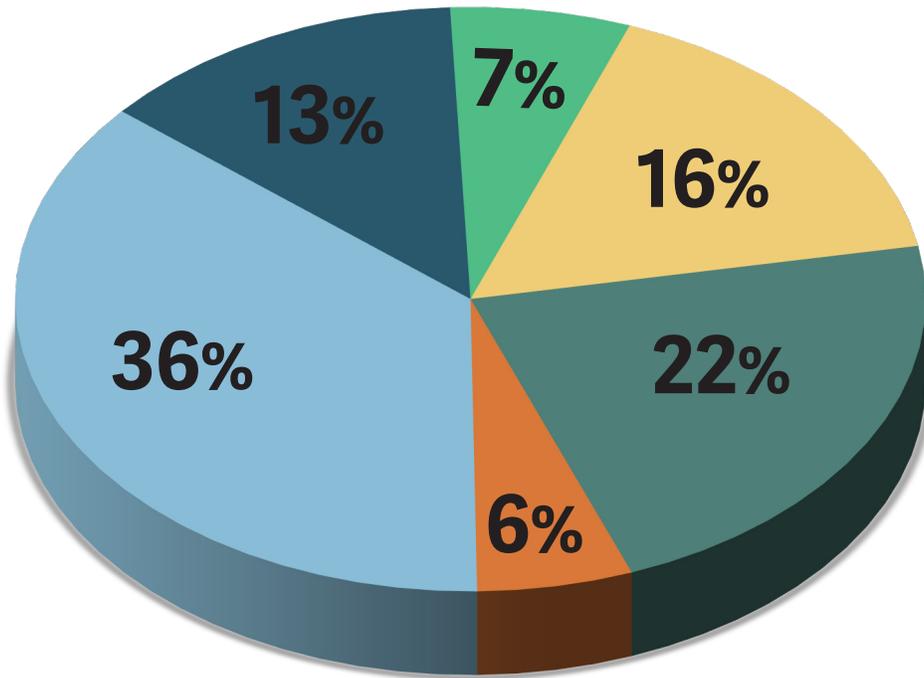




# FY23 AWARD RESULTS

## \$7,998,179



 **Arts & Education**  
\$1,053,485

 **Economic Development**  
\$512,500

 **Health & Safety**  
\$1,311,135

 **Housing**  
\$1,772,200

 **Public Works**  
\$442,060

 **Recreation & Conservation**  
\$2,906,799



# Arts & Education = \$1,053,485

Addresses multi-disciplinary, inclusive education, stewarding awareness and understanding of cross-cultural ideas and values.

## Tuition Assistance Program

- \$325,000 -

*Morningstar Learning Center*

### Programming

Morningstar’s Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) provides targeted, need-based financial aid to families who apply and qualify. TAP discounts are applied directly to tuition and are proven to make enrollment at Morningstar more affordable and accessible for local families.

## 2023 Music in the Mountains

### Concert Programming

- \$225,000 -

*Arts Council of Big Sky*

### Programming

The Music in the Mountains free concert series is Big Sky’s premier summer event, drawing more than 30,000 music lovers to Len Hill Park each year. This program provides 16 free events that stimulate the local economy, showcase local artists and enhance our community’s cultural landscape.

### Annual Cultural

### Programming at WMPAC

- \$225,000 -

*Warren Miller Performing ArtsCenter*

### Programming

WMPAC will benefit community welfare through a diverse array of performing arts opportunities this year. Our tenth year will include three summer artist residencies with educational opportunities, a fall family series of three events, and our annual Winter Season with eight major productions.

### MLC Operations

- \$75,000 -

*Morningstar Learning Center*

### Administration

With skyrocketing housing and labor costs, Morningstar is seeking support to cover key operational expenses as we work towards achieving a more financially sustainable operating model. As a learning center, our operational costs (ie teacher salaries) are essentially program costs.

## Library Programming & Services

- \$66,485 -

*Friends of the Big Sky Community Library*

### Programming

This covers public facing aspects of the library including librarian professional services, author reading events, children’s story time, material purchases (including books and online resources) and technical support.

## 3 & 4 Year-Old Programming

- \$55,000 -

*Big Sky School District #72*

### Programming

The demand for early childhood programs exceeds current capacity. Big Sky School District will be launching programming for 3 and 4 year-olds to help increase community capacity and address the learning gap(s) that exist as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Morningstar Campus Expansion

- \$50,000 -

*Morningstar Learning Center*

### Capital

The housing shortage in Big Sky is critical. Morningstar is embarking on the process to design and build a new learning center on our vacant lot, enabling us to convert our existing buildings into employee housing. This is key to MLC’s long-term financial and program stability.

## Early Childhood Tuition

- \$32,000 -

*Big Sky Discovery Academy*

### Programming

Early Childhood Programming is a need in Big Sky. To help meet the needs of the Big Sky Community this program will provide needs-based, tuition assistance for those families who are seeking a robust, full-time, Primary Montessori Educational Program.



# Economic Development = \$512,500

Addresses balancing Big Sky's tourism-driven economy by sustainability growing prosperity and ensuring a high quality of life for Big Sky workers.

## VBS Operations

- \$183,500 -

*Visit Big Sky*

### Administration

Management of the visitor center and phone system that acts as a front-line of information gathering for our local tourism partners as well as visitors.

## Big Sky Chamber Operations

- \$168,000 -

*Big Sky Chamber of Commerce*

### Administration

The projects that we work on support our community of businesses and workforce as a whole and cost nothing but staff time. This office is continuing to create opportunities to increase the success rate of our businesses and we need support for our baseline operation and staffing to do that.

## Visitor Impact Research

- \$50,000 -

*Visit Big Sky*

### Programming

Funds will be used for visitor tracking data and a focused website to offer this information for use by all of our community tourism partners.

## Business Skill Building Trainings

- \$45,000 -

*Big Sky Chamber of Commerce*

### Programming

The need for businesses to stay informed on topics relevant to their organization is key to their success. The Chamber hosts trainings that are open to all interested businesses in the community that provided relevant and timely tools that will help them succeed.

## Workforce Sustainability

- \$26,000 -

*Big Sky Chamber of Commerce*

### Programming

We want to make Big Sky competitive as a community in attracting and retaining our workforce. We will be hiring a consultant to help us identify our strengths when it comes to recruiting our workforce.

## Leadership Big Sky

- \$25,000 -

*Big Sky Chamber of Commerce*

### Programming

Big Sky is a unique place to live and do business. Leadership Big Sky is a program open to the whole community designed to educate participants on the complexities of how Big Sky functions as well as develop their professional network and leadership skills through facility tours and speaker visits.

## Destination Stewardship Plan

- \$15,000 -

*Visit Big Sky*

### Programming

The destination plan is a community development plan to outline the steps to manage how we manage the tourists and at the same time make stewardship of our community a key area of focus. The plan will be a road map for the next 10 years for Big Sky and tourism management.



# Health & Safety = \$1,311,135

Addresses emergency, medical, and social services essential to the welfare of Big Sky, in many cases, resulting in property tax or fee reduction.

## Fire Training Facility

- \$554,906 -

Big Sky Fire Department

### Capital

BSFD is in critical need of a dedicated in-district fire training facility. A dedicated training facility would improve our effectiveness in the areas of live fire and high-rise drills. Currently, we travel out of the district to utilize a training facility outside of our district.

## Replacement of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

- \$281,659 -

Big Sky Fire Department

### Capital

The Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA's) currently being used by the Big Sky Fire Department is at the end of their life cycle and require replacement. In addition, the compressed air cylinders that provide oxygen to fire firefighters are over 13 years old.

## Counseling Service Hub - Building Remodel

- \$231,000 -

Wellness In Action (WIA)

### Capital

Big Sky has a high rate (per capita) of suicide and substance abuse. To provide expanded suicide and drug abuse prevention programs WIA will be expanding our current building into a counseling services hub through this remodel.

## Wildfire Detection Cameras

- \$40,000 -

Big Sky Fire Department

### Programming

Wildfire detection cameras have proven to be a game-changer in Big Sky. This project will purchase the current 2022 subscription for the current Lone Mountain camera site and add a second camera site subscription and installation in coordination with the USFS on Cinnamon Ridge.

## Counseling Service Hub - Equipment

- \$69,000 -

Wellness In Action (WIA)

### Capital

WIA is expanding suicide and drug abuse prevention programming and counseling services through a remodeled counseling services hub. To conduct safe and confidential services, both virtually and in-person, furniture and IT equipment is needed.

## Emergency Food & Social Services

- \$51,570 -

Big Sky Community Food Bank

### Programming

Many in Big Sky struggle to make ends meet, even while fully employed. The Big Sky Community Food Bank helps fill the gaps between income and expense, so that no one has to go hungry. We offer emergency food and nutrition as well as access to federal, state, and local social service benefits.

## Search & Rescue Equipment

- \$59,000 -

Gallatin County Sheriff's Office

### Capital

To respond to growing call numbers this project will provide Search and Rescue with a Can-Am Defender, Vacuum Mattress, and 2 E-bikes.

