

**MONTANA COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY SERVICE
Program, Policy and Planning (PPP) Committee**

Date: March 25, 2009

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Conference Call

Committee Members Present: Keith Kelly (chair), Kim Miske, John Ilgenfritz, and Jackie Girard.

Committee Members Absent: Chris Kolstad and Doug Braun

Staff Present: Linda Carlson and Tony Dean

Guests: George Dennison, Jono McKinney, Wendy Wigert, Dean McGovern, Gini Aten Irving, Josh Vanek, Eric Cardella, and Ashley Widtfeldt

Welcome: The Chairman welcomed those present and advised that the meeting was called to discuss Recovery Act proposals.

Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meeting: Moved by Commissioner Ilgenfritz, that the meeting minutes of the PPP Committee held on December 17, 2009 be adopted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Commissioner Miske.

Recovery Act Grants: Committee members received prior to the meeting copies of the Recovery Grants and Application Instructions. The two programs applying for Recovery funding were 1) University of Montana, Montana Campus Corps and 2) Montana Conservation Corps.

1) University of Montana, Montana Campus Corps (MTCC) - The Committee discussed the proposal while asking the program questions. The Committee identified some areas where the proposal could be improved. These areas included performance measures, staff travel costs, use of unemployment rates and how they link to the nonprofit sector, and mention of collaboration with other AmeriCorps programs.

Moved by Commissioner Ilgenfritz, that the grant be recommended to the full Commission for funding with the understanding that OCS staff would work with the program to address the issues raised by the Committee. Seconded by Commissioner Miske.

2. Montana Conservation Corps (MCC) - The Committee discussed the proposal while asking the program questions. Comments primarily focused around the home weatherization component in the grant. MCC indicated that home weatherization was not the primary service area and that they

would try and clarify this in the grant. AmeriCorps members would also be serving on public lands and addressing the backlog of projects.

Moved by Commissioner Miske, that the grant be recommended to the full Commission for funding with the understanding that OCS staff would work with the program to address the issues raised by the Committee. Seconded by Commissioner Ilgenfritz.

Public Comments: None

Wrap Up and Next Meeting Dates: Dates for the next meeting have not been determined. The Committee will need to meet once the Competitive awards are announced (expected May 31, 2009).

The meeting ended at 2:25 pm and a motion to adjourn was moved by Commissioner Ilgenfritz. Seconded by Commissioner Miske.