



U.S. Department of Transportation

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant Program

Project Name: Reconnecting East Missoula

Applicant: Missoula County (County), the City of Missoula (City), the Missoula Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Award Amount: \$24,000,000.00

Program: Neighborhood Access and Equity

Estimated Total Project Costs: \$30,000,000.00

Project Description: Reconnecting East Missoula is a project to address barriers along and across the Highway 200 corridor that prevent safe connections between Missoula and East Missoula, even though they are less than 3 miles apart. This corridor is an outdated rural highway with a history of severe and fatal crashes that lacks safe, comfortable, and convenient multimodal facilities. This project will remove barriers to equitable commuting and community-building.

Congratulations! The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) selects the above project to receive a Fiscal Year 2023 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Program grant.

Importantly, projects receiving RCN grant funding cannot be used for additional through travel lanes for single-occupant passenger vehicles or highway expansion.

The USDOT Operating Administration overseeing your project will be contacting you soon with next steps, including execution of a grant agreement. You will also receive a follow up invitation to attend a webinar to welcome you to this grant program and provide an overview of next steps and an opportunity for discussion.

This letter DOES NOT authorize the applicant to incur costs to carry out the project. The execution of the grant agreement will obligate RCN grant funding, making it available to reimburse eligible expenses for the awarded project. Unless authorized by USDOT in writing, any costs incurred prior to that obligation of funds for a project (i.e., "pre-award costs") are ineligible for reimbursement and may be ineligible to count towards non-Federal match requirements. This letter DOES NOT authorize pre-award costs to be eligible.

If you have any questions about this award, please contact the RCN Grants Team at

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Sincerely,

John Augustine

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