

August 23, 2016

District 7 HRDC  
Attn: Ms. Bobbie Brekhus  
PO Box 2016  
Billings MT 59103-2016

Dear Ms. Brekhus:

We, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) of Yellowstone County, hereby support District 7 Human Resources Development Council (HRDC) in their grant application for the Montana Pathways Program for funding to provide services for our at-risk families.

Yellowstone is the most populous county in Montana. At the county seat of Yellowstone is Billings, Montana's largest city with more than 110,263 in population. Coinciding with our increase in population, Billings continues to experience rapid growth in support of a strong economy. However, increases in population have also placed an increasing demand for services to support our more disadvantaged citizens.

The BOCC have had a long-standing relationship with HRDC since its inception in 1966 as a Community Action Partnership (CAP) of Billings and Yellowstone County. The BOCC have always ensured representation on the tri-partite board of trustees, through James Thompson (selected by the commissioners to represent the interests of Yellowstone County), and have actively participated in reviews of the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) plan administered by HRDC to benefit the residents of Yellowstone County.

We are in full support of the District 7 HRDC grant application for the Montana Pathways Program to alleviate hardships of vulnerable families in Yellowstone County.

On behalf of Montana's vulnerable families and children, we thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY, MONTANA

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John Ostlund, Chairman

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James E. Reno, Member

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