

Title	Beehive Basin Access Alliance - Exploring Collaborative Solutions, Funding Mechanisms, and Governance Options (Including a Potential Rural Improvement District) to Ensure Safe, Sustainable Access to Beehive Basin	10/17/2025 id. 52014685
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Request Name	Beehive Basin Access Alliance - Exploring Collaborative Solutions, Funding Mechanisms, and Governance Options (Including a Potential Rural Improvement District) to Ensure Safe, Sustainable Access to Beehive Basin
Who will be the fiscal sponsor of this request?	Beehive Basin Access Alliance
Description	The Beehive Basin Access Alliance seeks support from the Big Sky Resort Area District to fund professional services that will evaluate long-term, community-driven solutions for safe and sustainable access to Beehive Basin. The project will engage engineering, legal, and facilitation consultants to assess current road conditions, analyze access and safety challenges, and explore viable governance and funding mechanisms such as a Rural Improvement District (RID) or other partnership models. This effort will bring together Gallatin County, the U.S. Forest Service, local landowners, and Big Sky community organizations to develop a unified understanding of existing constraints and opportunities. The resulting feasibility report will provide data, conceptual options, and recommendations that can guide future capital investment from appropriate agencies. By focusing on planning, coordination, and collaboration, this study will create a clear, actionable pathway toward an equitable and lasting access solution that balances recreation, safety, and environmental stewardship in one of Big Sky's most cherished areas.
Select the projects Investment Type	Programming

Select the projects Impact Area	Recreation
Where will this project be taking place?	Beehive Basin Road
Please explain the community benefit of the project	<p>Beehive Basin is one of Big Sky's most iconic recreation areas, attracting residents and visitors year-round for hiking, skiing, and wildlife viewing. However, rising use has led to safety concerns, congestion, and environmental pressures on the limited access road. Without coordination, these challenges will continue to impact public safety, emergency access, visitor experience, and the basin's natural integrity.</p> <p>This project benefits the Big Sky community by funding the studies and facilitation needed to develop a safe, sustainable, and equitable access plan. By focusing on planning rather than infrastructure, BSRAD's support will enable data-driven decisions and collaboration among Gallatin County, the U.S. Forest Service, local landowners, and recreation partners. The outcome will be a roadmap that advances recreation access, public safety, and environmental stewardship, ensuring Beehive Basin remains a safe and accessible destination for generations to come.</p>
What is the Resort Tax request for this project?	25000
What is the total cost of this project?	40000
Provide a list of the expenses this should this project be awarded funding	Engineering studies, traffic studies, legal fees, consulting fees, signage, website
When do you plan to have incurred the costs being requested?	2/28/2026
Please provide any additional information on this request if needed	
Please provide the name(s) and email addresses of who will be representing this request at the next BSRAD board meeting	<p>Joseph Kiferbaum joseph@kiferbaum.com</p> <p>Lindsay Poe lpoe@mybploan.com</p> <p>Rodney Willett rodneytwillett@gmail.com</p> <p>Lydia Pulley lrpulley@gmail.com</p>

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