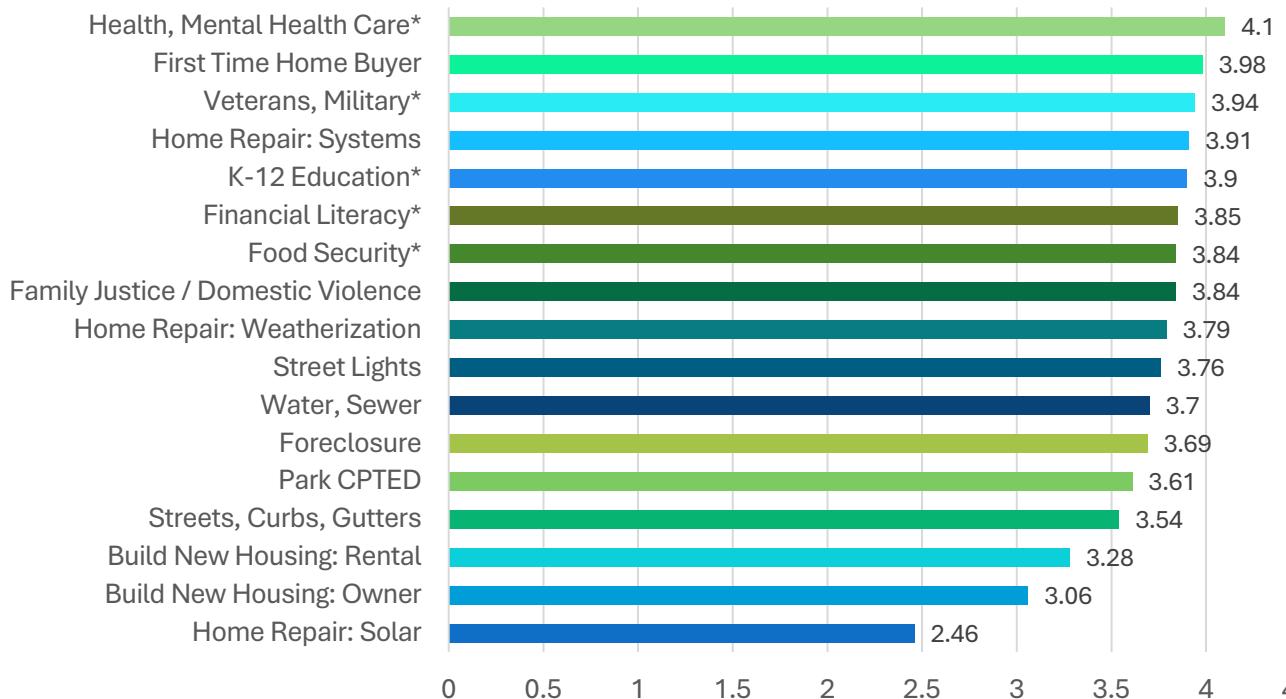


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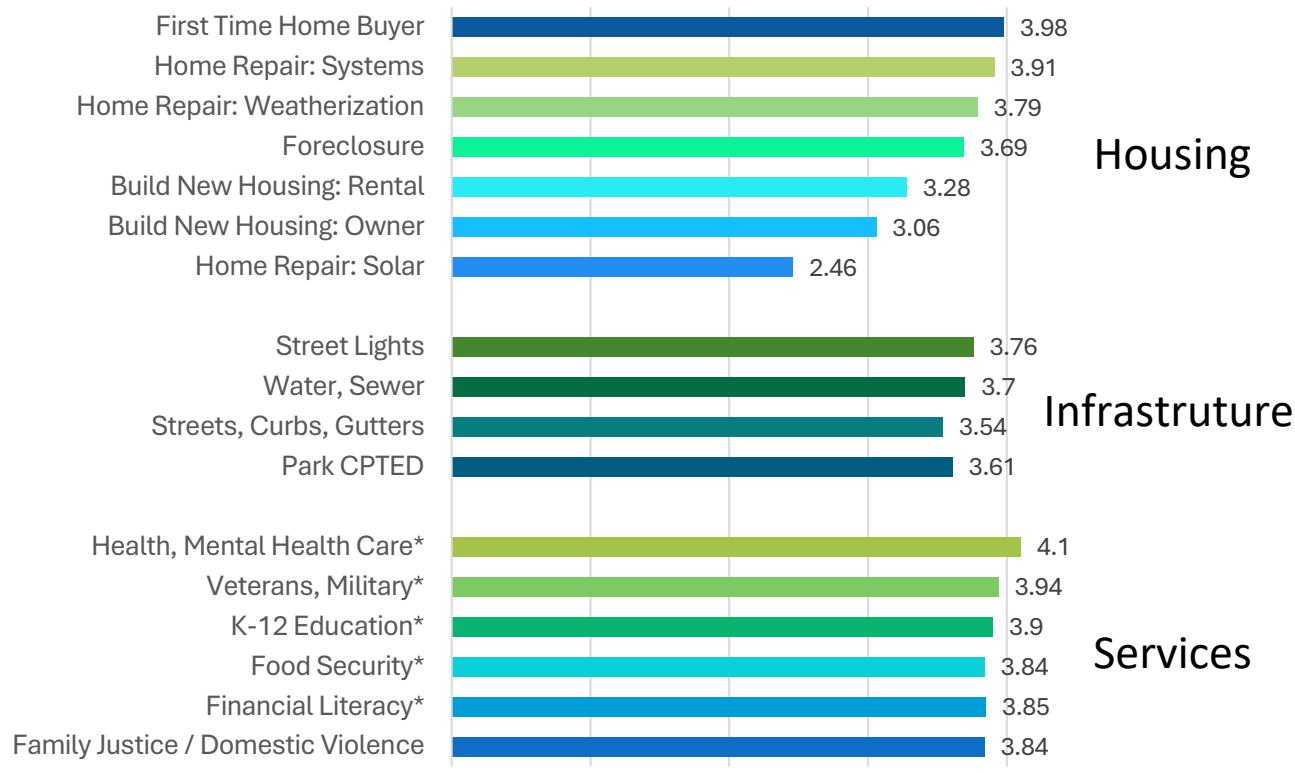
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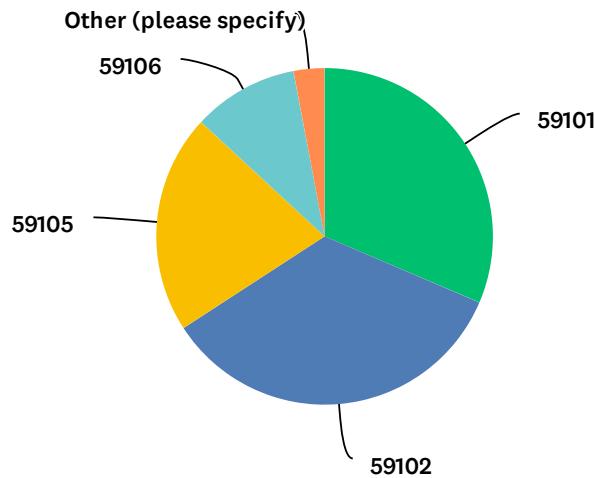
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Q1 What is your ZIP code (Select one)

Answered: 404 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
59101	31.44%	127
59102	34.41%	139
59105	21.04%	85
59106	10.15%	41
Other (please specify)	2.97%	12
TOTAL		404

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	59718 - I am a realtor that works in Billings	3/13/2025 3:45 PM
2	59103	3/11/2025 5:10 PM
3	59044	3/11/2025 11:03 AM
4	59019	3/6/2025 1:33 PM
5	59079	3/4/2025 3:36 PM
6	59088	3/4/2025 3:02 PM
7	59079	3/4/2025 10:58 AM
8	59044	3/4/2025 10:23 AM
9	59103	3/3/2025 4:25 PM
10	59088	3/3/2025 2:59 PM
11	59063 - However I work as a REALTOR in all the Billings Zip Codes	3/3/2025 1:34 PM
12	59079	3/3/2025 12:13 PM

Q2 Do you have Internet at home? (Select one)

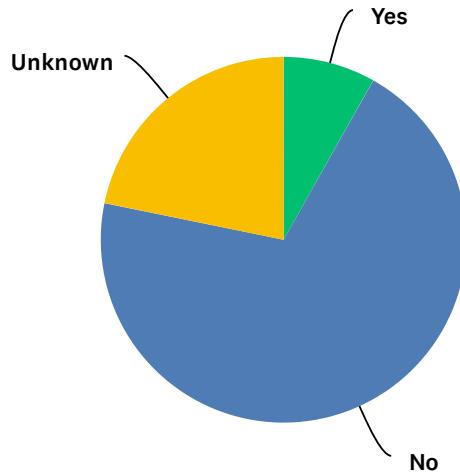
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	96.29%	389
No	3.22%	13
Unknown	0.50%	2
TOTAL		404

Q3 Is your home currently at risk from natural hazards? (e.g., floods, fire, etc.)(Select one)

Answered: 404 Skipped: 0

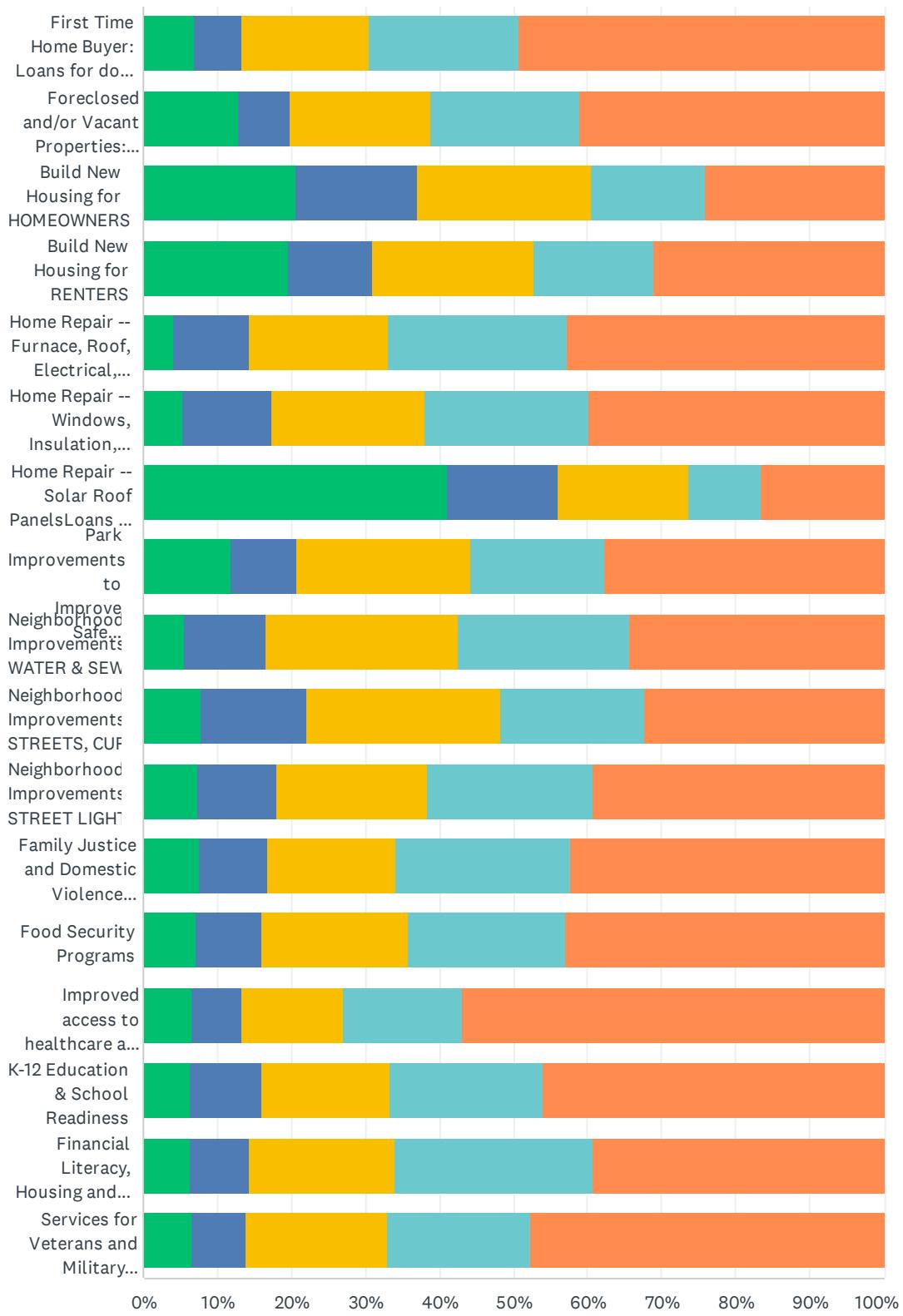


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	8.17%	33
No	70.05%	283
Unknown	21.78%	88
TOTAL		404

Q4 Please select the importance of funding the following activities in Billings. Low Importance (1) to High Importance (5)

Answered: 404 Skipped: 0

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█ 1 - LOW
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 █ 5 - HIGH

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	1 - LOW	2	3	4	5 - HIGH	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
First Time Home Buyer: Loans for down payment and closing costs for low-income households	7.05% 28	6.30% 25	17.13% 68	20.15% 80	49.37% 196	397	3.98
Foreclosed and/or Vacant Properties: Purchase and renovate run-down homes to sell to low-income households	12.94% 52	6.97% 28	18.91% 76	20.15% 81	41.04% 165	402	3.69
Build New Housing for HOMEOWNERS	20.60% 82	16.33% 65	23.62% 94	15.33% 61	24.12% 96	398	3.06
Build New Housing for RENTERS	19.70% 78	11.11% 44	21.97% 87	16.16% 64	31.06% 123	396	3.28
Home Repair -- Furnace, Roof, Electrical, Plumbing, etc. Loans for low-income homeowners to make needed repairs	4.02% 16	10.30% 41	18.84% 75	24.12% 96	42.71% 170	398	3.91
Home Repair -- Windows, Insulation, etc. Loans for low-income homeowners to make needed repairs	5.28% 21	12.06% 48	20.60% 82	22.11% 88	39.95% 159	398	3.79
Home Repair -- Solar Roof Panels Loans for low-income homeowners to install solar energy components	41.21% 164	14.82% 59	17.59% 70	9.80% 39	16.58% 66	398	2.46
Park Improvements to Improve Safety in Low-Income Neighborhoods Lighting, fencing, landscaping, signage, public art, etc.	11.81% 47	8.79% 35	23.62% 94	18.09% 72	37.69% 150	398	3.61
Neighborhood Improvements -- WATER & SEWER	5.54% 22	11.08% 44	25.94% 103	23.17% 92	34.26% 136	397	3.70
Neighborhood Improvements -- STREETS, CURBS, GUTTERS, SIDEWALKS	7.75% 31	14.25% 57	26.25% 105	19.50% 78	32.25% 129	400	3.54
Neighborhood Improvements -- STREET LIGHTING	7.27% 29	10.78% 43	20.30% 81	22.31% 89	39.35% 157	399	3.76
Family Justice and Domestic Violence Programs	7.52% 30	9.27% 37	17.29% 69	23.56% 94	42.36% 169	399	3.84
Food Security Programs	7.25% 29	8.75% 35	19.75% 79	21.25% 85	43.00% 172	400	3.84
Improved access to healthcare and mental health care	6.55% 26	6.80% 27	13.60% 54	16.12% 64	56.93% 226	397	4.10
K-12 Education & School Readiness	6.33% 25	9.62% 38	17.47% 69	20.51% 81	46.08% 182	395	3.90
Financial Literacy, Housing and Employment	6.35% 25	7.87% 31	19.80% 78	26.65% 105	39.34% 155	394	3.85
Services for Veterans and Military Families	6.55% 26	7.30% 29	19.14% 76	19.40% 77	47.61% 189	397	3.94

Q5 What suggestions do you have for improving affordable housing options in Billings?

