



BIG SKY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Space2Place

A **space** is a void. Nothing happens there. We pass it by without much thought. A **place** is a destination. We want to go there. We want to be there. **Placemaking** is about transforming ugly and underutilized spaces in our communities into vibrant, attractive, inviting, and memorable places.

Four Attributes of a Great Place:

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| 1. Accessible and well-connected. | <i>Easy to get to.</i> |
| 2. Safe and comfortable, with a good image. | <i>Easy to be there.</i> |
| 3. Activities – things to do. | <i>Fun to be there.</i> |
| 4. Sociable environment. | <i>Easy to interact.</i> |

Summary:

Big Sky Economic Development is sponsoring a micro-grant competition for creative placemaking. Groups, organizations, and individuals within Yellowstone County are encouraged to develop and submit their ideas for how they can transform a public space in Yellowstone County into a beautiful, lively, and welcoming place.

Eligibility for all Grant Applicants:

1. Open to all residents and organizations within Yellowstone County.
2. All completed projects must be visible and/or useable by the public within Yellowstone County.
3. One application per organization per year.
4. Must conform with all applicable city and/or county codes and ordinances.
5. Grant funds may be used for necessary project materials and contracted services, and recipients are expected to provide volunteer labor to bring their projects to fruition. Grant funds are not intended to be used for planning purposes.
6. Past awardees must have successfully completed all requirements of past awards to be eligible to apply for additional funding.

About the Grants:

1. Grant amounts will not exceed \$5000.
2. Projects must adhere to the principles of placemaking.
3. Submission deadline: **March 13, 2019**.
4. BSED will create a selection committee to review and score the applications.
5. Grant winners will be notified by **April 12, 2019**.
6. Awards will be presented publicly **April 25, 2019**, at BSED's Better Off in Billings event. Awardees will showcase their project at this event.
7. Grant funds will be released as expended with proper documentation.
8. Projects must be completed by **September 30, 2019**.

Evaluation Criteria:

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| 1. Exhibit the concepts of Placemaking. | 20% |
| 2. Beautification and/or activation of a space. | 25% |
| 3. Community need. | 20% |
| 4. Innovation/Creativity. | 20% |
| 5. Ability to leverage grant funds with In-kind match of cash and/or "sweat-equity". | 5% |
| 6. Budget. | 5% |
| 7. Ability to complete work by project deadline of September 30, 2019. | 5% |

Space2Place Grant Application

Presented by Big Sky Economic Development's Community Development Department

Organization/Group/Individual Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person Name: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nature of your project: _____

For example: picnic area, bench/seating area, mural, pocket park, etc.

Location of your project: _____

Have you contacted the appropriate agency(ies) about any possible permissions needed? Yes: ____ No: ____

Estimated cost of: Materials: _____

Contracted Services: _____

Other (Please describe in remarks): _____

Total Grant Amount Requested: _____

In-Kind Match: _____

Remarks: _____

All applications must be received in the offices of Big Sky Economic Development, 222 N 32nd St, Suite 200, Billings, MT 59101, by 4:00 pm, Wednesday, March 13, 2019.

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On **Page 2**, please provide a comprehensive description of your planned Creative Placemaking project. Limit your description to one page, but please address the following items:

- What and where your planned project is, and how it will improve a public space.
- How the public will access/use it.
- How you will use the grant funds.
- How you will leverage the grant funds with volunteer labor, donated materials or services, and/or other funds available to your group.
- How you plan to implement your project before September 30, 2019.

You may also include up to 3 pages of images, renderings, schematics, etc. to help define and describe your project.

Description of Project: