

February 14, 2020

Jeff Burrows, Commission Chair
Ravalli County
215 South 4th Street
Hamilton, MT 59840

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Dear Commission Chair Burrows,

RE: Application for Delivering Local Assistance funding –Communications Systems Project *public Safety Comm*

On May 10, 2019, Governor Bullock signed into law House Bill (HB) 652, which authorized infrastructure bonding funds for the newly created Delivering Local Assistance Program for the 2021 Biennium. HB 652 provided \$21.5 million in grant funds for local government and school district infrastructure projects. Unfortunately, your project was not selected for funding. The successful grantees and their respective award amounts can be found at COMDEV.MT.GOV/Programs-and-Boards/Delivering-Local-Assistance.

We know the need for infrastructure funding is high. The Legislature set aside just \$21.5 million for Delivering Local Assistance, but we received an astounding 191 applications requesting nearly \$83 million. This one-time program funds the most critically needed projects. It is my hope that future lawmakers continue to make important investments in infrastructure projects across Montana.

Be sure to check your email and the Montana Department of Commerce’s Community Development Division website, COMDEV.MT.GOV for future funding opportunities and technical assistance support.

Sincerely,


Jennifer H. Olson, Administrator
Community Development Division
Department of Commerce

cc: Erik Hoover, Director, Officer of Emergency Management, Ravalli County

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