



Update on Grant Funding Received by the City of Billings

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BPD and BFD Receive Funding for SWAT Medics Program



The Billings Fire Department and Billings Police Department have both received grant support for their recently launched SWAT Medics Program. The intent of the project is to include paramedics from the Fire Department on SWAT responses in the community. Rather than waiting outside the "hot zone", the SWAT Medic would accompany the response team inside the work zone and render aide to anyone injured or otherwise needing medical support, even if the scene isn't yet stabilized.

More About This Project

The SWAT Medics

- Are active Billings Fire Department paramedics/firefighters. They work regular shifts until called out on a SWAT response.
- The Billings Police Department is including the BFD medics in all SWAT training that BPD officers receive. The goal is for the officers and medics become a cohesive team through their training.
- The BFD received \$5,000 from the Town Pump Foundation to help outfit their medics with specific medical supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE) necessary to provide services in active SWAT settings.
- The BPD received \$20,000 from the Billings Community Foundation to help purchase tactical vests, gear belts, helmets, and medical gear.

More About This Funding Source

- The Town Pump Foundation "was established in 1999 with the mission of providing financial support to Montana charitable or governmental organizations with a priority of supporting/meeting basic needs and education for Montana citizens."
- The Town Pump Foundation awarded \$770,000 in grants in 2023.
- The Billings Community Foundation was established in 2007 to provide south-central/south-east Montana with philanthropic opportunities, including grants, endowment funds, non-profit organization capacity building training, and other services.
- The Billings Community Foundation has distributed over \$3,700,000 in grants and other distributions since its inception.

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

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