## Search & Rescue Training

- \$24,000 -

Gallatin County Sheriff's Office

### Programming

To respond to growing call numbers this project will provide Wilderness First Responder, Medical, and Best Practice Trainings for volunteers.



# Housing = \$1,772,200

Addresses long-term (30+ days) rental and ownership opportunities for Big Sky workers.

**Deed Restriction Incentive**

- \$750,000 -

*Big Sky Community Housing Trust*

**Programming**

The Permanent Deed Restriction Program is aimed at protecting the supply of housing units available to local workers and prevent key properties from being lost to the short term rental market. Unit owners will be paid to permanently restrict their property to occupancy by local residents.

**RiverView Apartments on**

**Lone Mountain Trail**

- \$600,000 -

*Big Sky Community Housing Trust*

**Capital**

The RiverView Workforce Housing Project will add 25 apartments dedicated to local workers in 2023. BSCHT obtained \$6.4M of Federal funds for the project but the funding deficit is estimated to be \$2M.

**BSCHT Operations**

- \$175,000 -

*Big Sky Community Housing Trust*

**Administration**

The Big Sky Community Housing Trust creates affordable housing options for local workers through a variety of programs. Operations costs include staff expenses for handling day to day operations as well as administrative items such as insurance, legal fees, website maintenance, and advertising.

**Rent Local Incentives**

- \$150,000 -

*Big Sky Community Housing Trust*

**Programming**

Incentives provided through the Rent Local Program have been successful in adding 31 units to the long term rental market in Big Sky, providing housing for 61 local workers. This program cost-effectively creates an immediate housing impact in the severely constrained worker housing market.

**Maintenance Building Completion**

- \$97,200 -

*Big Sky Community Organization*

**Capital**

Addition of 2nd floor to accommodate 2 workforce housing units above the maintenance facility.



# Public Works = \$ 442,060

Addresses core utilities and services used broadly by the community, in many cases, resulting in property tax or fee reduction.

**Fire Pit Park Public Bathrooms**  
- \$333,600 -  
*Visit Big Sky*

### Capital

This is a one time request for the construction of public bathrooms in Fire Pit park. Four individual private bathrooms with two being ADA compliant and having changing tables within. Heated and open year-round. Visit Big Sky will cover the maintenance costs moving forward.

**Big Sky Community Library Operations**  
- \$62,360 -  
*Friends of the Big Sky Community Library*

### Administration

Providing internet and materials for learning, reading, listening, and research for locals and visitors. The public facing activities require the operational oversight of the Library Director ordering materials, writing grants, working with vendors, and ensuring rent payment and space maintenance.

**Western Transportation Institute Safety Study**  
- \$16,100 -  
*Big Sky Community Organization*

### Programming

Transportation study on methods & alternatives to improve current infrastructure for pedestrians & cyclists within the Big Sky Community for safe connectivity with less reliance on vehicles. Outcome will include cost options such as road painting, sign installation & other traffic calming measures.

**Upkeep of Town Entrance Lights & Bus Stop**  
- \$15,000 -  
*Big Sky Chamber of Commerce*

### Programming

There are certain public works pieces that the Chamber has ownership of because our historical role but are for the whole community. We currently pay for the maintenance and electricity for the lights along Hwy 64 as you enter Big Sky and will be paying for the snow removal at those bus stops.

**Library Copier Replacement**  
- \$10,000 -  
*Friends of the Big Sky Community Library*

### Capital

The current library copier is so old it can no longer be maintained because parts are no longer being produced. In order to continue providing copy and printing access, we need to purchase a new copier. The current bid is \$10,000 for a copier.

**Library Facility Improvements - Prep**  
- \$5,000 -  
*Friends of the Big Sky Community Library*

### Capital

Library stacks and furnishings are 20 years old, need updating to safety and ADA standards and meeting patron needs. Replacing broken furniture. We'll start with input from specialists, community feedback, kicking off a capital campaign and preparing an RFP. First phase of a multi-year project.



# Recreation & Conservation = \$2,906,799

Addresses sustainable efforts for current and future generations to live and play in Big Sky through thoughtful mitigation of human impact on the natural environment.

## Parks & Trails Operations & Maintenance

- \$708,000 -

*Big Sky Community Organization*

### Programming

Parks and trails are an integral part of the Big Sky community and one of the strategies of the Our Big Sky community vision that BSCO is supporting. The upkeep and maintenance of the BSCO parks and trails will provide a safe place for residents and visitors to recreate responsibly year-round.

## BASE Construction Costs

- \$500,000 -

*Big Sky Community Organization*

### Capital

Over the course of the project, there have been increased construction costs totaling \$889,169. To complete the project there is a shortfall of \$2.1 million. BSCO is fundraising in the community from individuals, businesses and YCCF for the remainder of the funding.

