



**BIG SKY RESORT AREA DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03R**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BIG SKY RESORT AREA DISTRICT BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF RESORT TAX FUNDS FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2025: JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025**

**PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE BIG SKY RESORT AREA  
DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNDER SECTION 7-6-1542, MCA, AND  
SECTION 7-6-1547(4), MCA, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HEREBY RESOLVES TO  
ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03 AS FOLLOWS:**

WHEREAS, the Big Sky Resort Area District (“District”) was created effective April 7, 1998 pursuant to sections 7-6-1531 through 1550, MCA; and

WHEREAS, members of the District Board of Directors (“Board”) have been duly elected by the electors residing within the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 7-6-1542, MCA, the Board may appropriate and expend revenue from the resort tax; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 7-6-1547(4), MCA, the Board is authorized to act by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, in a duly noticed public meeting on May 8, 2024, the Board approved appropriation of resort tax funds for FY25 for Big Sky County Water and Sewer District, Gallatin County Water and Sewer District, Big Sky Transportation District, Big Sky Fire District, Gallatin County Sheriff’s Office, Big Sky School District, and Big Sky Trails Recreation and Parks; and

WHEREAS, the Board received numerous additional applications for receipt of resort tax funds for FY25 and held duly noticed public meetings on such FY25 applications on June 4 and 6, 2024, where questions were posed to the applicants by the Board about their application, and public comment was received on the applications; and

WHEREAS, the Board in duly noticed public meetings on June 4 and 6, 2024, discussed and voted on the FY25 appropriation of resort tax funds for various resort tax applications and

public comment was received on the applications; and

WHEREAS, the Board will execute a separate appropriation agreement for the receipt of resort tax funds with each entity that was awarded resort tax funds;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:**

The following amounts of resort tax revenue are awarded for FY25 to the following entities, subject to the conditions, specifications, and provisions set forth in the specific award agreements to be executed between the Board and each entity:

*[LIST ON FOLLOWING PAGE]*

**PROJECT****APPROVED FUNDING**

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**Arts & Culture**

<b>Annual Cultural Programming at WMPAC</b>	<b>\$227,500</b>
<i>Warren Miller Performing Arts Center</i>	
<b>2025 Music in the Mountains Free Summer Community Concert Series</b>	<b>\$245,000</b>
<i>Arts Council of Big Sky</i>	

**Conservation**

<b>Water Planning, Coordination &amp; Outreach</b>	<b>\$190,000</b>
<i>Gallatin River Task Force</i>	
<b>Community Energy Efficiency &amp; Conservation Engagement</b>	<b>\$55,000</b>
<i>Big Sky Sustainability Network Organization</i>	
<b>Wildlife Habitat Conservation Project</b>	<b>\$76,204</b>
<i>Grow Wild!</i>	
<b>West Fork Restoration</b>	<b>\$165,000</b>
<i>Gallatin River Task Force</i>	
<b>Gallatin River Access Restoration</b>	<b>\$195,778</b>
<i>Gallatin River Task Force</i>	
<b>Climate Action Plan (CAP) Implementation</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>
<i>Big Sky Sustainability Network Organization</i>	
<b>Commuter Incentive – One Less Car</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>
<i>Big Sky Sustainability Network Organization</i>	
<b>Water Conservation</b>	<b>\$75,909</b>
<i>Gallatin River Task Force</i>	
<b>Land Stewardship Project</b>	<b>\$98,739</b>
<i>Grow Wild!</i>	
<b>Recycling &amp; Composting Education/Outreach</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>
<i>Big Sky Sustainability Network Organization</i>	
<b>Water Monitoring</b>	<b>\$57,235</b>
<i>Gallatin River Task Force</i>	

**Economic Development**

<b>Visitor Marketing</b>	<b>\$253,618</b>
<i>Visit Big Sky</i>	
<b>Destination Research Stewardship Plan</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>
<i>Visit Big Sky</i>	
<b>VBS-Operations</b>	<b>\$215,000</b>
<i>Visit Big Sky</i>	
<b>Development of Business Skills Programming</b>	<b>\$87,000</b>
<i>Big Sky Chamber of Commerce</i>	
<b>Chamber Operations Programming</b>	<b>\$140,000</b>
<i>Big Sky Chamber of Commerce</i>	