Answered: 404 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Home Ownership instead of the rental cycle	3/28/2025 4:09 PM
2	Continue to use TIF funding	3/25/2025 8:32 PM
3	Keep the gon't out of housing development programs.	3/25/2025 7:25 PM
4	Property management landlord. So anyone who is making housing affordable for those making minimum wage whether federal or state minimum wage is like a crime.	3/25/2025 12:51 PM
5	Find out what people need to have housing options	3/24/2025 2:30 PM
6	Not charging so much with first month, last month, and deposit all at one time.	3/24/2025 3:46 AM
7	Unsure	3/23/2025 8:56 PM
8	Help low income people get into their own homes, help with classes and help us be home owners.	3/22/2025 6:59 PM
9	Rehabilitating old and run-down homes to rent out affordable housing for low-income families. Also, financial education is important for helping families escape poverty.	3/22/2025 10:26 AM
10	Provide ways for rentals to become the property of the renters, or others.	3/21/2025 9:16 AM
11	.	3/21/2025 9:13 AM
12	.	3/21/2025 9:12 AM
13	What constitutes "affordable?"	3/21/2025 9:11 AM
14	On the southside of Billings there are some houses that need renovation!	3/21/2025 9:09 AM
15	.	3/21/2025 9:07 AM
16	n/a	3/20/2025 11:39 PM
17	NA	3/20/2025 5:56 PM
18	More rent-controlled options for low-income families.	3/20/2025 10:47 AM
19	Curious as to all the new Housing projects on our Westend including 32nd and Grand and off Shilo and King? Are any of these truly for Low Income? Seems like our city is green lighting any and all development projects without the consideration of the established neighborhoods. 32nd and Grand has turned into what looks like a bunch of hotels! Wonder what the homeowners along Colton think about that and did they have enough say in what would be built there? Our City Planning needs better vision in this town and not just a vote "YES" on anything that comes across their desk. Quit calling Affordable housing that if it is not truly affordable housing!!!!	3/20/2025 8:11 AM
20	Lower rents,	3/19/2025 8:12 PM
21	none	3/19/2025 2:44 PM
22	taxes and insurance must come down so affordable housing options can be realistic	3/18/2025 5:31 PM
23	- Limit quantity of short term rental permits available in city limits (like the state does with liquor licenses). - Offer incentive for developers to build market rate or below market rate residential units. - Require developers to include a certain percentage of affordable units in new developments. - Public Private partnerships help reduce costs. Encourage more City partnerships with non-profit organizations, and private developers to leverage resources and expertise. (ie. Downtown Billings, HUD, etc)	3/18/2025 2:50 PM

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24	none	3/18/2025 12:42 PM
25	Consider waiving certain zoning rules and regs to make it easier for low-income housing developers to build. Offer developers tax breaks, grants, or incentives to create affordable housing units. Focus on affordable housing development in areas with good access to jobs, schools, and amenities. Implement permanent supportive housing; rent-to-own. Convert vacant/underutilized buildings into AFFORDABLE housing. Consider Renters' Tax Credit; expand low-income housing tax credits; increase access to affordable housing subsidies to help secure stable housing. Address poverty by implementing poverty reduction measures and improve income security programs to prevent evictions and improve overall housing affordability. Finally, home repair is so overlooked and key in continuing stable housing.	3/18/2025 11:27 AM
26	let the market work; reduce regulations	3/17/2025 5:47 PM
27	Changing down payment limits and encouraging renovation or home-owner building loans.	3/17/2025 4:10 PM
28	planned development for tiny homes	3/17/2025 3:09 PM
29	xxx	3/17/2025 3:09 PM
30	See box number 6	3/17/2025 11:14 AM
31	Consider tax incentives for private builders and landlords	3/17/2025 10:27 AM
32	N/A	3/17/2025 9:45 AM
33	City rental licenses to hold landlords accountable - must meet minimum standards and be fined if they don't. Also, rent stabilization through co-ops.	3/17/2025 8:52 AM
34	If a person has a good reputation as a renter, they should be given consideration, and perhaps a discount.	3/17/2025 6:02 AM
35	Lower the regulations and costs for developers to build new subdivisions. Lower hookup fees, that house will add money to the City so don't Rape the new buyer with a \$10k hookup fee.	3/16/2025 1:54 PM
36	None	3/16/2025 7:40 AM
37	Lower property taxes and make home insurance affordable.	3/14/2025 4:45 PM
38	Provide low-interest or forgivable loans to developers and nonprofits to help cover pre-development costs, infrastructure improvements, and down payment assistance for homebuyers.	3/14/2025 2:02 PM
39	Programs that help with monthly payments or reduce the interest rate so that the monthly payment is more affordable.	3/14/2025 9:00 AM
40	help with rental assistance... stop hedge funds from buying up all of the properties!	3/13/2025 6:19 PM
41	Land trusts, builder incentives, appropriate building deregulation, some rezoning	3/13/2025 4:31 PM
42	Well, 1st would be to spell "School-Readiness" correctly, rather than "School Rediness" :) The best thing you can do is reduce overlapping and contradictory regulatory burden to expedite the renovation of under-utilized or blighted areas of Billings. And allow trailer parks. Sure, you can set the bar pretty high for how they have to be kept (looking at Lockwood!) but they can be a huge benefit to both 1st time homebuyers and seniors (55+ parks).	3/13/2025 3:45 PM
43	Base housing cost on what people's wages are, Price gouging people into homelessness is ridiculous and greedy.	3/13/2025 3:41 PM
44	get substance abusers out of public housing especially housing for seniors and the disabled. Fire managers of such communities who refuse to deal with it and never hire them anywhere again. Their ignoring the crimes puts everyone in danger. Home Front seems to be one of the worst in terms of ignoring what is going on.	3/13/2025 3:36 PM
45	x	3/13/2025 2:53 PM
46	Encouraging ADU for existing home owners. If an older person needs less space and 1 level living, being able to build an ADU on their existing lot would allow them to rent out their home and provide income to supplement social security.	3/13/2025 1:30 PM
47	Having commercial builders and builders building homes over \$1M put a subsidy in place for	3/13/2025 11:49 AM

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low income home owners that have full time steady income.

48	I purchased a house in Billings in 2023. I was from Livermore CA. Our local government realized our housing cost were so expensive, when builders wanted permits to build they had to build x amount of housing for low income buyers. They mixed them within various neighborhoods. Then they were sold to buyers meeting certain criteria. The houses are jointly owned by the city and the purchaser. When the house is sold again, the seller shares the profit with the city & it must be resold to a low income buyer. There's more to it such as they must agree to keep the property up inside & out.	3/13/2025 10:55 AM
49	I have no opinion on this matter	3/13/2025 10:31 AM
50	We need grocery locations in our low-income areas. These "food deserts" could be addressed to help address food insecurity and accessibility.	3/13/2025 10:19 AM
51	Keep the interest rate low. Keep the junk fees to a minimum.	3/13/2025 9:32 AM
52	Teach about housing in high school.	3/13/2025 9:22 AM
53	Take the vacant buildings and vacant lots and build high-density affordable rental units (apartment buildings or town homes). Create incentives for people to turn their garages or backyards into a studio or 1-2 bedroom dwellings. I think the city should build or allow for the building of housing for homeless, getting people off the streets and into housing has been proven to reduce homelessness and rehabilitate them back into having stable jobs and decreases hospitalizations. Federal funding should be used to expand the section 8 housing choice voucher program to allow more people into affordable homes and to build the affordable apartments/homes. I think when building these apartments they should be in areas with the infrastructure already built or would be built to be walkable. I think building new homes should be more geared towards starter homes 1-2 bedroom homes to allow more first time home buyers to buy their first starter home, rather than the 3-6 bedroom homes that are currently going up in so many subdivisions. We should replicate the homeless housing projects that are in Sweden, where they focus on people getting into housing first, and holistically collaborate with housing companies, private landlords, and non-profit organizations to provide housing and support services. I think we should also focus on preventing homelessness, when someone loses their job or have a medical condition in the family where someone can not work they should be able to apply for a voucher that can pay 6-12 months of their rent or mortgage, so they have time to find another job. The cost of housing inside city limits is so high, it causes urban sprawl, which in turn can have big consequences with septic issues and decreasing the amount of land that can absorb rainwater causing flooding.	3/13/2025 8:55 AM
54	Have classes for young adults to have the knowledge of financial stability. Requirements to be approved for grants. Such as completing classes and having first, last and deposit saved up before move in. Have shelters for those in danger in all areas of Billings for Males, females, families. Things they pay for throughout the process portions goes towards deposit/rent.	3/13/2025 8:55 AM
55	Stop letting inflation run it up lol	3/12/2025 10:22 PM
56	I was once in dire need of emergency affordable housing and it was so hard to get any landlord to rent or accept vouchers. We need more housing built for low income families.	3/12/2025 10:15 PM
57	More programs to help people with rent money or food when people run out of those things.	3/12/2025 5:17 PM
58	Do more to combat gang activity so that housing in "bad" neighborhoods seems appealing. Crackdown on slum lords that are charging amounts grossly over the worth of their properties. Adjust Fair Market Value to mirror what actual prices are not what they should be- many organizations cannot pay over Fair Market Value and almost nothing is at or below that price anymore (which makes the whole Fair Market Value pretty useless)	3/12/2025 4:02 PM
59	Create more 3 bedroom + affordable units. STOP building 2 bedroom units!!!	3/12/2025 3:52 PM
60	Make people repay the loans (low interest) in these thoughts; stop allowing the same people to use them over and over; if someone destroys property, they are not eligible for services until they repay it. Continue to monitor those using services (low income housing) and when they get above a certain income point for a set period of time (1 year), they have to move on (in rentals).	3/12/2025 2:45 PM
61	Have funds available to help with first month, last month, deposit. Have housing options available for people with no rental history and bad credit.	3/12/2025 2:45 PM

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62	I recently purchased a multi-family lot, but it took me quite a while to find it. It seems the majority of property in the area is zoned for single family only.	3/12/2025 2:30 PM
63	Smaller houses/units being built or remodeled. Smaller should cost less, maybe with less yard to cut costs.	3/12/2025 2:13 PM
64	Reasonable/Fair pricing on homes and rentals as there are places that are charging high prices for outdated appliances and outdated interiors.	3/12/2025 1:04 PM
65	Program for a Rent to Own, for those that have poor credit	3/12/2025 12:44 PM
66	Encourage landlords to rent, by giving landlords incentives such as tax breaks, insurance breaks. Renovate abandoned buildings instead of letting them to continue falling apart. Add more prefab homes by putting them in vacant lots. Rent to own incentives rather than long term rentals	3/12/2025 12:20 PM
67	Build more apartments and support the current groups working to house the homeless. Don't start from scratch.	3/12/2025 12:17 PM
68	n/a	3/12/2025 12:13 PM
69	Creating low income housing in safe areas, near public transportation and sidewalks that are well maintained for pedestrians.	3/12/2025 12:08 PM
70	.	3/12/2025 12:06 PM
71	We need permanent supportive housing developments to help our homeless neighbors receive the support they need to get healthy and become/stay housed.	3/12/2025 11:59 AM
72	Like Habitat for Humanity, where they are required to build on their home at least twice a week until finished. Then options on a low interest loan. Too much is just given and not taught that you have to work and budget for housing.	3/12/2025 11:52 AM
73	2-3 bedroom units need to be affordable. Not studio and 1 bedroom. Section 8 seems to only be available for small units and therefore not for families	3/12/2025 11:14 AM
74	Decrease monopolies- businesses should not be able to purchase housing to rent, and homeowners should not be allowed to rent more than one household.	3/12/2025 10:07 AM
75	Build More Family Apartment Towers that have public transportation and playgrounds with walking paths to schools accessible	3/12/2025 9:49 AM
76	Consider purchase and renovation of former motels and other property to provide accessible housing for older adults and single people.	3/12/2025 8:59 AM
77	Awareness	3/12/2025 8:50 AM
78	Rent freezes. My rent has tripled just in the past 2 years! The owner has not done anything to improve the complex but continues to raise rent and utility costs.	3/12/2025 8:47 AM
79	Supply and demand. We need more supply to meet the demands.	3/12/2025 8:37 AM
80	I think the idea of buying foreclosures and selling them to low-income families is a great idea.	3/12/2025 8:23 AM
81	Remove barriers for people to become homeowners.	3/12/2025 8:22 AM
82	I would love to see more affordable complexes, low-income housing being built in our city rather than luxury apartments. Affordable housing would improve so much within the city. I see all the new buildings being built on the west end and think how those vacant areas could have been used to help our community.	3/12/2025 8:17 AM
83	For it to actually be Affordable	3/12/2025 8:17 AM
84	Use city & county initialized park space to build more affordable housing.	3/12/2025 8:08 AM
85	Get the rental agencies out of the profiteering business.	3/12/2025 8:06 AM
86	affordable rental housing, limits or licensing on short term rentals (air bnb etc),	3/12/2025 8:06 AM
87	I do not know. However, the cost of housing is above what younger people can afford.	3/12/2025 7:50 AM
88	Cluster housing with open space. 1200-1400 sq ft.	3/12/2025 7:40 AM

