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Yellowstone County Board of County Commissioners
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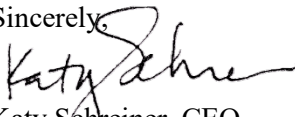
Dear Commissioner Morse, Commissioner Ostlund, and Commissioner Waters:

In October of 2024, the Yellowstone County BOCC allocated funds to the Downtown Billings Alliance (DBA) for the Motivated Addiction Alternatives Program (MAAP). We would like to formally request that the YCBOCC fund the second half of the program funds, in the amount of \$37,500, to be paid to the DBA per the original allocation agreement.

If funded, the DBA commits to the following:

- **Crisis Stabilization:** through the Motivated Addiction Alternatives Program (MAAP), and the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT is a partnership with Rimrock’s Peer Support program), the DBA identifies individuals with a combination of mental illness, substance use disorder, and quality of life misdemeanor violations (public urination, open container, trespass, theft). MAAP and HOT staff make a concerted effort to build relationships with these individuals and connect them to treatment and support services as an alternative to jail. MAAP staff also work closely with the Yellowstone County Detention Facility to ensure that individuals entering or being discharged from the YCDF who meet MAAP criteria, have ongoing support from MAAP and the HOT Team.
- **Referrals:** The DBA will work with Crisis Leaders and other stakeholders to ensure that the handoff process from the MAAP and HOT teams to other services is working efficiently and appropriately.
- **Community Partnership:** The DBA funds three FTE Billings Police Officers who are an essential part of the MAAP program. The Community Resource Director position provides a dedicated contact that police officers can transfer individuals to for intentional and consistent follow up. This essential position engages with all county and regional resources available and ensures individuals can access the most appropriate help. While this position has been funded by numerous grants over the years, the DBA seeks a more sustainable funding source for this key position through continued inclusion in this Mental Health Mill Levy request.
- **Data Collection and Reporting:** The DBA will continue to collect data using HMIS and will deliver quarterly reporting on the successful efforts of the MAAP and HOT programs. Additionally, the DBA will collaborate with Billings Police Department to issue an annual Community Impact Statement.

Thank you for the opportunity to partner with Yellowstone County in this important work. We look forward to continuing this valuable partnership to serve our community. Please don’t hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. You can reach me at katy@downtownbillings.com or by calling 406-294-5060.

Sincerely,

Katy Schreiner, CEO
Downtown Billings Alliance