## Little Coyote Pond & West

### Fork River Restoration

- \$262,000 -

*Big Sky Owners Association*

### Capital

The West Fork and Little Coyote Pond fisheries are non-functioning. Located in a recreation corridor and environmentally sensitive area, the project takes the Pond off-stream, enhances the environment, recreation, fisheries, and aquatic habitat, and provides amenities for community enjoyment.

## BASE Operations & Maintenance

- \$316,552 -

*Big Sky Community Organization*

### Administration

BASE intends to be an affordable world class facility. To keep BASE operating efficiently and safely for the community, high quality staff, fitness equipment, and building maintenance are necessary.

## Water Supply Resiliency Projects

- \$146,734 -

*Gallatin River Task Force*

### Programming

Water supply in the Big Sky community is stressed by community growth and drought. Two assessments will inform prioritizing the most effective future management actions to boost water supply: 1) a water budget analysis, and 2) modeling future snow-pack to plan for a water future with less snow.

## Community Park Redesign & Engineering

- \$80,000 -

*Big Sky Community Organization*

### Capital

To meet input from Our Big Sky community vision and from charrettes for the 2020 Master Plan, BSCO will hire design & engineering experts to increase the capacity of the Community Park. This includes additional sport fields, improved tennis and pickleball courts, and moving Camp Big Sky.

## Sustainable Tourism Materials

- \$40,000 -

*Visit Big Sky*

### Programming

We will create and distribute materials to visitors regarding best practices for a safe and sustainable visit. This includes magnets, posters, and social media aimed at educating guests on topics like wildfire safety, being bear aware, being a patient and respectful visitor.

## River Access Restoration

- \$79,351 -

*Gallatin River Task Force*

### Capital

Unmanaged access on the Gallatin has degraded stream-side areas that are critical for wildlife and water quality. Restoration projects outlined in the Gallatin River Restoration Strategy will provide sustainable recreation opportunities and ecological restoration of the Upper Gallatin River corridor.



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## West Fork Nitrogen Reduction

- \$65,234 -

*Gallatin River Task Force*

### Capital

Nitrogen pollution is a leading cause of algae blooms and the state impairments of the West Fork, Middle Fork and South Fork. This project will advance restoration project designs for two wetland treatment systems that will substantially reduce nitrogen export to the West Fork of the Gallatin.

## Community Water Communications

### Campaign

- \$62,904 -

*Gallatin River Task Force*

### Programming

Over the past year, there has been substantial negative regional and national media about water in Big Sky. We will execute a multi-media campaign showcasing water projects of the Task Force and our partners that demonstrate Big Sky's commitment to protect water resources in the Upper Gallatin.

## Watershed Monitoring & Assessment

- \$60,471 -

*Gallatin River Task Force*

### Programming

Water data is critical to guide management actions that will be most effective to protect, restore and manage our local rivers and drinking water aquifers and ensure that beneficial uses are being met. We will collect water quality, algae, stream flow, and aquatic insects across the Upper Gallatin.

## Water Conservation

- \$56,500 -

*Gallatin River Task Force*

### Programming

Water Conservation is the least expensive strategy to boost water supply. The Big Sky Water Conservation Program implements recommendations outlined in the Big Sky Water Conservation & Drought Management Plan and includes education/outreach, rebates/incentives, and policy/advocacy initiatives.

## Middle Fork Restoration

- \$55,056 -

*Gallatin River Task Force*

### Capital

The Middle Fork West Fork Gallatin River (MFWFGR) is on the state list of impaired waters. This project is the second restoration project outlined in the Middle Fork MFWFGR Restoration Plan with goals to improve water quality, habitat/wetland conditions, and water storage capacity of the MFWFGR.

## 5-Year Recurring Asphalt Sealing

- \$55,000 -

*Big Sky Community Organization*

### Capital

Parks and trails must be safe and accessible for all users, including those with special needs. To achieve this BSCO schedules 5-year maintenance of the asphalt trail system which includes the Gallatin Trail and the Lone Peak Trail.

## Parks & Trails Equipment

- \$17,000 -

*Big Sky Community Organization*

### Capital

Purchase of equipment to aid in the maintenance of BSCO parks and trails. Equipment will include a snowmobile to be used for winter trail grooming and the feasibility, engineering of a shade solution for the ice rink.

## Carpool Incentivization Program

- \$50,000 -

*Big Sky SNO*

### Programming

Vehicle/commuter count from Bozeman to Big Sky continues to rise leading to increased traffic, cost of living, and greenhouse gas emissions. Big Sky SNO & the GoGallatin commuter platform are partnering on a community-based program to incentivize carpooling, bus rides, & other sustainable transport.



