 24 homes that serve seniors and people living with a disability.
- **Great Falls | Accessible Space, Inc:** \$170,000 for elevator replacements at a Great Falls property with 24 homes that serve seniors and people living with a disability.
- **Helena | Rocky Mountain Development Council, Inc:** \$1,250,000 for the rehabilitation of 44 affordable homes at the Fire Tower Apartments.
- **Missoula | Missoula Housing Authority:** \$2,500,000 for the construction of 130 affordable rental homes, including 30 permanent supportive homes for households experiencing homelessness.
- A HOME Investment Partnerships Program grant will be awarded to:
- **Missoula | Homeward, Inc:** \$500,000 for the construction of 72 affordable rental homes in Missoula.

Advice for Others

Be in touch with CDD staff at 406-841-2770 or DOCCDD@mt.gov.

Populations Served

CDD serves Montanans statewide whose household incomes fall below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI).

Major Partners and Funders

CDD works with cities, towns, counties, non-profit and for-profit developers, Human Resource Councils, Community Housing Development Organizations, Public Housing Authorities and organizations serving vulnerable Montanans.

Questions?

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