



# Update on Grant Funding Received by the City of Billings

## April 2024

### Billings Fire Department



The City of Billings Fire Department won a \$3,950 grant to help fund disaster preparedness training.

The City of Billings Fire Department has been awarded a \$3,950 grant by the Yellowstone Valley Electric Cooperative to help fund structural collapse specialist training for some of its firefighters.

#### More About This Project

The collapse specialist training will:

- provide 5-7 firefighters with specialist certification in structural collapse response.
- those trained will be available to both the Billings Fire Department and to other regional partners to manage structural collapse situations – securing the situation so that victims can be safely removed.
- training will occur sometime in 2024.
- the fire department is currently seeking further grant funding so that more firefighters can be trained.
- current structural collapse training and certification costs for seven fire fighters is estimated at \$36,000.

#### More About This Funder

- The Yellowstone Valley Electric Cooperative is headquartered in Huntley
- The YVEC is a member-owned cooperative serving rural residents and businesses in Yellowstone County and surrounding areas.
- The cooperative serves 23,000 meters across its system.
- The YVEC board of trustees manages the Operation Round Up grant program to provide support for local non-profit organizations. The program is funded by rounding up member monthly bills to the next whole dollar.

**To learn more about this grant-funded project, contact:**

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