

# THE STATE-LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE PARTNERSHIP ACT (HB 355)

## APPLICATION

### **Section I**

1. **Project Name:** Replacement of non- or poorly-functioning fire hydrants **Project Priority list #** 1

2. **Primary Contact:** Steve Johnston Title: Public Works Director  
Address: 306 Railway Avenue / PO Box 187 City: Three Forks, MT Zip Code: 59752  
Phone: 406-285-3431 E-mail: [sjohnston@threeforksmontana.us](mailto:sjohnston@threeforksmontana.us)

The Primary Contact must submit a copy of their resume attesting to their qualifications and ability to manage the project.

3. **Project Type: Must be for maintenance or repair of existing systems.**

- ☐ **Drinking Water**
- ☒ ~~Wastewater Treatment~~
- ☒ ~~Fire Suppression System (Independent of drinking water)~~
- ☒ ~~Streets~~
- ☒ ~~Roads~~
- ☒ ~~Bridge~~
- ☒ ~~Landfill~~
- ☒ ~~Airport~~
- ☒ ~~Public ground~~
- ☒ ~~Public building~~
- ☒ ~~Existing water and wastewater treatment plans that are being operated at 90% of design capacity or greater~~
- ☐ ~~Other (please describe)~~

4. **Description of Prospective Project**

i. Project summary and problems to be addressed (please provide narrative response):

These are the City's oldest first hydrants. Most are non-functioning or are poorly functioning, one is on private property:

- Est. 1908-1912 located at N. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Oak Street (located on private property)
- 1993 located at W. Birch Street and Railway Avenue
- 1976 located at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue E. and Oak Street
- 1968 located at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue E. and Oak Street
- 1994 located at 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue E. and Neal Street

The City was petitioned by the property owner to vacate a portion of the right-of-way on Railway Avenue as this street is 30-feet wider than most city streets. That petition was granted and the

property lines have been altered and platted. The owner is going to install a fence and sidewalk on this newly acquired land.

This fire hydrant was installed sometime between 1908-1912, and is located on private property at 15 W. Birch Street, Three Forks MT. The property owner is in process of building a fence up to the property line and this hydrant will need moved to the public right-of-way. Due to its age, it is difficult to open and close the valves.

ii. Provide a narrative description for the need to undertake the repairs:

It is the duty of the City of Three Forks, and all municipalities, to make every effort to serve our community by improving health and safety.

At each location, the city's water main will be turned off to the respective blocks while city staff trenches the area and replaces each hydrant. (The hydrant at W. Birch Street/Railway Avenue will also have additional main pipe installed in order to move the hydrant 10-feet north.)

iii. Explanation as to why the proposed project is appropriate, cost-effective, and a long-term solution to the problem:

The city has nearly 140 fire hydrants for fire safety throughout city limits. They are located on one corner of each block; the Fire Department has 900-feet of 3" fire hose. A non-functioning hydrant could mean firefighters must travel to the next block to connect, wasting valuable minutes when it comes to fighting fire. All fire hydrants should be functioning in the event of a fire. It is appropriate to not have city infrastructure on private property. Using our own staff to perform the work keeps the labor rate down rather than bidding/contracting it out and paying Davis-Bacon wages.

iv. List of tasks to be completed and repairs needed (please provide narrative response):

Replace four hydrants, then relocate and replace one hydrant.