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89	Loans to BUILDERS to build affordable homes--NOT necessarily for low income but affordable homes to be sold to non investor homeowners.	3/12/2025 6:48 AM
90	Update every property and yard interior exterior was all modern day amenities	3/12/2025 3:19 AM
91	More low income housing needs to be built and not just for seniors!	3/11/2025 5:58 PM
92	Prioritize funds for first time buyers	3/11/2025 5:17 PM
93	Turn the Chamber of Tourism into an organization promoting Commerce	3/11/2025 5:10 PM
94	provide incentives for builders, relax regulations, changing zoning if needed	3/11/2025 5:07 PM
95	If some of the funds could be used to buy down interest rates to help first time or lower income get into home ownership	3/11/2025 4:54 PM
96	We need more options.	3/11/2025 3:11 PM
97	Create an incentive to builders to build affordable housing.	3/11/2025 3:09 PM
98	We need a State LIHTC program.	3/11/2025 2:39 PM
99	We need more 4 bedroom apartments	3/11/2025 1:17 PM
100	The city should not feel like it has to invest itself into the physical act of providing housing. That is way too far outside of its wheelhouse. Focusing on Bureaucracy and Processes that allow the market to do it is incredibly more efficient, and a better use of our tax dollars.	3/11/2025 12:56 PM
101	give a first time homebuyer first year property tax free.	3/11/2025 12:41 PM
102	Help individuals when they have a mishap or back rent owed. Give the family a considerable amount of time to pay the amount back. As well give resources to help the family gain employment or program to help solve their financial issue so the family can get financial stable and not just put them out to fail and loose their housing.	3/11/2025 11:47 AM
103	Cut the red tape, especially in low income areas.	3/11/2025 11:24 AM
104	I don't know if I was the right person to send this to as I am in a low income housing unit with carpet that is three tenants old and in dire need of replacing but I know they will not replace it until I move out and I've been here almost 20 years and the carpet is two tenants prior to me it took a full year to get blinds in my apartment after I requested them when all the other tenants in my building already had them and I'm still waiting on repairs on cabinet doors I am a little frustrated with the low income housing system but I think the money or at least some of the money needs to be spent upgrading some of the units that already exist I live in spring gardens and they have been telling us for years that we were going to get dishwashers we are still without dishwashers and right now my unit has been without a washer and dryer for over 2 months because we have been waiting on a hot water heater	3/11/2025 11:20 AM
105	First time home buyer programs are essential. Getting buyers educated about the programs, and doing training in budgeting and financial literacy would help many understand the process better and succeed in their home purchases. We also need to address property tax increases and insurance increases so that people who have already bought homes can continue to afford them.	3/11/2025 11:03 AM
106	Financial Mentors to help renters attain goals of owning own homes. More classes on how to get started on buying homes	3/11/2025 10:30 AM
107	Build smaller units and more senior residents.	3/11/2025 9:54 AM
108	Program to help home owners make improvements to homes.	3/11/2025 9:27 AM
109	We have limited options for low income people. What we have are not well cared for. It would help if we could have more places that accept Section 8, or other HUD assistance with housing. I would love to live in a place where I was not embarrassed for friends and family to visit. I am elderly and have few options.	3/11/2025 9:02 AM
110	Having 4-bedroom options in safer areas of town (west-end / shiloh) would be ideal.	3/11/2025 8:51 AM
111	Unknown	3/11/2025 8:19 AM
112	Give builders incentives to build low income housing. Provide grants and loans to low income home buyers to purchase. Buy down interest rates for low income home buyers.	3/11/2025 8:12 AM

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113	Expanding the existing housing programs already existing such as the Section 8 housing program.	3/11/2025 7:58 AM
114	NA	3/11/2025 7:24 AM
115	Screen your tenants better, those of us who utilize your housing, who work, and who try to have nice things once you put tenants in the complex who are disruptive, have police doing drug busts on their units and causing havoc from shady associates then my home becomes questionable as well. SCREEN YOUR TENANTS! REMOVE THE ONES DOING NEGATIVE CRAP, HAVING PARTIES, HEAVY TRAFFIC, IN TROUBLE WITH THE LAW, EXTRA PEOPLE ALWAYS STAYING THERE, ETC ..	3/11/2025 7:02 AM
116	You staff is doing an amazing job.	3/11/2025 5:00 AM
117	Safety is extremely important for all. Those who have drug, alcohol, or anger issues need a program to work through their issues before the innocent ones are targeted.	3/11/2025 1:56 AM
118	Lower the cost to live	3/11/2025 12:06 AM
119	Unsure	3/10/2025 11:30 PM
120	Require owners and property managers to clean up their properties.	3/10/2025 11:12 PM
121	Getting into somewhere to live is way too hard.	3/10/2025 10:58 PM
122	More option for single or partnered without children. More asset managers for violation/evictions so people abusing assistance are removed from program.	3/10/2025 10:44 PM
123	Easier to apply	3/10/2025 9:15 PM
124	None	3/10/2025 9:02 PM
125	Reduce development costs	3/10/2025 8:30 PM
126	Make more housing	3/10/2025 8:15 PM
127	We definitely need first time buyer's programs. Super important getting individuals and families into their own homes and having down-payment assistance is key.	3/10/2025 8:08 PM
128	Teach people rehabilitation and learning what people need	3/10/2025 8:06 PM
129	Easy to apply/qualify. Vetting for applicants.	3/10/2025 6:21 PM
130	Helping people with disabilities obtain homes	3/10/2025 6:14 PM
131	Find a spot to build tiny homes, for people to buy, and for the homeless to rent for long term, and helping homeless find employment.	3/10/2025 6:02 PM
132	Guidance on how or where to go to obtain it.	3/10/2025 5:57 PM
133	Helping to educate landlords about section 8 to open up more rental opportunities for low income people.	3/10/2025 5:42 PM
134	Implementation of rent-to-own options and properties.	3/10/2025 5:34 PM
135	Help pay 50% of Heating & Electricity. Help pay Deposit for renters.	3/10/2025 5:08 PM
136	I think they are doing great.	3/10/2025 5:03 PM
137	Make housing available to all Montana's first and base the mortgage based on the household income.	3/10/2025 4:59 PM
138	Have more family friendly places built near for parents and their children to go do that are free	3/10/2025 4:43 PM
139	More income based rentals are needed. "Affordable housing" is a misnomer if the rent is over \$1000. A month	3/10/2025 4:42 PM
140	Unsure	3/10/2025 4:34 PM
141	More section 8 housing options	3/10/2025 4:29 PM
142	Build 🏠	3/10/2025 4:26 PM

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143	Sure would be nice if there was a option with homefront for renting a house not just apartments	3/10/2025 4:26 PM
144	Affordable housing should be low for low income residents due to high inflation prices.	3/10/2025 4:25 PM
145	NA	3/10/2025 4:22 PM
146	lower taxes, first time home buyer programs	3/10/2025 12:50 PM
147	Better protection for renters, higher taxes for investment properties, deposit assistance, non-discrimination against tenants with Section 8 vouchers.	3/10/2025 11:23 AM
148	Make the material cheaper to build housing. Giving money to low income home owners is a band aide. We need to address the real problem and fix it.	3/10/2025 10:32 AM
149	Allow housing to be built. Cut regulations	3/10/2025 8:27 AM
150	Strategically choose locations to build affordable housing in areas that will allow for ease of access to health services, shopping and job opportunities for the inhabitants.	3/10/2025 8:17 AM
151	City working with local real estate owners to make affordable housing via tax credits, low cost city land, etc. Memberships to local gyms like YMCA to keep kids out of trouble. Programs for kids. Food stamps for NEEDED foods.	3/10/2025 7:35 AM
152	People should find jobs	3/9/2025 11:40 PM
153	Infill in Southside and North Elevation. Spur on development by finally upgrading South Park Pool to an indoor facility.	3/9/2025 1:58 PM
154	Create more jobs, entry level. Greater access to job training services, resume building, interview skills, financial savings workshops and budgeting, and the classes on saving money.	3/9/2025 10:22 AM
155	None	3/9/2025 9:59 AM
156	Get the dang interest rates under control or subsidized for First Time Buyers	3/9/2025 8:56 AM
157	Create low to moderate income housing neighborhoods using community land trusts	3/8/2025 7:09 AM
158	Make it affordable.	3/8/2025 6:28 AM
159	There are not enough options for families who HAVE purchased a home before, but do not currently own a home. Without being a first-time home buyer or a veteran, little assistance is available to these families.	3/7/2025 6:35 PM
160	Use the money to give people and homes as soon as possible when they are at risk of home lessens.	3/7/2025 3:44 PM
161	Cut about 90% of useless regulations and streamline the approval process thus reducing building costs by 25%.	3/7/2025 11:47 AM
162	work with developers, relax requirements and provide variances. basically make it easy, and cost effective to build rental properties	3/7/2025 10:42 AM
163	Better Screening, better management! Needs to be a cap on cost of resale of crappy homes. Don't sell \$25,000 home for \$200,000!	3/7/2025 10:16 AM
164	Using vacant buildings for homeless shelters. And lowering rent cost in the state.	3/7/2025 9:33 AM
165	Reduce red tape for builders and developers	3/7/2025 9:06 AM
166	Any assistance should only go to American citizens	3/6/2025 9:41 PM
167	The city should be more pro-active in buying up homes and renovate the mechanics of the home; HVAC, Electrical, plumbing...NOT cosmetic	3/6/2025 1:52 PM
168	Continue with first time buyer programs	3/6/2025 1:33 PM
169	NA	3/6/2025 1:33 PM
170	Build more housing, particularly in infill areas near amenities like schools, grocery stores, and the library.	3/6/2025 1:17 PM
171	None	3/6/2025 12:24 PM

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172	buyers need help with downpayments and closing costs to purchase.	3/6/2025 10:57 AM
173	USE HOUSING VOUCHERS FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HOMES. SIMILAR TO HUD / VASH - THE VOUCHERS COULD / SHOULD BE ALLOWED IN ANY TYPE OF RENTAL UNIT, ANYWHERE IN TOWN.	3/6/2025 10:19 AM
174	Lower taxes	3/6/2025 10:08 AM
175	Na	3/6/2025 8:47 AM
176	We need first time homebuyers programs back! With current prices and interest rates it has really set back first time homebuyers being able to purchase their first home.	3/6/2025 8:27 AM
177	Assisting investors with acquiring homes for more affordable housing	3/6/2025 4:31 AM
178	Discourage short-term vacation rentals. Houses are vacant for months. There should be a penalty for unregistered short-term rental landlords.	3/5/2025 5:53 PM
179	improve buyer programs, encourage neighborhoods with innovative building practices to increase build time and budgets	3/5/2025 5:30 PM
180	Cap the rent! Enforce stricter rules on how rent can be raised, and how much the landlord can charge for a deposit. Make it a percentage of the monthly rent. Remove the option for owners to give thirty day notice for tenant to vacate so they can raise the rent without a fight. Make them give 90 day notice to vacate. As for buying, the programs you have available leave out a large chunk of the population who need help because of the income requirements. Money doesn't go as far as it used to.	3/5/2025 5:05 PM
181	Tax increment financing for low-income housing development anywhere in the city	3/5/2025 4:31 PM
182	None	3/5/2025 4:11 PM
183	Hello, the best way to build safe neighborhoods in our community is to support 1st Time Homebuyer programs. When citizens become homeowners, they are solid and will take more interest in our amazing city. This has been proven many times over the years.	3/5/2025 3:05 PM
184	Lessen the amount of short term rentals	3/5/2025 3:00 PM
185	Community Land Trust Model	3/5/2025 1:41 PM
186	Give builders tax incentive to build affordable housing, possibly lease land vs own land to enhance affordability	3/5/2025 1:38 PM
187	More homes	3/5/2025 1:34 PM
188	A lot of rental housing is being built, but most of it is unaffordable.	3/5/2025 1:17 PM
189	It would be great if we could get more houses like the ones down by Cabela's, they are very well built and people were able to get them without paying for the land until they sold. I am wondering why we don't have more of them?	3/5/2025 11:28 AM
190	1. make the options actually affordable on a single minimum wage earning 2. refurbish abandoned properties to make them livable 3.remove discriminatory practice against felons. If you voted for one you can rent to one. if they screw up take action, but first give them a chance. 4. concentrate harder on these issues before worrying about improving parks OR stop complaining about urban camping particularly in the parks.	3/5/2025 11:05 AM
191	Look into missing middle housing for people of all ages (families and senior adults). Offer incentives for the conversion of larger homes into duplexes to house more families using existing structures.	3/5/2025 10:38 AM
192	We need to work on age related projects, we need some senior specific low income housing to go into our community that is managed by people who understand the population. We also need to see ways for first time home buyers to gain entry into homes and the encouragement of accessory dwelling units for older adult care.	3/5/2025 9:59 AM
193	Use the city's ability to bond for much lower rates as well as leverage underdeveloped land parcels the city owns to incentivize public private partnerships to develop housing units that require a percentage of the units to be affordable units. Prioritize infill development opportunities and throw every incentive at them because at the end of the day, they'll contribute more in taxes and that's how the city recoups its investment. Lower the bar of entry	3/5/2025 9:54 AM

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for small incremental developers to create ADUs and smaller affordable units. This would include expediting permitting, removing parking mandates, & allowing single staircases for low rise buildings. Standardize some templates of units and provide them on the city's website with a checklist of which permits are required, their costs, & their deadlines. Partner with local churches to leverage their empty properties and parking lots to generate revenue for them as well as create affordable housing units that would house more people and could drive more patrons to go to said churches.