### Education and Childcare

<b>Early Childhood Tuition Assistance Program</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
<i>Big Sky Discovery Academy</i>	
<b>Big Sky Community Library Operations</b>	<b>\$119,809</b>
<i>Friends of the Big Sky Community Library</i>	
<b>Early Childhood Education and Tuition Assistance Program</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>
<i>Morningstar Learning Center</i>	
<b>BSSD FY25 Operations</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<i>Big Sky School District #72</i>	

### Health & Safety

<b>Workforce &amp; Community Food Security</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>
<i>Big Sky Community Food Bank</i>	
<b>Big Sky Animal Shelter</b>	<b>\$143,583</b>
<i>Riley's Urgent Fund for Friends</i>	
<b>Affordable Counseling for Improved Mental Health</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>
<i>Wellness In Action</i>	
<b>GCSO FY25 Operations</b>	<b>\$703,750</b>
<i>Gallatin County Sheriff's Office</i>	
<b>BSFD FY25 Operations</b>	<b>\$1,150,000</b>
<i>Big Sky Fire Department</i>	

### Housing

<b>Community Housing Conversion &amp; Preservation</b>	<b>\$1,750,000</b>
<i>Big Sky Community Housing Trust</i>	
<b>BSCHT Operations &amp; Administration</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>
<i>Big Sky Community Housing Trust</i>	
<b>Teacher and School Employee Housing</b>	<b>\$375,000</b>
<i>Big Sky School District #72</i>	

### Public Works

<b>Additional Parking and Public Restrooms for Community Park</b>	<b>\$101,184</b>
<i>Big Sky Community Organization</i>	
<b>Community Traffic Safety: Little Coyote Road Speed Tables</b>	<b>\$47,000</b>
<i>Big Sky Owners Association</i>	
<b>Wayfinding Signage Project</b>	<b>\$175,000</b>
<i>Visit Big Sky</i>	
<b>US-191/MT-64 Assessment: Action Plan Implementation</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<i>Center for Large Landscape Conservation</i>	
<b>US-191/MT-64 Assessment: Engineering Feasibility Study</b>	<b>\$179,000</b>
<i>Center for Large Landscape Conservation</i>	
<b>Water Master Plan and Capital Improvements Plan</b>	<b>\$92,500</b>
<i>Big Sky County Water and Sewer District #363</i>	

<b>GCWSD FY25 Operations</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<i>Gallatin Canyon County Water and Sewer District</i>	
<b>BSTD FY25 Operations</b>	<b>\$1,475,000</b>
<i>Big Sky Transportation District</i>	
<b>WRRF Debt Service (1% for Infrastructure)</b>	<b>\$3,145,122</b>
<i>Big Sky County Water and Sewer District #363</i>	
<b>Recreation</b>	
<b>Renovation of Athletic Fields and Riverside Pavilion Recreation Area</b>	<b>\$906,388</b>
<i>Big Sky Community Organization</i>	
<b>Buck Ridge Snowmobile Trail Additional Groomings</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
<i>Gallatin Valley Snowmobile Association</i>	
<b>BSTRPD FY25 Operations</b>	<b>\$675,533</b>
<i>Big Sky Trails, Recreation and Parks District</i>	
<b>Approved Nonprofit Grants:</b>	<b>\$7,173,947</b>
<b>Approved Government Grants:</b>	<b>\$7,866,905</b>
<b>Arts &amp; Culture Fund:</b>	<b>\$38,597</b>
<b>Conservation Fund:</b>	<b>\$238,535</b>
<b>Economic Development Fund:</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Education &amp; Childcare Fund:</b>	<b>\$384,852</b>
<b>Health &amp; Safety Fund:</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Housing Fund:</b>	<b>\$23,224</b>
<b>Public Works Fund:</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Recreation Fund:</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Operating Reserve Fund Addition:</b>	<b>\$11,768</b>
<b>Emergency Reserve Fund Addition:</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>Microgrant Fund Addition:</b>	<b>\$107,336</b>
<b>191/64 Land Down Payment</b>	<b>\$4,990,000</b>

**PASSED and APPROVED** on the 10th day of July 2024 by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed.

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Sarah Blechta, Chair

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Grace Young, Secretary & Treasurer

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