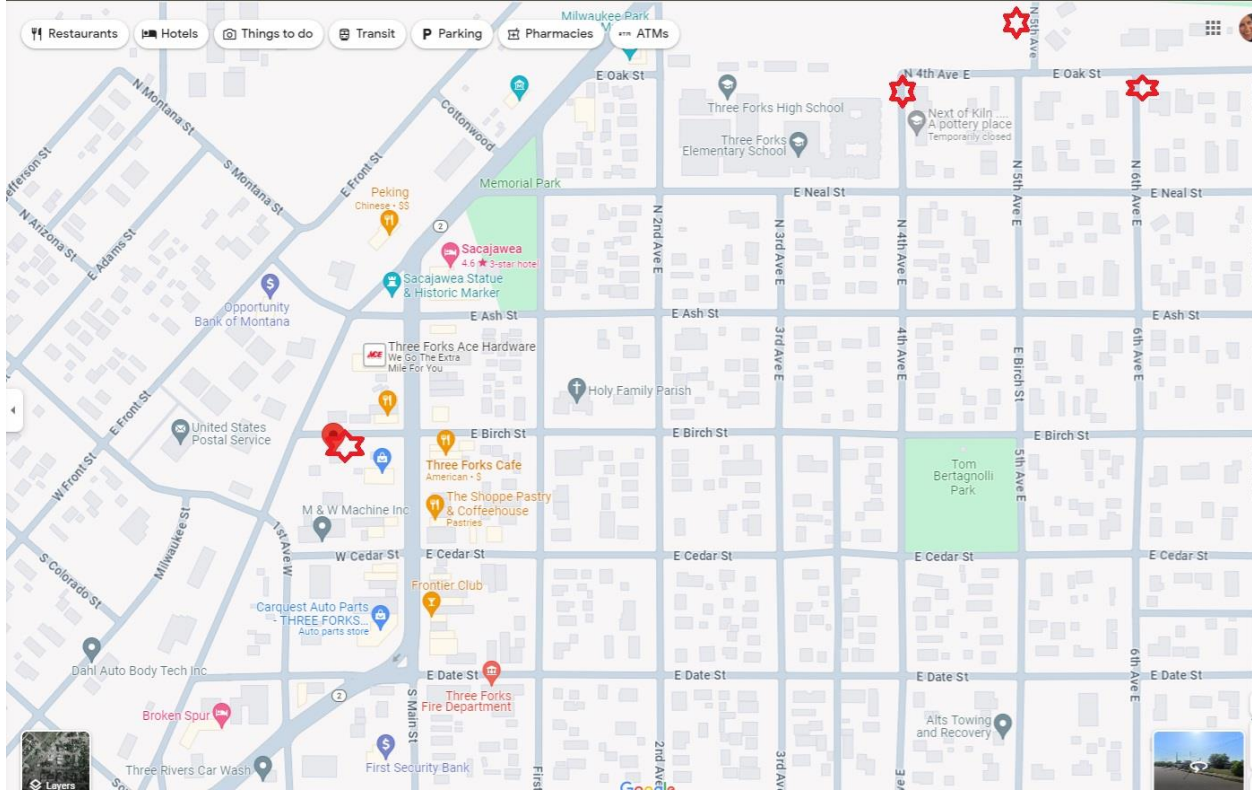
## **5. Non-Priority Project**

**Refer to Application Instructions**

## 6. Required Documentation

Please submit the following documents as attachments at the end of the application, as required by Commerce and Section 6 of HB 355.

### I. Maps or Google Photos showing the Project: (locations are marked with red stars)



### II. Cost Estimates: Total of \$16,556.32 - 25% city match = \$12,417.24

Quantity	Item	Cost
4	K81-D 6-foot 6-inch Hydrant 6-inch MJ Shoe OL L/ACC	\$9,957.48
8	6-inch EPOXY COAT IMPORT PVC RESTRAINT W/ ACC	\$541.52
4	6-inch MJXMJ Kennedy Value	\$3,191.52
4	6-inch MACRO HP 7 60-6.60 Coupler	\$1,913.60
4	6-inch Valve Box Complete	\$952.20

III. Time Schedule – 3 days total from start to finish, once ground thaws. Estimated start date 4/1/2024

IV. Local Cash Match Statement – The total for materials for this project is \$16,556.32. The City of Three Forks will contribute \$4,139.08 from the Water Fund (#5210), leaving our request to the Department of Commerce at \$12,417.24.

V. Resume of Project Manager – See page 5 of this application.

**VI. Evidence of a Public Hearing – Please see attached notices and affidavits for newspapers, agendas, and minutes which are exhibits to Resolution #416-2024.**

**Additional photos documenting problems/proposed solutions are recommended, but not required.**



**7. Attestation**

**The undersigned authorized representative hereby attests that the city or town:** (a) solicited and accepted applications for eligible projects on or before December 31, 2023; (b) held a public hearing in compliance with HB 355, evidence of which has been submitted to Commerce; and (c) understands and agrees it must provide a minimum local cash match of 25% of the total project cost to receive funding.

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**Signature**

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**Date**

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**Printed Name and Title**

**8. Certification to Submit:**

**The undersigned authorized representative hereby certifies that** (a) the information set forth in this application is correct to the best of his/her knowledge; (b) s/he has received, read, and understood these guidelines and agrees to comply with all requirements imposed by HB 355; (c) the representatives of this proposal have authorized the submittal of this application; (d) s/he has the authority to act on behalf of the incorporated city or town on whose behalf s/he is submitting this application, and (e) agrees to comply with all applicable state or federal laws and statues associated with carrying out the project, including providing Commerce with all information required by HB 355, including the information required by Sections 10 and 12.

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**Signature**

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**Date**

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**Printed Name and Title**

**Steven Johnston**

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**Career Overview**

Construction: Waterline Installer, Sewer Installer, Storm Sewer Installer Road Builder, Concrete Installer and Finisher. Licensed Septic Installer, Sewer Maintenance, Road Maintenance and Repair. Owner Operator for 16 years, Foreman Operator 10 years, Operator 4 years and Laborer for 6 years.

**Skills**

Heavy Equipment Operator Extensive Sewer and Water Experience, Maintenance & Repair  
Extensive Road Work Experience, Maintenance & Repair  
Manual labor skills, Hand/Power Tools  
Strong Organizational skills  
Customer service experience

**Professional Experience****Public Works Director, City of Three Forks – Three Forks, MT June 2012 – Present**

Working as a general laborer at first performing a wide range of repair jobs, I obtained a CDL to operate more equipment. Once Water and Wastewater Certified for a Class 2A, 3B and 3C water and wastewater systems, I became Wastewater Superintendent. In 2021, I became the Director of Public Works overseeing and managing two employees.

**Owner Operator, AFM Contracting – Belgrade, MT January 1996 - Present**

Have run a construction business in sewer and water installation, maintenance of the 4-DOT Sewer System where there are over 100 homes.  
Completed several jobs including septic systems, water and sewer rehabs, Road and parking lot installs and repairs, new subdivisions and much more.

**Supervisor/Operator/Laborer, Johnston Excavating Inc – Bozeman, MT January 1976 to January 1996**

I supervised jobs, operated several different kinds of equipment, I was a pipe layer.

**Education and Training**

Bozeman High School, 1983 Bozeman, MT High School Diploma  
Commercial Driver's License  
Class 2A, 3B and 3C Montana public water and wastewater certifications