194	I am a realtor and I have a lot of buyers that have good credit and can make the payments but just need down payment assistance.	3/5/2025 9:30 AM
195	Decrease regulatory cost, implement policy that incentivizes infill development	3/5/2025 8:36 AM
196	Have builders - developers purchase bare land, set up for lease, for modulars and or ADU's small move on house units . Seller remains owner of land, but leases to residential homes, due to no affordable land available. They do this in AZ and FL all the time. It is the only way new families will be able to own and not rent a home, but lease the land it is on. I have land in the "county" for sale that would be excellent for this. These owners , then could focus on living and making more money for a move up.	3/5/2025 7:44 AM
197	I think loans are important for first time home owners, anything we can do to help and make it affordable!	3/5/2025 5:48 AM
198	Build homes for the lower income professions, teachers, law enforcement to purchase by use of "Trust Lands" thus building their individual wealth.	3/5/2025 5:19 AM
199	I'm not sure. Renters in this town have always had a hard time finding a place to live.	3/4/2025 8:01 PM
200	I wish I knew.	3/4/2025 7:44 PM
201	?	3/4/2025 7:23 PM
202	We need more options for decent homes \$300 or less.	3/4/2025 6:39 PM
203	Slashing the budget for affordable housing is a bad idea. We have too many people living on the street in Billings. People can't really expect to work and be productive at school if they don't even have affordable options for places to live.	3/4/2025 6:20 PM
204	Please continue with every first-time home buyer credit, assistance or program available. Home ownership is the key to a strong & successful community.	3/4/2025 5:47 PM
205	Middle density projects of 2-4 unit dwellings. More variation within West end neighborhoods to allow for different density options. Streamlining the process for ADU development.	3/4/2025 4:50 PM
206	Don't get rid of the first time home buyer down payment assistance program.	3/4/2025 4:19 PM
207	Lower taxes	3/4/2025 4:15 PM
208	This is a multi-faceted question. The down-payment assistance program helps our community members get into otherwise unreachable housing.	3/4/2025 4:09 PM
209	Low interest rate programs for low income/first time home buyers and down payment assistance programs to help them get into a home.	3/4/2025 3:57 PM
210	It's very hard for buyers to afford homes already. They need help with down payments to get into homes	3/4/2025 3:36 PM
211	More single person to single family occupancy. Small units that can be rented or owned for low income. A sense of ownership	3/4/2025 3:32 PM
212	Create a sales tax to relieve property tax costs.	3/4/2025 3:30 PM
213	Continuing to provide down payment assistance programs. First time home buyers have it hard enough with rising home prices and interest rates.	3/4/2025 3:20 PM
214	None	3/4/2025 3:18 PM
215	Buy and renovate existing properties to be multi family dwellings	3/4/2025 3:03 PM
216	I believe that home buyers need assistance with a down payment and closing costs the most when buying a home. Since rates are higher, they may need to also try and buy down the	3/4/2025 3:02 PM

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interest rate in order to afford the monthly payment. Programs such as down payment assistance is a must have for buyers!

217	Keep improving to help first time home buyers and services for veterans and military families.	3/4/2025 2:19 PM
218	Reduce barriers, costs, processing times for builders to build affordable housing.	3/4/2025 2:12 PM
219	Many new potential home owners can easily make monthly payments. Due to inflation rates the savings for down payments and closing costs has been very hard. Many people are out there that want to buy homes but need a little help.	3/4/2025 1:56 PM
220	Working with Habitat for Humanity to build more homes for low income families.	3/4/2025 1:46 PM
221	Might be beneficial if some of the abandoned homes around the area were renovated and used as low income/affordable housing.	3/4/2025 1:29 PM
222	If the City is going to be involved in rehabing vacant and/or foreclosed properties they should not be for sale in the mid #350K. Truely low income individuals/families cant qualify for that. I don't consider a home listed at \$350K to be low income.	3/4/2025 1:25 PM
223	Rehab of older homes in older neighborhoods I think is the best way to move forward. Partner with major local employers to provide homeownership incentives for employees. Restore abandoned commercial buildings into mixed-use residential spaces.	3/4/2025 1:23 PM
224	Buy down the interest rate for first time home buyers.	3/4/2025 12:46 PM
225	Affordable housing is difficult to tackle. Creating subsidies and "free money" from the govt certainly isn't the answer. Builders need to be profitable, so there needs to be work done on the supply chain to lower costs. My suggestion would be, if there is govt money or handouts tied to affordable housing, it needs to come with a path to improving the income of the recipient. Low interest loans to make schooling mor affordable to get into a higher paying job etc.	3/4/2025 12:40 PM
226	Mandate lower application fees for renters, especially low income. Build more housing opportunities	3/4/2025 12:22 PM
227	Homeownership is struggling now with higher property taxes and higher homeowners insurance costs. Which are half of normal households "house payments". Then for homeowners that do not have 20% down payment (Not counting buyer closing costs etc to buy a home) the mortgage guarantee insurance is a few hundred dollars a month on top of your monthly payment. /. Rents go up with property owners receiving larger property tax bills and higher insurance bills. Lower mortgage interest rates = lower payments & lower rent	3/4/2025 12:15 PM
228	Definitely updating, modifying existing inventory to create affordable housing.	3/4/2025 12:03 PM
229	Reduce city fees and regulation that burdens new construction. Use common sense when inspecting electrical upgrades. Some homes need new panels but to move them more than 6 feet to avoid a stairwell location the additional cost to bring everything up to code is stopping them from making the upgrade. Some of these old panels are a major fire just waiting to happen.	3/4/2025 11:37 AM
230	More FHA assistance.	3/4/2025 11:21 AM
231	Continue helping people with closing costs and down payment assistance to get into their own homes.	3/4/2025 11:17 AM
232	None	3/4/2025 10:58 AM
233	Housing affordability is directly related to employee income. Home prices surged in the Billings area, but incomes did not increase at the same rate. Focus on renovation of homes and neighborhoods that would truly be affordable to Billings working citizens. Focus on assistance to small businesses as well that could help improve neighborhoods and subsequently their desirability for home buyers.	3/4/2025 10:58 AM
234	First time home buyer incentives	3/4/2025 10:42 AM
235	N/A	3/4/2025 10:24 AM
236	I love the idea of finding a way to take run down homes and fix them up to resell to lower income people. There are so many homes just sitting vacant in Billings that I would love to see fixed up for families to live in.	3/4/2025 10:23 AM

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237	Expanding availability of ADUs and the ability to finance them independently	3/4/2025 10:23 AM
238	<p>Improving affordable housing options in Billings requires a multi-faceted approach to address supply, accessibility, and affordability.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage Infill Development Utilize vacant lots or underused spaces in the city to create new housing units, including duplexes, triplexes, and small apartment buildings. Streamline the permitting process for infill projects to reduce costs and timelines. 2. Support Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) Update zoning regulations to allow and encourage ADUs, such as basement apartments or backyard cottages. Provide incentives or grants for homeowners to build ADUs, especially near employment hubs and public transit. 3. Rehabilitate Existing Properties Offer low-interest loans or grants for landlords and homeowners to renovate older properties and bring them up to livable standards. Partner with nonprofits to refurbish vacant or distressed properties for affordable housing. 4. Expand Zoning for Mixed-Use Developments Encourage mixed-use developments that combine residential, commercial, and retail spaces to maximize land use and create walkable neighborhoods. Allow higher-density housing options like townhomes, apartments, and micro-housing units in areas close to schools, parks, and transit. 5. Public-Private Partnerships Collaborate with developers to build affordable housing by offering tax breaks, land discounts, or infrastructure support. Partner with nonprofits like Habitat for Humanity to construct or renovate affordable homes. 6. Incentivize Affordable Housing Provide density bonuses or reduced fees for developers who include affordable units in their projects. Explore inclusionary zoning policies requiring a percentage of new developments to be affordable. 7. Promote Community Land Trusts Establish or expand community land trusts (CLTs) to create long-term affordable housing options by separating land ownership from homeownership. 8. Leverage Federal and State Programs Apply for funding from HUD programs like HOME Investment Partnerships or the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC). Work with the Montana Department of Commerce to access grants and financing for affordable housing projects. 9. Develop Workforce Housing Focus on creating affordable housing options for essential workers such as teachers, nurses, and first responders. Collaborate with local employers to co-finance workforce housing near employment centers. 10. Increase Public Transit and Infrastructure Expand public transit options to connect affordable housing areas with job centers, schools, and amenities. Improve infrastructure in areas where affordable housing development is planned to attract investments. 11. Community Engagement Host forums and workshops to gather input from residents on affordable housing needs. Educate the community about the benefits of affordable housing to reduce stigma and opposition to new developments. 	3/4/2025 10:16 AM
239	Our continually rising water bills is ridiculous, get a handle on this astronomical pricing!	3/4/2025 10:08 AM
240	none	3/4/2025 10:07 AM
241	Cost of the land purchased? Purchasing land for affordable housing is high cost districts such as the West End????	3/4/2025 9:51 AM
242	We need the Federal funds to continue to help families with down payment assistance. Without this opportunity, many will never have the opportunity to purchase a home.	3/4/2025 9:47 AM
243	We need more housing at ALL levels. Step-up homes allow for first-time homebuyers to get into our older housing stock.	3/4/2025 9:36 AM
244	n/a	3/4/2025 9:09 AM
245	We need more low-income housing/apartments. I have working clients I can't find housing for due to all low-income housing is full and a long waiting list.	3/4/2025 8:49 AM
246	Allow more development and funding for those willing to provide actual affordable housing. Remove some of the barriers to developers	3/4/2025 8:48 AM
247	Stop building apartment complex around houses	3/4/2025 8:31 AM
248	Build more low income housing	3/4/2025 8:20 AM
249	Cap the rental prices they are out of hand or build more affordable housing	3/4/2025 7:44 AM
250	Help people with closing cost	3/4/2025 7:28 AM
251	We need more housing stock. Both for home owner opportunities AND rental assistance opportunities.	3/4/2025 7:16 AM
252	Senior housing needs to be addressed. Seniors in Senior housing have very limited income and a majority of them are struggling.	3/4/2025 7:11 AM

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253	Rent control	3/4/2025 7:06 AM
254	Stop letting corporations/companies and career landlords buy up all the housing and raise the rent	3/4/2025 2:32 AM
255	Lower cost	3/4/2025 12:51 AM
256	Stop corporations from buying all the real estate and then charging astronomical rents.	3/3/2025 11:06 PM
257	None	3/3/2025 10:56 PM
258	More income based options. Refurbish the old vacant hotels into efficiency apartments.	3/3/2025 10:52 PM
259	Make housing actually affordable to the hard working low income families. They should have 2-3 jobs and still can't afford rent. Rent control!!!	3/3/2025 10:41 PM
260	.	3/3/2025 10:15 PM
261	none	3/3/2025 10:03 PM
262	Rent control higher taxes on income property out of state people owning housing	3/3/2025 10:00 PM
263	Increase starter housing units	3/3/2025 9:48 PM
264	Less upscale condos more realistic plans with less square footage, basic amenities, access to safe neighborhoods and transportation routes.	3/3/2025 9:35 PM
265	Build small houses that would be affordable!	3/3/2025 9:33 PM
266	I don't feel qualified enough to be able to answer that question	3/3/2025 9:27 PM
267	Rents are to high	3/3/2025 9:23 PM
268	Keep schools and parks vital in downtown and encourage home ownership in core of town	3/3/2025 9:20 PM
269		3/3/2025 9:14 PM
270	Tiny house groupings like Bozeman is doing.	3/3/2025 8:59 PM
271	allow for mixed use zoning (housing on top of commercial) rent controls	3/3/2025 8:44 PM
272	New low income rental development needs to be actually affordable for low income families. We need options for folks to transition from homelessness to being housed. Low or no cost shelter like tiny homes or efficiency apartments	3/3/2025 8:12 PM
273	We need to get folks working paying their own way instead of enabling them, waiting for handouts. This is becoming generational. Maybe more habitat for humanity where people put some time and effort into getting assistance. Maybe they will be more appreciative and take better care of what is given them.	3/3/2025 8:09 PM
274	Lower taxes and water bills.	3/3/2025 8:07 PM
275	Low rent advisable improvement	3/3/2025 7:55 PM
276	the housing affordability needs to be for both low and median income. low income is already gaining services while median isn't getting any assistance.	3/3/2025 7:40 PM
277	Tax second homes at much higher rate than property owned and resided homes. Prioritize infill properties to add more homes in areas already existing and allow accessory dwelling units.	3/3/2025 7:38 PM
278	NA	3/3/2025 7:36 PM
279	.	3/3/2025 7:21 PM
280	Affordable housing in Billings is not affordable. More single family dwellings rather than apartments and keep it simple to keep prices down.	3/3/2025 7:03 PM
281	Need more of it, but targeted to low and middle income earners. Incentives for first time homebuyers. Add a tiny home community in town, with owned tiny homes, with covenants or a small HOA, but ownership only, perhaps through a special loan program. One way to make things more affordable is to go smaller, but sustainable.	3/3/2025 7:00 PM
282	STOP paying all the rents!!!! 3 month maximum rent assistance!	3/3/2025 6:50 PM

