



Update on Grant Funding Received by the City of Billings May 2024

Wicks Lane Stormwater Replacement Phase II



The City of Billings Public Works Department manages 12 stormwater outfalls throughout the City. Wicks Lane and Bitterroot just underwent a stormwater replacement Phase I project which was just completed. Next up is Phase II of the project, replacing stormwater piping from Moose Hollow Road to River View Drive Outfall. The City was notified on April 23 that this project was approved for partial reimbursement by the Montana Department of Commerce.

More About This Project

The City was required to submit three projects, each of which would receive about \$470,000 in reimbursement funding if approved by the Montana Department of Commerce. The third project submitted for consideration covered Phase II of the Wicks Lane stormwater replacement and upgrade.

- The current stormwater drain is more than 50 years old, and is undersized for the current and future development that feeds the watershed.
- The replacement piping will be 54-inch reinforced concrete pipe, replacing 30-in storm main servicing about 216 acres of watershed drainage.
- The project will replace about 1,400 lineal feet of piping, and include a water quality treatment device located at the outfall site.
- The City received notice on April 23 that the project had been approved for partial reimbursement (up to \$470,000) by the Montana Department of Commerce.
- The project will be contracted late fall 2024 with construction beginning late 2024 or early 2025. Total project cost is about \$3.7 million.

More About This Funding Source

- House Bill 355, passed by the Montana State Legislature in 2023, makes available to the City slightly more than \$1.4 million to help pay for critical infrastructure repair and maintenance projects.
- The Act is also known as the State-Local Infrastructure Partnership Act, or SLIPA.
- Two water main projects and one stormwater replacement project were selected for submission due to the size of the projects and the City's ability to provide at least 25% local match to the state funding.
- Communities were required to submit applications demonstrating that their projects and local share of costs met the requirements of HB 355.
- The Montana Department of Commerce is managing the SLIPA program.

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