# Recreation & Conservation = \$2,906,799

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## GRTF Operations

- \$47,472 -

*Gallatin River Task Force*

## Administration

Our operations support our efforts to protect and enhance the water resources in Big Sky to ensure an ample supply of clean water for a thriving community and for streams to support abundant wildlife and a world class fishery.

## Climate Action Plan (CAP) Implementation

- \$40,000 -

*Big Sky SNO*

## Programming

Being a sustainable resort community by protecting the environment is imperative. SNO will engage community stakeholders in education & outreach for collective implementation to reduce emissions: reducing transportation & waste while increasing green energy supply & building efficiencies.

## BSSHA Operations

- \$38,000 -

*Big Sky Skating & Hockey Association*

## Programming

The project is to partially fund BSSHA's operation of a refrigerated, regulation size arena with related programming, including youth ice hockey, curling, broomball, open skating, figure skating, open-hockey, and special events for the Community.

## Invasive Species Education

- \$34,055 -

*Gallatin Invasive Species Alliance*

## Programming

To protect natural resources from invasive species, the Alliance works collaboratively with partners and organizations on an array of projects, creates and disseminates educational materials, and provides educational opportunities via local kid's camps, farmers market, guided hikes, and classes.

## Buck Ridge Snowmobile

### Trail Additional Groomings

- \$27,000 -

*Gallatin Valley Snowmobile Association*

## Programming

Buck Ridge trail is one of the most heavily used snowmobile trails in the Bozeman/Big Sky area. This project makes it possible to groom this trail an additional two times per week providing a smoother trail and a better snowmobiling experience.

## Waste Composition Assessment

- \$25,000 -

*Big Sky SNO*

## Programming

To optimize an effective waste diversion strategy (towards reducing, recycling, & composting) over time, SNO will conduct a Big Sky-specific waste composition study. This will create a benchmark for measurable impact of emissions and help direct future initiatives, education, and action.

## Recycling/Composting Education & Outreach

- \$24,000 -

*Big Sky SNO*

## Programming

Education is critical to advance successful recycling & composting in our transient community. To disseminate info broadly, SNO will educate via local non-profits, the school and businesses on best practices, & coordinate with organizers & vendors for zero-waste events to divert from the landfill.

## Landowner Stewardship Project

- \$23,430 -

*Gallatin Invasive Species Alliance*

## Programming

Active stewardship by landowners is critical to protect natural resources on both private and public lands. The Alliance offers free on-site assistance and provides a suite of resources to landowners so they can address invasive species using best management practices and adaptive strategies.



# Recreation & Conservation = \$2,906,799

Addresses sustainable efforts for current and future generations to live and play in Big Sky through thoughtful mitigation of human impact on the natural environment.

## Crail Gardens Programming

- \$23,105 -

*Gallatin Invasive Species Alliance*

### Programming

Crail Gardens demonstrates how native plants can be used to conserve water, create wildlife habitat, and preserve our historic landscape. The Alliance hosts 2-3 open houses in the summer, educational tours, a Wildflower Festival, and provides materials to inspire the community to Grow Wild!

## Invasive Species Management on Wildlife Habitat

- \$21,555 -

*Gallatin Invasive Species Alliance*

### Programming

Wildlife in our area face habitat loss and degradation due to invasive species introduction and spread. The Alliance coordinates and implements invasive species management on bighorn sheep winter range, in the Gallatin Canyon, and with community weed pulls to improve wildlife habitat.

## Conserving Big Sky's Wild & Open Lands

- \$20,000 -

*The Montana Land Reliance*

### Programming

Big Sky is losing open and wild places at a rapid pace. To reduce the amount of land being lost to development, conservation easements are an excellent tool that provide immediate and permanent solutions. The Montana Land Reliance provides this service to landowners in the community.

## Clean Recreation Project

- \$16,380 -

*Gallatin Invasive Species Alliance*

### Programming

Recreation leads to invasive species introduction and spread, threatening local trails and rivers. In response, the Alliance promotes established clean recreation programs (PlayCleanGo and Clean.Drain.Dry.) via multiple media platforms, trailhead and highway signs, and at events.

## Early Childhood

### Community Playground

- \$12,000 -

*Big Sky Discovery Academy*

### Programming

In hopes to offer Early Childhood Families an age appropriate, recreational space, we would like to expand our current on campus playground. By adding new equipment, children and families can have a much more positive, outdoor, social and emotional experiences within the Big Sky Community.



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