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283	Require developers to include mixed income options in their large neighborhood developments so there's a healthy mix and schools benefit from diversity	3/3/2025 6:42 PM
284	Provide developers with incentives to build infill projects, rather than more urban sprawl.	3/3/2025 6:14 PM
285	Lower home taxes	3/3/2025 6:04 PM
286	There are to many abandoned or run down properties on the south side. They not only bring down home values but are a safety concern and sitting there empty while we have a serious housing problem. Infill building should also be encouraged as well as established procedures to build and utilize AUDs for smaller density increases	3/3/2025 6:04 PM
287	You didn't ask the most important category- does the city need to invest in serving the homeless. Supporting the Montana Rescue Mission. This survey is poorly conceived if this is not addressed.	3/3/2025 6:02 PM
288	Would it be possible to set up a sort of revolving loan fund to assist home buyers (first-time or low-to-moderate income) with purchasing or renovating a home? is there another way to subsidize these efforts in a responsible manner?	3/3/2025 4:42 PM
289	Improved areas with focus on crime prevention.	3/3/2025 4:29 PM
290	To make it more affordable to rent.	3/3/2025 4:25 PM
291	Incentive owner-occupied purchases vs. investor rental purchases of previously owner-occupied homes; examine incentives for owner-occupied purchases in neighborhood with lower relative values (ex: https://lacrossepromise.org/);	3/3/2025 4:19 PM
292	elect city leadership who are committed to affordable housing city council, mayor, administrator work together with community organizations to design and apply for funds for affordable housing	3/3/2025 4:19 PM
293	My suggestion is to continue having assistance programs. This helps affordability for first-time home buyers significantly. It's great to have several options for assistance.	3/3/2025 4:10 PM
294	Expand successful programs such as Habitat for Humanity	3/3/2025 4:09 PM
295	While we do need multifamily housing stock. We also need smaller first time homes and smaller homes for older adults that want to decrease their house size. Luxury apartments are great, but we need to have affordable units as a part of the mix in this housing as well.	3/3/2025 3:48 PM
296	We need more low-income housing apartments- no one can afford to live in this economy.	3/3/2025 3:47 PM
297	FIND A WAY RO MAKE "AFFORDABLE" HOUSING TO BE ACTUALLU AFFORDABLE. 2600 A MONTH FOR A 2 BEDROOM IS NOT AFFORDABLE HOUSING. PEOPLE PAY BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO NOT BECAUSE THEUY CAN AFFORD IT, ONE SMALL HICK-UP AND THEY ARE OUT AND EVICTED AND HOMELESS WITHOUT OTHER OPTIONS! HAVE RESOUECSE AVAILIBEL TO DEPOSIT ASSISTANCE, THE 3X YOUR RENT AMOUNT RATIO BEING USED IT NOT DO-ABLE WHEN THE RENT IS NOT AFFORDABLE TO BEGIN WITH! I KNOW YOU CAN'T CONTROL A PRIVATE LANDLORD BUT YOU COULD FIND A WAY TO CREATE AN INCENTIVE IF THEY ARE WILLING TO PRICE AT A FAIR MARKET RENT	3/3/2025 3:45 PM
298	application fees need to be more affordable or streamlined so an applicant does not spend a lot of money trying to get a place to live. Cap on rental prices	3/3/2025 3:40 PM
299	increase supply of housing specifically low-income restricted units that are only for low-income individuals in addition to additional city support for non-profits working on addressing housing needs in the community including funding	3/3/2025 3:40 PM
300	use money to build homes similar to how Habitat for Humanity builds homes, if family members unable to help, use volunteers and students from Career center, etc to help	3/3/2025 3:29 PM
301	Caps on rent, responsibility for landlords to help neighborhoods by maintaining properties	3/3/2025 3:20 PM
302	. Put cap on landlords from raising the rents to an unaffordable standard. For example, if my rent is \$600.00 a month it could not be raised to \$1600 without a gradual increase. And there should be a ceiling on how much the rent can be increased. . Build more affordable places to rent. . Help homeowners to maintain their current homes so they are not forced to move and sell their homes. Such as health hazardous conditions.	3/3/2025 3:16 PM

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303	The economy and expenses have far surpassed the income a family can earn. Education on how to budget should be required when utilizing social services. If we don't teach our community how to climb out of poverty, we will remain in cyclical/generational dependence on social service programs.	3/3/2025 3:10 PM
304	Housing for felons getting their own apartment after sober living. That does not double the rent simply because you are a felon.	3/3/2025 3:09 PM
305	More, affordable, quality places that accept HCV vouchers or offers project based Section 8.	3/3/2025 3:07 PM
306	Please fund any applications/programs from our Public Housing Authority	3/3/2025 3:04 PM
307	NA	3/3/2025 3:04 PM
308	Not sure just feel it's something we struggle with.	3/3/2025 2:59 PM
309	n/a	3/3/2025 2:58 PM
310	Working more closely with housing agencies within Billings on the current needs for the community. Be more involved in the conversations regarding the housing crisis.	3/3/2025 2:56 PM
311	not sure	3/3/2025 2:56 PM
312	Lowering the rent	3/3/2025 2:53 PM
313	1. ADA Accessible Low barrier shelter. 2. ADA Accessible Permanent Supportive Housing 3. Transportation assistance unless/until MET Transit is more reliable for varied schedules. 4. Supportive services on Sunday — keep the library open at a minimum for warming/cooling 5. Stop screening people OUT and start welcoming people IN regardless of religion, disabilities, employability, etc.	3/3/2025 2:50 PM
314	Not sure	3/3/2025 2:50 PM
315	Cap the amount landlords can increase rent in a certain time period. More access to rental and deposit assistance for renters that come upon financial hardships.	3/3/2025 2:49 PM
316	1. Expand and Strengthen Inclusionary Zoning Policies 2. Establish a Local Affordable Housing Trust Fund 3. Incentivize Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) 4. Convert Underutilized Commercial Spaces into Housing 5. Partner with Nonprofits and Faith-Based Organizations 6. Streamline the Development and Permitting Process 7. Expand Rental Assistance and Housing Vouchers 8. Support Workforce and Middle-Income Housing 9. Invest in Homelessness Prevention and Permanent Supportive Housing 10. Strengthen Tenant Protections and Affordable Housing Policies	3/3/2025 2:38 PM
317	Please continue funding first time homebuyer programs. Homeownership creates great neighborhoods, responsible city residents and helps families improve their lives overall.	3/3/2025 2:00 PM
318	Down payment assistance funding/programs/grants	3/3/2025 1:34 PM
319	Stop allowing those with the money, means and bullying tactics to force the agenda for those it hurts the most.	3/3/2025 1:14 PM
320	Low interest rates for first time homeowners	3/3/2025 12:13 PM
321	Review building codes and requirement for redundant or burdensome regulations--but be careful about putting developers on these review committees :)	3/3/2025 11:35 AM
322	Low income dense homes with high standard codes to keep them looking clean, tidy and safe	3/3/2025 11:27 AM
323	I don't know	3/3/2025 11:13 AM
324	none	3/3/2025 11:04 AM
325	Using empty lots to create pockets of tiny homes. Homes such as these permit single folks, college students, young adults, and retirees to have a safe place to call home.	3/3/2025 11:04 AM
326	Old Hotels and schools to be refurbished into apartments.	3/3/2025 11:03 AM
327	Bringing down property taxes! Seniors are being pushed from their homes. Enough with the mill levies - we are paying enough taxes!	3/3/2025 10:59 AM
328	Solar programs should be dependent on State legislation. Too much diversity between solar	3/3/2025 10:38 AM

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vendors. Leases vs liens vs cash purchases. What is the buy back policy from Electric utility companies.

329	Rent caps - down payment assistance for first time homebuyers,	2/28/2025 3:48 PM
330	Building more affordable housing.	2/28/2025 1:03 PM
331	First time home buyers are facing the biggest hurdle in the housing market due to the difficulty of saving money for cash to close in today's economy. They need assistance for down payment and closing costs in order to achieve home ownership. Home ownership puts young families on a path to financial stability and wealth. We can't afford to allow our young families be stuck in a vicious cycle of paying rent for life with nothing to show for their hard earned money.	2/28/2025 11:02 AM
332	Community land trusts would allow affordable housing, keeping prices low while improving the area values	2/28/2025 8:03 AM
333	Continued support for first time home buyers by providing First Time Home Buyer DPA programs.	2/27/2025 4:28 PM
334	Eat the rich	2/27/2025 10:23 AM
335	Pets welcome! They are family too.	2/25/2025 6:38 AM
336	Like many others, I see the problem, but solutions are not clear... I guess just more housing in general, whether rent or own.	2/24/2025 8:25 PM
337	Loans for first time low income home buyers	2/24/2025 11:30 AM
338	Property taxes cripple affordable housing. Mortgage up. \$100 a month, a lot for seniors. 2 weeks of groceries .. so guess what got cut.	2/23/2025 7:29 PM
339	Allow more multi-unit construction; create more mixed-use development	2/22/2025 5:07 PM
340	With low wages and high cost of living, one must work 2-3 jobs just to pay rent, especially if single parent on one income. It's outrageous. Please lower the cost of housing for tax brackets under 100,000 and or increase wages so everyday Montanans in Yellowstone County can afford a clean, safe decent place to live. We also need to build new and or have some overnight with existing landlords. The landlords in this area are slumlords with no oversight. They put no money into maintaining/fixing up run down, unsafe, mold ridden houses for no less than \$1800/mo. for a two bedroom!	2/22/2025 2:17 PM
341	na	2/22/2025 12:03 PM
342	give more financial resources locally without demands of payments out of range and high interest.	2/22/2025 10:22 AM
343	Increase density / walkability; more regulations on landlords	2/22/2025 10:04 AM
344	Make the program more know, a lot of low income don't know about it. Also, low income is too low. Needs to be higher in this day	2/22/2025 6:19 AM
345	Give incentives to small rental Property Owners to keep rents low. That way it allows for lower earners to stay in their homes. You could keep homeowners and check by them, turning in receipts for improvements and deposit slips for some sort of reimbursement that way the city knows where the money went and it keeps the homeowners honest.	2/21/2025 6:25 PM
346	As a homeowner that had an unexpected life event occur causing it to become difficult for me to make my mortgage payments at one point, I found it overly difficult to find help and resources to keep me from becoming delinquent. I could only qualify for assistance if I was well past due to a dangerous degree. If i were to put myself in that position to qualify for help, that help would actually cost programs more money in just late fees and penalties than what I needed to bridge the gap BEFORE I became delinquent.	2/21/2025 4:05 PM
347	Nothing	2/21/2025 12:00 AM
348	Too many large-scale companies are coming in, taking up property, and building what are supposedly "affordable" apartments/houses. Most people cannot afford a studio apartment that costs \$1200+/month, even with two incomes. There are vacant/abandoned buildings and houses throughout the city; if these could be renovated, we could open up more affordable housing options without having to take up more property/land.	2/20/2025 10:24 PM

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349	Implement an incentive program funded locally for area businesses, community organizations, and / or developers that agree to sponsor / support new affordable housing developments or renovate buildings to create more affordable housing options.	2/20/2025 2:00 PM
350	Build more affordable housing including very cheap housing for people who are close to homelessness.	2/20/2025 11:42 AM
351	more low income housing units. help with deposits and first months rent.	2/20/2025 10:14 AM
352	First off there has to be an investment on both sides. Too many times I have worked in low income housing as a sub contractor and the waste is unbelievable. Open windows on sub zero days, loads and loads of high carb foods, big flat screen tvs etc.... I just believe that there needs to be less empathy and more structure. Free stuff is just that.....free. And with no investment in their side then what is their loss?	2/20/2025 8:51 AM
353	Do away with the down payment 'programs' as many don't qualify based on the requirements for financing as it is. (Dti, Fico score).	2/20/2025 5:29 AM
354	None	2/20/2025 5:17 AM
355	Bring the prices down between rent car insurance and car payment phone and pharmacy hardly any money for food the health food	2/20/2025 12:58 AM
356	None	2/19/2025 9:46 PM
357	Increased income based apartments	2/19/2025 8:24 PM
358	Section needs more strict supervision. Two people move into an apartment and then a week later 10 people live there.	2/19/2025 8:11 PM
359	Inclusionary zoning, Accessory Dwelling Units, and micro housing and modular construction have been successful in other places.	2/19/2025 8:01 PM
360	.	2/19/2025 7:55 PM
361	Build more subsidized housing	2/19/2025 6:48 PM
362	Build more 2-3 bedroom homes with small yards. Home buyers could put in sweat equity.	2/19/2025 6:42 PM
363	Encourage people to work for their own homes and stop enabling them.	2/19/2025 6:32 PM
364	Stop building new upscale buildings people can't afford to live in. Renovate older buildings or empty buildings into housing.	2/19/2025 6:28 PM
365	Until more housing can be built, funds need to be available for people who are trying to pay rent. The income limit needs to be raised to qualify because even in just social security, one person cannot afford rent in Billings. There should also be funds set aside for people who need assistance with a down payment for a new home and/or a reduced payment for the loan for a certain number of years. People need time to get back on their feet. Living costs are too exoensive.	2/19/2025 5:45 PM
366	It would be pretty great if we could invest in pockets of tiny homes for small families or single individuals. Not like large areas, but maybe lots that could have a 6-home capacity. This could diversify neighborhoods which helps keep property values strong vs empty and undeveloped lots in assorted neighborhoods.	2/19/2025 5:40 PM
367	It is not the city's (Governments in general) job to buy/subsidized housing for people who can't afford it. Put the money to infrastructure (roads, bridges, sidewalks) in neighborhoods. Hire local companies who can then provide jobs to people so they are no longer "low income" and can afford standard housing.	2/19/2025 5:37 PM
368	Make due	2/19/2025 5:05 PM
369	Combining affordable housing units with on-site support services like mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, and employment assistance, particularly for individuals with complex needs. An apartment complex that has all the services low income/homeless need. Include day free/reduced cost daycare on site.	2/19/2025 3:45 PM
370	Establish a resort tax. Abolish the practice of asking for mill levy's and increase taxes to fund desperately needed funding for the city.	2/19/2025 3:42 PM

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371	Help for grandparents raising grandkids	2/19/2025 3:28 PM
372	Build more apartment complexes or institute rent control. Encourage Attached Dwelling Units. Provide government funding to local housing focused non profits	2/19/2025 2:55 PM
373	Focus on reduced rent and buying options with education needed to keep up with payments and maintenance in the long term. Combat learned helplessness.	2/19/2025 10:13 AM
374	None	2/18/2025 8:29 PM
375	Billings has too many slum lords who take advantage of those who have no other choices. Billings should partner with groups like CLDI who provide a holistic package to help those who are low income become housed. They offer financial planning and counseling and also housing. Partnering with a group like this takes the burden off the city and into the hands of a group who has proven success.	2/18/2025 3:59 PM
376	I	2/18/2025 3:49 PM
377	Tax credits, flexible zoning, rent control, and better transportation all combined with access to healthcare and job training	2/18/2025 2:16 PM
378	Find ways to help people find affordable housing	2/12/2025 5:36 PM
379	Tax credits, low interest rates, more low income housing that isn't worn down and in horrible condition.	2/11/2025 3:38 PM
380	Billings desperately needs low-barrier shelter, followed immediately by Permanent Supportive Housing	2/11/2025 12:17 PM
381	Create a moratorium on out of state corporations owning multi-plex & single family homes.	2/11/2025 11:51 AM
382	Renovate some of the buildings into affordable apartments - old Colburns buildings on Montana, buildings on First Avenue South.	2/11/2025 11:15 AM
383	Grocery stores on the southside. more apartments and less slumlords on the north and south side. less human trafficking motels and landlords. rental regulations that minimize slumlords' ability to rent houses and apartments that are below health standards and falling apart. RENT CONTROL!!!	2/11/2025 9:51 AM
384	I highly suggest that we utilize the space we have and build in/renovate the neighborhoods we have instead of consistently spreading West End. Build more apartment buildings where there were once old buildings. We need more jobs available that will benefit the Southside and Northside. We need affordable grocery options with more access to fresh food, healthy family entertainment options outside of bars or casinos (skating rinks, bowling alleys, arcades, immersive art centers, within walking distance for those areas, more engaged park spaces (renovated basketball courts, art installations, amphitheaters, built-in games like chess boards, etc.), and improved walking environments (tree covered paths, art related coverings, man made streams, etc.).	2/11/2025 9:08 AM
385	Key word is affordable. The current housing stock is not affordable. Our community could use more income based/low income housing options.	2/10/2025 8:38 AM
386	NA	2/10/2025 7:50 AM
387	I believe the biggest issue in housing affordability is the people who build the homes aren't building the homes we actually need because they are more incentivized to build what we don't need. Unless we fix that fundamental issue, piecemeal changes will always fall short of making a real impact. I see that builders have no real incentive to develop multifamily housing over single-family homes. The profit margins, risk levels, and financing structures all favor SFRs, which limits housing diversity and affordability. The challenge is making multifamily and affordable housing just as attractive as SFRs. Here are a few ideas that could help: Waive capital gains tax on affordable housing developments (if builders sell the properties as owner-occupied). This could be offset by a small repayment structure from homeowners over 30 years to recapture some of the government's lost revenue. This keeps the program revenue-neutral but attractive to builders. I also believe affordable housing should mean smaller, less extravagant units—not appreciation-capped or overly restricted housing. Pre-approved, state-endorsed, development plans for affordable housing that streamline permitting and reduce soft costs. If builders know they can develop a profitable, code-compliant multifamily project without battling zoning restrictions and city approvals, they're much more likely to choose it	2/8/2025 12:35 PM

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over SFRs. This could include standardized structure plans, community bylaws, and repeatable development blueprints. Low- or no-interest infrastructure loans for builders who develop multifamily or affordable housing, ensuring upfront costs don't push them toward SFRs instead.

388	Require builders and new developments to have a variety of housing sizes and price points. No more McMansion subdivisions for the ultra wealthy.	2/7/2025 7:59 PM
389	Make new developments include affordable housing as a portion of the apartments being built. Give money to HomeWord to make more developments. Build a tiny home community for the homeless.	2/7/2025 2:25 PM
390	Provide landlord incentives to accept low income tenants with challenging backgrounds.	2/7/2025 1:46 PM
391	N/A	2/7/2025 11:51 AM
392	Zone for ADUs and Tiny Homes.	2/7/2025 11:24 AM
393	More section 8 housing option in addition to lower rent options that do not have lower safety.	2/7/2025 11:21 AM
394	More resources for disabled veterans and more street lights in neighborhoods.	2/7/2025 11:21 AM
395	-More apartments -More apartments with access to good public transportation -Incentives for existing landlords to provide affordable housing -prioritize mental health and addiction recovery to help get those into housing	2/7/2025 11:16 AM
396	Focus on affordable housing options, not how the Metra or other non-essentials can line Billings and county officials' pockets. Whether true or not, that is the public perception.	2/7/2025 11:14 AM
397	Incentivizing or subsidize development of affordable housing. Developers only seem to want to build housing in the mid to high price range. Even newer multi-family rental options are too expensive for people.	2/7/2025 11:09 AM
398	Cap the rate at which housing companies can increase rent each year. Tax vacant properties at a higher rate. Provide grants to property owners to incentivize renting to low-income families. Provide grants directly to low-income families to pay for security deposits and pet deposits.	2/7/2025 11:08 AM
399	Affordable housing options for homeless people would incredibly benefit our community.	2/7/2025 11:07 AM
400	There needs to be more affordable options for housing. Costs go up when demand exceeds supply, so there needs to be a greater supply of AFFORDABLE housing. A lot of new housing continues to be built but much of it is not affordable for the average wage earner.	2/7/2025 11:06 AM
401	Require landlords with more than x units to dedicate x% of them to be HCV units.	2/7/2025 10:12 AM
402	Make the code department easier to get permitted through we have had a project in the Heights that has been tied up because they could not get approval that is ridiculous	2/7/2025 9:34 AM
403	More mixed-income housing and new apartments in downtown core. Money for infill projects in blighted areas. Council needs to stop expanding city limits and prioritize housing/zoning where ppl actually work/shop/play.	2/7/2025 8:58 AM
404	N/A	2/3/2025 8:29 AM

Q6 Please share any additional thoughts you have about effectively using federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) here in Billings.

Answered: 247 Skipped: 157

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Support veteran addiction complete wrap around housing servises.	3/25/2025 7:25 PM
2	The gap between upper class (elite?) is growing further upward from the middle class and the poverty.	3/25/2025 12:51 PM
3	Add egress windows to the list. I'm a homeowner, first time homebuyer, and I desperately need an egress window in my basement bedroom. There are not programs that will help me regarding that.	3/24/2025 3:46 AM
4	Educate homeowners to Except section 8 . No one in Billings takes section 8.	3/22/2025 6:59 PM
5	Community living would improve our city - low income housing areas that have other amenities like a Park close by, laundry services, and grocery store, where a group of families can live together and grow together.	3/22/2025 10:26 AM
6	We need to help more people build wealth by becoming home owners, not renters.	3/21/2025 9:16 AM
7	Housing is needed for teachers and medical personnel.	3/21/2025 9:09 AM
8	We definitely need more affordable housing for low income people	3/20/2025 5:56 PM
9	Our bus stops are in great need to help access. We have very few (maybe no?) benches and/or covered standing at bus stops. I often see people (often elderly) standing in inclement weather with no shelter waiting for the bus.	3/20/2025 10:47 AM
10	I think any Government agency needs to be followed and audited to the fullest extent of the law. I worry about kickbacks and wasteful spending under all of our Government agencies Currently.	3/20/2025 8:11 AM
11	Build affordable homes for people to be proud .	3/19/2025 8:12 PM
12	none	3/18/2025 12:42 PM
13	Homeless Assistance Grants: Provide more funding for programs that address homelessness, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing.	3/18/2025 11:27 AM
14	Less regulations and covenants for land owners. Offering free trees for communities or encouraging a large scale community garden. More focus on Montana qualities like farming/agriculture and self sufficient programs to extend to bee keeping and chicken farming.	3/17/2025 4:10 PM
15	Perhaps funding for tiny home planned development, assistance to a developer to accomplish	3/17/2025 3:09 PM
16	xxx	3/17/2025 3:09 PM
17	Why is everything targeted to low income? Resources to middle incomes need to be included as well for windows, home improvement, etc....not just low income! When Renewal By Anderson gives out all the mailbox ads, and they come to your house and say \$65,000 to replace your windows....who can afford that!!! Resources and deductions need to be offered to middle class people that work very hard at 40+ hours a week!!! Not just watching the unemployed guy across the street have HRDC install new windows, plumbing, and concrete work for free!!!!!!	3/17/2025 11:14 AM
18	Lawn care around our low income apartments could be better.	3/17/2025 6:02 AM
19	Raise the maximum income for Down Payment Assistance. Give a 3 year Property tax assistance on a 3-2-1 reducing scale to help out with the mortgage payment.	3/16/2025 1:54 PM

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20	Improve infrastructure	3/14/2025 4:45 PM
21	Not sure	3/14/2025 9:00 AM
22	help with rental assistance... stop hedge funds from buying up all of the properties!	3/13/2025 6:19 PM
23	unknown	3/13/2025 4:31 PM
24	The City of Billings, like most, has lost track of the primary purpose of taxpayers forming a city government - effectively reducing crime through policing and the legal system and providing for infrastructure repair - roads, sewers, parks and public event spaces . Billings definitely has had some big wins, and I think has a great future, but let's get back to basics - improve the traffic flows, cut down on crime, and reduce urban blight through tax breaks and improvement districts rather than dabbling into so many areas of social experimentation.	3/13/2025 3:45 PM
25	Housing should be based on take home pay not on gross pay as that is an unfair and unrealistic number for many people. People do not have to live month to month on gross wages as everything is calculated on but on take home and that is a huge difference in the majority of low income house holds	3/13/2025 3:41 PM
26	More low income housing is needed as well as housing for the mentally ill and physically disabled.	3/13/2025 3:36 PM
27	x	3/13/2025 2:53 PM
28	Prioritize the funding to help older residents so they can remain independent and to help low income citizens. A tiny home community or two would be really great.	3/13/2025 1:30 PM
29	See above answer.	3/13/2025 10:55 AM
30	I think we should build more bike lanes that are separated from traffic and are maintained throughout the year. Creating projects to help winterize their homes who are unable to afford the upgrades, with vouchers or discounts to purchase and install more energy efficient windows, insulation, roofs would help to offset the cost burden of these upgrades that would make their homes more energy efficient and therefore lower their utility bills. I think we should not be considering selling any public parks, because green spaces show to have a positive impact on the health of the people who visit them and the people who live nearby. I think we should also consider upgrading the sewers to be able to hold more rain runoff so we can prevent flooding in our streets during the big rainstorms we get multiple times a year.	3/13/2025 8:55 AM
31	na	3/12/2025 5:17 PM
32	More dog parks. This increases traffic in the parks and makes them less appealing to gangs or violent offenders seeking places to offend. South Park could easily have one twice the size of North Park. Put the surveillance equipment back in the parks. The cameras and equipment at North Park were effective. Now that they have been removed its once again a dangerous place to be after dark.	3/12/2025 4:02 PM
33	The focus really need to be on building new affordable residences that can house "average" family sizes of 3 bedrooms +.	3/12/2025 3:52 PM
34	There are barriers to housing. It is hard to find housing even when you have a section 8 voucher. You still need to find a place that will rent to you. I work with people who have section 8 vouchers but struggle finding a place that will except them.	3/12/2025 2:45 PM
35	unsure	3/12/2025 2:30 PM
36	Will it still be available after all the cuts at the Federal level?	3/12/2025 2:13 PM
37	Using this funding for people who are struggling and making the process easier for them instead of making it a long difficult process.	3/12/2025 1:04 PM
38	Help educate on Loan Applications and Budgeting for affordable housing	3/12/2025 11:52 AM
39	BETTER PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO PUBLIC SERVICES	3/12/2025 10:07 AM
40	More housing including Tiny home community zoning	3/12/2025 9:49 AM
41	The waiting list for section 8 housing has been extremely long for a very long time. Additional units would be helpful. Consider a fund to help recover costs for landlords that may rent to lower income/riskier clients and have issues.	3/12/2025 8:59 AM

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42	Do not depend on it!	3/12/2025 8:50 AM
43	Require them to go to school or get jobs. There are so many people depending on the YWCA to pay their rent for a year only to be evicted at the end of that year because the YWCA has not required them to seek employment.	3/12/2025 8:47 AM
44	I'm not too familiar with federal funding, but it would be great to see it being offered for our community and being used to help improve it.	3/12/2025 8:17 AM
45	Do NOT be frivolous with the funds - Make the funds actually benefit the population the funds are intended for	3/12/2025 8:17 AM
46	Subsidize interest rates and lower loan requirements	3/12/2025 8:08 AM
47	Quit duplicating programs. The City does not do as well as other programs. If people are not worried about housing, they have more time to help improve the city. Reach out to Court programs that require community service. Reach out to companies with a proven track record of encouraging volunteerism in their agency. People want to feel like they are part of the community. Don't just through money at problems, motivate people to become stakeholders in the issues that plague our community.	3/12/2025 8:06 AM
48	will there even be any federal funding?	3/12/2025 8:06 AM
49	Develop a partnership with HUD and private developers to build housing for low to moderate income buyers.	3/12/2025 7:40 AM
50	Number 5 Ditto	3/12/2025 6:48 AM
51	More programs for the disabled to be able to own have upgrade whatever is necessary because the low SSDI and SSI payments can just not make it in this world today	3/12/2025 3:19 AM
52	Billings HUD already does an absolutely exceptional job of managing their money	3/11/2025 5:10 PM
53	Thinking outside of the box - smaller homes - smaller lots - interest rate buy down - to help lower income and/or first time buyers get into homes to begin building wealth.	3/11/2025 4:54 PM
54	All funding should be focused on helping home buyers in this transition period we are currently in. Transition period being the higher interest rate, higher values, higher insurance, higher property taxes VS. what it was. We can't go back to the extremely low interest rate world, so we have to be patient and wait in the transition period. Whatever help HUD dollars can go to in aiding home buyers in the transition period is what would be the most beneficial	3/11/2025 12:56 PM
55	provide down payment assistance for first time homebuyers.	3/11/2025 12:41 PM
56	Billings need resources to help families gain financial insight, training and knowledge so they can become stable. By helping families that are in the program both section 8 and public housing gain financial training and if need employment or work programs to help the individuals be successful at becoming financially stable so they can effectively be able to be homeowners. This helps with the success in the program and gives the new and other program participants something to look forward toward. And please give a reasonable or I should say a realistic amount of time to pay back rent amounts of over 500.00 not giving a low income or no income families that made a mistake 14 days to pay thousands of dollars or vacate. That is not a realistic amount of time for 2 income families with children to pay amounts greater than 1000 dollar and be able to stay in compliance with monthly bills. This is grossly disheartening to the program participants current and future. That are utilizing the programs to gain housing stability and become financial efficient in their obligations.	3/11/2025 11:47 AM
57	More employees and case managers to help assist clients with goals and stability	3/11/2025 10:30 AM
58	I live in low income housing and it is such a blessing. I would be on the street without it.	3/11/2025 9:54 AM
59	We need to start revitalizing areas in Billings that are run down and the owners can not afford to make this happen.	3/11/2025 9:27 AM
60	The agency that operates the housing for low income people is not well staffed. When I first moved into the apartment I have, we had a full time maintenance person and a full time person who took care of keeping the complex clean and the grounds maintained. The common areas were always clean- elevators, laundry rooms, carpets, etc, and the lawns, flower areas and plants were trimmed and well maintained. Eventually the cleaning person left and was not replaced, and was replaced by a cleaning company who work four hours a WEEK. Nothing is	3/11/2025 9:02 AM

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cleaned now. The maintenance man quit and we have not had consistent maintenance since. The facilities need to be adequately staffed.

61	I think reaching out to those of us who are low-income for ideas is the right thing to do. Thank you for hearing us!	3/11/2025 8:51 AM
62	having safe communities starts with better access and services for those with addiction and mental health...if those issues are not such big problems, the neighborhoods will be safer regardless of what lighting, curbs, etc you have.	3/11/2025 8:19 AM
63	The last thing I want is the government to do the building of houses. Better to work with private industry.	3/11/2025 8:12 AM
64	I can't say enough about the Section 8 Housing program which pays for half my rent. This program came to my rescue after I lost my wife to covid Nov. 4 2020. That left me with one less social security check to pay rent. Section 8 has been a big blessing in my life. It saved me from becoming homeless.	3/11/2025 7:58 AM
65	Homelessness is an epidemic here in Americ including Billings. Winters are rough and summers are far to hot not to be housed. Provide housing for homeless and seniors disabled.	3/11/2025 7:24 AM
66	Build nicer affordable units for medium income housing	3/11/2025 7:02 AM
67	Keep up the good work	3/11/2025 5:00 AM
68	What are the successful neighborhood watch programs in Billings? Can that be implemented here and under the leadership of the police?	3/11/2025 1:56 AM
69	We all deserve a home that fits us	3/11/2025 12:06 AM
70	Unsure	3/10/2025 11:30 PM
71	More repair staff so units are repaired in timely manner. Bring older units current with disabled requirements. More wheelchair accessible units. Develop a mortgage payment matching program for low income first time home buyers to participate in if hardship causes them to fall behind mortgage payments, perhaps in the form of a loan folded into existing loan term to ensure repayment of program funds.	3/10/2025 10:44 PM
72	Easier to get into low income housing, not so long of waiting lists	3/10/2025 9:15 PM
73	None	3/10/2025 9:02 PM
74	The costs of down-payment, closing costs, REALTOR fees, are all very expensive and out of reach for many people wanting to purchase a home. Unfortunately, the cost of high rents are causing potential home buyers not to be able to save money because their monthly budgets are going to rent.	3/10/2025 8:08 PM
75	Be more community minded	3/10/2025 8:06 PM
76	Very much so !! I am an elderly man living in elderly apartments H U D funded. Living on Social Security is a great challenge for the elderly, especially if you have leukemia, like I do.	3/10/2025 6:02 PM
77	Finishing the apartments that will be built with pods in the heights would be nice.	3/10/2025 5:42 PM
78	make sure the landlords keep their rentals livable, clean, dirty rugs, working kitchen appliances.	3/10/2025 5:08 PM
79	Keep pushing what you have going.	3/10/2025 5:03 PM
80	I am 76 years old and disabled. If not for HUD I would be living on the street as I have not place to go. I feel HUD is a vital federal funding program. It also aids families who are working yet still cannot afford the cost of owning a home.	3/10/2025 4:59 PM
81	Make sure it is used for the people that need HUD and not for people in charge of the programs	3/10/2025 4:34 PM
82	Better Communication between Home Front and housing recipients.	3/10/2025 4:29 PM
83	More houses for rent, but all homefronts houses were sold, wasn't real effective for the people living in those houses	3/10/2025 4:26 PM
84	HUD funding will help the Low Income residents. It is much needed in Billings MT and surrounding areas.	3/10/2025 4:25 PM

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85	no other thoughts	3/10/2025 12:50 PM
86	Landlords should not be able to deny a rental application because the applicant utilizes a Section 8 voucher. This is discrimination in our community. So many vouchers expire or go unused because people cannot find landlords willing to accept the voucher. This needs to be stopped. More needs to be done for low income and poverty level renters. We cannot address homelessness until this is properly addressed. Housing and income go hand-in-hand, and if people do not have access to fair and affordable housing they will struggle to keep their job, get their kids to school, and feed their families. I think housing is the #1 thing Billings needs to focus on because it effects so many other outcomes in our community.	3/10/2025 11:23 AM
87	Improve safety within our community.	3/10/2025 10:32 AM
88	Cut regulations	3/10/2025 8:27 AM
89	Activate infill and ADU additions with grants or tax back.	3/9/2025 1:58 PM
90	Federal funds should not be used to build more housing on designated parks that the city is trying to sell! We NEED out parks to enhance the quality of life for our residents. The location of where affordable housing is constructed needs to be located in areas with easy access without a car, to local amenities, businesses, NOT in established residential neighborhoods. The city of Billings NEEDS to pay attention to the crime statistics that coincide with the location of "affordable housing" in deciding the best location for these communities. Homes are people's greatest investments and need to be protected from adverse decisions about adding to or near residential neighborhoods that will have a negative effect on a home's value and depreciate a homeowner's greatest asset.	3/9/2025 10:22 AM
91	None	3/9/2025 9:59 AM
92	Get people into homes and out of apartments.	3/9/2025 8:56 AM
93	Possibly fund tiny homes	3/8/2025 7:09 AM
94	Some kind of covered homeless shelter. What there is just isn't working	3/8/2025 6:28 AM
95	There are not enough options for families who HAVE purchased a home before, but do not currently own a home. Without being a first-time home buyer or a veteran, little assistance is available to these families.	3/7/2025 6:35 PM
96	Get the local government and all their mindless road blocks out of the loop. Work with contractor and the people wanting to PURCHASE family housing.	3/7/2025 11:47 AM
97	There needs to be some kind of oversight. During all stages, not just at the beginning or not just at the end.	3/7/2025 10:16 AM
98	Repair/fix up vacant or bank owned property to sell to low income families	3/6/2025 9:41 PM
99	There are plenty of home loans available for those who want to purchase a home with little to nothing down, we need to bring the older 1950's+ housing up to code so the house can pass inspection and appraisal	3/6/2025 1:52 PM
100	It is necessary for many to most of my first time buyers	3/6/2025 1:33 PM
101	NA	3/6/2025 1:33 PM
102	If there is any chance of Trump administration impounding the funds, I hope they are spent ASAP.	3/6/2025 1:17 PM
103	ELIMINATE PERMIT FEES AND USE ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEF TO INCREASE BUILDABLE AREAS / MAXIMUM COVERAGE TO ENTICE WORK FORCE HOUSING BUILDS.	3/6/2025 10:19 AM
104	Funds need to go into home buyer programs, parks, community centers. Do not put the money into rental programs. They are too strict and owners won't allow them so there is no point. There are over 1000 people approved for Section 8 housing but not enough owners/investors will participate so the program is useless. Put the money into the hands of home buyers.	3/6/2025 8:27 AM
105	capitalization funds with oversight of investors to renovate homes for affordable housing for qualified buyers	3/6/2025 4:31 AM
106	improve multi use spaces and new building practices	3/5/2025 5:30 PM

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107	Create pathways for people who are in imminent danger of losing their housing. Keep them from becoming homeless in the first place by providing short-term emergency shelter in the form of tiny houses or renovated homes that are otherwise eyesores in the community.	3/5/2025 5:05 PM
108	None	3/5/2025 4:11 PM
109	Federal Funding should be utilized to help with homeownership in our neighborhoods and communities. Please know that we are much better off with programs that enhance home ownership and that helps to create a safer city and community.	3/5/2025 3:05 PM
110	Development of parks and outdoor use to keep people active will bring in more families and keep our kids out of bad areas. We need to start putting kids first in this community.	3/5/2025 3:00 PM
111	Have more available and notify the community of available funds.	3/5/2025 1:38 PM
112	We need to improve services for unhoused individuals and families. It is a crisis.	3/5/2025 1:17 PM
113	Just to use the money to do the most good to help the low income people in our beautiful state so people that have lived here their whole lives can stay here.	3/5/2025 11:28 AM
114	Dedicated funding for vulnerable populations (seniors)	3/5/2025 10:38 AM
115	Find good partners by building relationships not just putting out an RFP. I think it is important for Billings to really assess need and partnerships, versus expediency.	3/5/2025 9:59 AM
116	To help inform decisions, implementations, and action, use this: https://billings.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/11-2024-FINAL-CRE-CC-Billings-Report.pdf	3/5/2025 9:54 AM
117	Funds should be used to help individuals and Family work towards financial independence, not just another program to enable government/social dependency	3/5/2025 8:36 AM
118	if there was a immediate interest rate lower for buyers that make \$100,000 or less.	3/5/2025 7:44 AM
119	None	3/5/2025 5:48 AM
120	Improve the already created parks that have fallen into disrepair.	3/5/2025 5:19 AM
121	Any funding we have to put towards offering affordable housing options and improving the affordable options we already have is money well spent.	3/4/2025 6:20 PM
122	Federal funding should be used to finance or assist with financing homes for first-time home buyers. This is such an important program to continue for the growth of Billings.	3/4/2025 5:47 PM
123	Down payment assistance programs for low-income households is the main priority.	3/4/2025 4:50 PM
124	We need more affordable housing options for people buying and renting homes.	3/4/2025 4:19 PM
125	The down-payment assistance programs are vital.	3/4/2025 4:09 PM
126	I think it is used effectively	3/4/2025 3:32 PM
127	Please continue funding first time home buyer assistance.	3/4/2025 3:30 PM
128	Good deal	3/4/2025 3:03 PM
129	Down payment assistance programs or programs that may allow lower interest rate loans to help get more buyers qualified for loans. Rehabing existing properties and ensuring that they are at lower prices for more affordability.	3/4/2025 3:02 PM
130	As difficult as it is for a first time home buyer or low income taking away this funding would be detrimental to those directly effected. Please consider continuing to allocate funds available for anyone under the criteria above.	3/4/2025 2:19 PM
131	Its important to lower property taxes for those that are on a fixed income. I know multiple elderly people on a fixed income that can no longer afford their homes.	3/4/2025 1:46 PM
132	I recently found out that my sewer line is broken and needs to be replaced. It was suggested I apply for the Home Repair program, only to find that it no longer exists. I know for myself being a single income home, it is not always affordable to pay for repairs. I think reinstating programs like this would also be beneficial. Especially in older areas of Billings.	3/4/2025 1:29 PM
133	I think additional fund should be used to support the 1st time home buyer or low-income	3/4/2025 1:25 PM

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	downpayment assistance programs instead to continually spending money on the Trail system in Billings which aren't used by "everyone" or they should be more secure as some on the Trails go through less than desirable secluded areas.	
134	Help long-term renters become homeowners through rent-to-own models or cooperative ownership. Partner with major local employers to provide homeownership incentives for employees.	3/4/2025 1:23 PM
135	Make it easier for low income families to get into housing!	3/4/2025 12:22 PM
136	When a buyer gets the down payment assistance loan from MT Board of Housing the buyer can't sell their home for 9 years without a waiver from MT Board of Housing. If you can't receive the waiver during the 9 years... there's a HUGE penalty to sell- Example \$200K home could be over a \$14K penalty. A buyer is better not accepting the small (sometimes only a few thousand) in help that they themselves make payment on every month on top of their monthly mortgage payment) down payment assistance. There shouldn't be any penalties for selling before 9 years.	3/4/2025 12:15 PM
137	No additional thoughts.	3/4/2025 12:03 PM
138	Focus on making the build process cheaper combined with First Time Home Buyer incentives. (Grants, Low interest loans etc.) I just hate seeing people rent and build home equity/retirement money for someone else. When you promote home ownership you create wealth and have cleaner nicer neighborhoods. Never much pride of ownership living in a rental.	3/4/2025 11:37 AM
139	HUD should not be buying houses to rehab and sell at a fixed cost.	3/4/2025 11:21 AM
140	Help our first time home buyers get into homes. They need down payment assistance, and help with closing costs.	3/4/2025 11:17 AM
141	It's a waste of money.	3/4/2025 10:58 AM
142	Keep funding programs that truly assist legal US citizens in affording housing. Stop the waste and fraud!	3/4/2025 10:58 AM
143	N/A	3/4/2025 10:24 AM
144	I think giving some of that money to help current owner's make improvements is a great idea. This will help people live healthy and happy lives while keeping the value of their home up should they ever choose to sell.	3/4/2025 10:23 AM
145	Prioritize Projects with High Community Impact Affordable Housing Development: Use HUD funding to build or rehabilitate affordable housing, targeting neighborhoods with high demand but low availability, such as areas near downtown, schools, and transit. Homelessness Services: Allocate funds for transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and shelters, particularly for veterans and families experiencing homelessness.	3/4/2025 10:16 AM
146	Build low income senior housing	3/4/2025 10:08 AM
147	none	3/4/2025 10:07 AM
148	Education and Health Care are preventative measures.	3/4/2025 9:51 AM
149	These funds are extremely important for first time home buyers to use for down payment assistance etc. I personally know over a dozen of families that these funds have helped in order to purchase their first family home. It's imperative for the community to have these funds for these families so they have a way to purchase. Without it, some families will never have the option to purchase especially with the extreme cost of closing costs etc.	3/4/2025 9:47 AM
150	More programs/developers need to seek LIHTC funds.	3/4/2025 9:36 AM
151	n/a	3/4/2025 9:09 AM
152	I would like to see housing units designed for federal offenders including violent and sex offenders. There would be strict rules and requirements to be accepted yet it would help them get on their feet and take them off the street.	3/4/2025 8:49 AM
153	Build more homes, not apartments	3/4/2025 8:31 AM
154	Focus on housing I, housing repairs and food programs	3/4/2025 8:20 AM

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155	It is crucial to fully fund the Public Housing and Section 8 programs to continue to serve our community. A combined waiting list of over 8000 is shameful for a community our size.	3/4/2025 7:16 AM
156	Low-income housing should be for residents that have a job and contribute to their housing needs. There are too many people on Public Housing that choose to not work because they have figured out how to live off of the state funding.	3/4/2025 7:11 AM
157	A lot of families are struggling to pay rent and mortgage not even just low income. The stress is on everyone. Maybe if the water bill fiasco didn't set families back so far on their budgets I'd have more constructive feedback but the city has yet to realize the repercussions of that even!	3/4/2025 2:32 AM
158	Funds should go to montana born residents	3/3/2025 11:06 PM
159	Affordable repurposed density housing. Use the space that already exist and build up the needed services. Grocery stores/markets, restaurants, shopping, family activities... on the actual south side. Near the triangle or in the triangle.	3/3/2025 10:41 PM
160	none	3/3/2025 10:03 PM
161	Focus on one time expenditures	3/3/2025 9:48 PM
162		3/3/2025 9:14 PM
163	Tiny houses	3/3/2025 8:59 PM
164	StrongTowns	3/3/2025 8:44 PM
165	Loans for down payments, repairs, etc puts low income folks further in debt and chances for repayment at risk, which puts them at risk. Federal funds- then why loans. Who mailing money on these loans. I see a lot of chances for this money to go to administration and not the people who need it.	3/3/2025 8:09 PM
166	Kero rent low	3/3/2025 7:55 PM
167	i think housing needs to be affordable for not only low income but those at the median level as well	3/3/2025 7:40 PM
168	Tiny home communities for homeless. Treatment and homes for substance use natives	3/3/2025 7:38 PM
169	.	3/3/2025 7:21 PM
170	See above comment about a tiny home community. Could HUD funds be used to implement this program or provide unconventional loans for buyers?	3/3/2025 7:00 PM
171	stop paying for People to NT work and earn on their own! Take care of seniors and Veterans!	3/3/2025 6:50 PM
172	Do it fast before you know who takes the money back	3/3/2025 6:14 PM
173	Help repair homes for our elderly	3/3/2025 6:04 PM
174	Hope you still get your funding. Don't blow it on administrating the programs and instead work with existing entities that have the ability to put the money directly to work	3/3/2025 6:04 PM
175	Less people at city hall and in community development department and more funding to service providers. Less funds for vistas and more for service providers.	3/3/2025 6:02 PM
176	Better communication with the community.	3/3/2025 4:29 PM
177	Create a rapid-rehousing cohort of new/renovated housing; offer grants for low-income homeowners for critical (foundation, windows, doors, leaky roof) repairs; consider creating a volunteer program for paint-and-fix style programs to help elderly/homeowners unable to perform work, improve walk/bikeability within and between neighborhoods.	3/3/2025 4:19 PM
178	perform audits of the use of federal funds that have gone to HomeFront (local HUD unit) for housing, especially affordable housing	3/3/2025 4:19 PM
179	Conduct education for prospective low income home buyers on home ownership; how to prepare for purchase and subsequent expenses.	3/3/2025 4:09 PM
180	These funds are part of the important mix of funding for housing and maintenance of neighborhood integrity. They should be used so that those that are lower income that still want home ownership have the ability to achieve this goal but to maintain it.	3/3/2025 3:48 PM

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181	Make it easier for people to get houses of their own.	3/3/2025 3:47 PM
182	OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, MANY COMPLEXES THAT WERE ONCE INCOME RESTRICTED UNITS (SHILOH GLEN, BRUSH MEADOWS, ETC...) HAVE AGED OUT OF THE TAX INCENTIVE USED TO CREATE SUCH HOUSING. THIS HAS LEFT A VERY LARGE HOLE FOR THE MIDDLE CLASS HOUSEHOLD RENTAL MARKET AND WHEN THEY CAN'T COMPETE AND AFFORD THE MARKET THEY BECOME VULNERABLE, FIND WAYS TO USE THE FUNDS FOR TAX CREDITS AND RECRUIT BUILDERS WILLING TO MET THE NEED. RATHER THAN USING THE FUND TO PROVIDE MORE NAVIGATORS USE IT TO CREATE HOUSING... NAVIGATORS CANT HELP IF UNITS DONT EXIST, ARENT AFFORDABLE , DEPOSIT TO HIGH FOR THE DEMOGRAPHIC THESE ARE TO SERVE. NOT AFFORDABLE AND THE DEPOSITS CAN'T BE PAID WHEN THEY ARE LOCATED. APPROVE AND ENCOURAGE THE BUILDING OF NON-TYPICAL HOUSING TYPES FROM RECYCLED STYLE UNITS OR 3-D PRINTED OPTIONS OR MODULAR LOTS, SO THAT LOWER COST OPTIONS CAN BE UTILIZED TO FIT THIS NEED. REMOVE BARRIERS VS PUTTING THEM IN PLACE OFFER INCENTIVES TO CONVERT EXISTING STRUTCURES TO HOUSING, HOW MANT VACANT BUILDING THAT COULD BE CONVERTED OR ZONED SO THAT SOME HOUSING COULD BE INCLUDED AT A RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE VS COMMERCIAL	3/3/2025 3:45 PM
183	need more collaboration between organizations	3/3/2025 3:40 PM
184	Partner with non-profits in the community to provide housing to people who need it through housing first models and focused on low barrier entry for those who are in unstable housing or are homeless	3/3/2025 3:40 PM
185	do not let the Trump administration destroy federal funding	3/3/2025 3:29 PM
186	Use the money WISELY or DOGE will get you.	3/3/2025 3:20 PM
187	Building more housing that accommodates people with larger families. More ecofriendly housing. Also help with deposits and application fees, these are some of the greatest needs when finding and getting into places. Budgeting classes for adults and youth.	3/3/2025 3:16 PM
188	Fund education for those on the programs/services to help themselves move out of needing the assistance. Not just education to further their careers, but education on budgeting. Help teach real world life skills no longer being taught in our schools.	3/3/2025 3:10 PM
189	HCV vouchers not widely accepted and many people are left unable to utilize them.	3/3/2025 3:07 PM
190	The CITY should hire an Affordable Housing Coordinator to work on those issues and on Homelessness.	3/3/2025 3:04 PM
191	NA	3/3/2025 3:04 PM
192	n/a	3/3/2025 2:58 PM
193	Help agencies that are currently working with the low income population. financial assistance to be provided to agencies that are working on building housing projects.	3/3/2025 2:56 PM
194	let the Housing Authority use the funds to help with affordable housing and cut some of the roadblocks the city keeps creating	3/3/2025 2:56 PM
195	Please seek guidance from people with lived experience. Montana Leadership Council exists for this purpose. Contact Montana CoC Director David O'Leary for contact info	3/3/2025 2:50 PM
196	Fund the nonprofits who specialize in housing solutions for our neighbors.	3/3/2025 2:49 PM
197	Didn't Congress revoke this type of federal funding? Didn't the Federal Government lay off 90% of the employees of HUD?	3/3/2025 2:38 PM
198	Federal funding is best used for helping buyers become home owners. So many great things come from homeownership.	3/3/2025 2:00 PM
199	Use to help and encourage home ownership. It is the pathway to financial growth	3/3/2025 1:34 PM
200	none	3/3/2025 12:13 PM
201	Follow the science and the data--	3/3/2025 11:35 AM
202	Thank you for you service to the community.	3/3/2025 11:27 AM

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203	none	3/3/2025 11:04 AM
204	Property tax relief!	3/3/2025 10:59 AM
205	Local zoning & regulatory costs for 1 to 4 unit new residential owner/occupied properties should be a focus in Billings.	3/3/2025 10:38 AM
206	I believe the best use of HUD funding is assisting homeowner's with cash to close for buying homes. I also see value in assisting low income families with funding to repair their homes, such as new windows, roof, heating, etc	2/28/2025 11:02 AM
207	I loved the program of the city purchasing foreclosed homes, renovating & selling to a lower income family. We lack affordable housing for lower & even mid income families.	2/28/2025 8:03 AM
208	The City of Billings First Time Home Buyer programs are essential to the success of our first time home buyers in Billings. I would highly recommend the support of these programs.	2/27/2025 4:28 PM
209		2/27/2025 10:23 AM
210	Home improvement help is a must!	2/25/2025 6:38 AM
211	I like the idea of keeping up on street/sidewalk/curb maintenance, but I do see how that helps with the plight of low-income homeowners - especially when compared to the other proposed priorities.	2/24/2025 8:25 PM
212	Been in my house 12 years and still no park that was suppose to be and no street lights	2/23/2025 7:29 PM
213	Please help the people in Yellowstone County, folks like me, who work tirelessly, well over 40 hours weekly, have for a long time and yet at 43, almost 44 years of age cannot afford to buy a house nor rent a clean, safe, well maintained home for my daughter and myself. It's so incredibly discouraging and disheartening.	2/22/2025 2:17 PM
214	na	2/22/2025 12:03 PM
215	maybe people should have the opportunity like applying for a grant . people like students could apply while going to college. instead of loans and mortgages . funding would be flat amount and might help people with disabilities too. or maybe change amount states get each year. make it like a scholarship program . or maybe have program people could borrow from with no interest to make any necessary or improvements for home owners too . it would also be helpful to know how much\$\$ is allowed. more senior housing needs to be made available without hassles of insurance for payment etc	2/22/2025 10:22 AM
216	Renovate rundown houses and use for Veteran housing	2/21/2025 6:25 PM
217	Classes for young adults/adults to learn about home buying, renting, mortgages, loans, property taxes, budgeting bills, etc.	2/20/2025 10:24 PM
218	The very poor need very cheap options that are safe and healthy.	2/20/2025 11:42 AM
219	It's all effective just so long as it's administered properly and with enforced rules and regulations. And be clear that this is a temporary help up and not a permanent lifestyle.	2/20/2025 8:51 AM
220	None	2/20/2025 5:17 AM
221	Need more housing rentals and to buy we make just enough not to qualify for HUD but in 3 years my retirement will be \$300 less not sure if groceries don't go down what we will do we need help unfortunately we can't count on the government for everything 1 paycheck from not being able to pay rent and be homeless paycheck to paycheck please listen to what I have said	2/20/2025 12:58 AM
222	.	2/19/2025 7:55 PM
223	We don't need their money. Stop taking handouts from the government. It only increases the problem.	2/19/2025 6:32 PM
224	Housing is too expensive. I worry about the future for my kids. I also worry about people who are low income and trying to pay rent. My elderly mother-in-law is trying to pay rent while her only income is social security. Her income is so low, yet she still doesn't qualify for assistance with housing or food. Supplemental help for rent is necessary. First time homeowners programs are very necessary. With the way the economy is, no young people can afford a down payment or house payment.	2/19/2025 5:45 PM

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225	Housing the houseless is so crucial! It helps keep crime rates low and can improve neighborhood cohesiveness. Nobody wants an ugly empty lot in their neighborhood, where drug and alcohol paraphernalia, as well as trash, can collect. Tiny homes can fill the space, supporting our houseless population with affordable living options. More than most are aware, people who would benefit are women fleeing domestic violence, young adults who got kicked out of their home for being nonconforming to strict family rules, or even college students who are barely hanging on but fighting every day to make a difference. THESE are the folks who undeniably deserve this opportunity that we have the capacity to give!	2/19/2025 5:40 PM
226	Create jobs by improving the communities roads and sidewalks. That money will then go to paying local residences. If someone doesn't work/refuses to work, it is not the governments job to support them. Start giving the money back to the working class.	2/19/2025 5:37 PM
227	Build a bigger jail. Fire Spineless county attorneys. Appoint judges who give stricter sentences.	2/19/2025 3:42 PM
228	Help with repairs for middle income people	2/19/2025 3:28 PM
229	Housing is a human right you need to allocate more funding to support people in Billings	2/19/2025 2:55 PM
230	Partner with those who have proven success in this area. Homefront, CLDI, etc. Stay away from those who are top heavy and will waste the funds on salaries.	2/18/2025 3:59 PM
231	Tax the rich!	2/11/2025 3:38 PM
232	Please incorporate input from people with lived experience, not just those who stand to benefit directly or indirectly by providing services. Thank you!	2/11/2025 12:17 PM
233	Really need a low barrier shelter.	2/11/2025 11:15 AM
234	thank you HUD for your hard work	2/11/2025 9:51 AM
235	I believe building intentional communities like the tiny homes or storage container homes are such a smart idea. I am glad that we are finally utilizing existing ideas from around the country that are working and solving homeless problems.	2/11/2025 9:08 AM
236	Permanant housing for our homeless neighbors.	2/10/2025 8:38 AM
237	Manufactured housing could be part of the solution, but I also see a major issue—the type of manufactured housing communities that actually benefit consumers (fee-simple, affordable neighborhoods where homeowners own both the land and home) don't benefit developers in the same way. That means we still run into the same fundamental problem: why would a builder choose to develop these communities? Too often, manufactured housing developments are structured as land-lease communities, which can lead to predatory practices: Lot rents rise uncontrollably, making affordability short-lived. Homeowners don't build equity because they don't own the land. If the park is sold or redeveloped, homeowners lose their investment. If manufactured housing is encouraged, there must be clear consumer protections to prevent these scenarios and ensure that affordability is real, not just a label.	2/8/2025 12:35 PM
238	N/A	2/7/2025 11:51 AM
239	More housing for non profit organizations. More housing built for group homes and for children with mental health problems and emergencies.	2/7/2025 11:21 AM
240	-utilize best practices from other cities/urban areas -make use of existing programs to build and expand "braid resources"	2/7/2025 11:16 AM
241	Maybe make sure it will continue to exist by not supporting "Ballzdeep" having access to my information and deciding what gets cut and what doesn't. You can do this by speaking up to our "elected" officials at the federal level about programs they want to strip that actually do affect the working-class citizens.	2/7/2025 11:14 AM
242	Restrict short-term rentals. Too many houses and apartments are short-term rentals that take those options off the market for residents. Many Montanans have already been priced out of living in places like Bozeman or Missoula. Billings is headed that direction.	2/7/2025 11:09 AM
243	With the high levels of snow in Billings there should be a program to provide low-income residents with snow safety and removal equipment like snow shovels and ice melt. Their	2/7/2025 11:08 AM

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driveways and sidewalks need to be safe to keep medical bills lower and not perpetuate the poverty cycle.

244	HUD has a lot of good programs to get people started into a home, such as rapid rehousing, and those programs should be kept in place. However, a lack of affordable options for the average person is the biggest problem. Most people fall into an income range that disqualifies them from subsidized housing, such as Section 8, but they do not make enough money to afford the increasingly high market rate.	2/7/2025 11:06 AM
245	Establish mitigation funds that are available to landlords who rent to recipients of HUD funding.	2/7/2025 10:12 AM
246	Build a permanent supportive housing project or two or three of them we need it desperately in Billings	2/7/2025 9:34 AM
247	HomeFront/housing authority needs to do better and focus on big high rise projects to house section 8 folks.	2/7/2025 8:58 AM