

**INVESTING IN MONTANA'S ECONOMIC FUTURE  
HOUSING MONTANA FUND  
Performance Measures**

<b>CURRENT FUNDING LEVEL</b>	<b>STATE \$\$ INVESTED IN HOUSING FY 06 AND FY 07</b>	<b>PROPOSED FUNDING</b>	<b>NEW HOUSING UNITS</b>	<b>NEW JOBS WITH PROPOSED FUNDING</b>	<b>LEVERAGED FUNDS INVESTED IN PROJECTS</b>	<b>ANNUAL ESTIMATED RETURN IN TAXES</b>
\$350,000	\$350,000	\$15,000,000	1,000	1,750	\$85,000,000	\$6,900,000

**The Housing Montana Fund.....**

- Will provide state funding for construction and rehabilitation of 1,000 rental and homeownership units over the biennium
- Will provide both loans and grants to promote the construction and rehabilitation of workforce housing
- Will jump start Montana's building industry out of its current slump
- Will provide workforce housing so Montana's businesses can grow and out-of-state businesses can expand and relocate in Montana

**Need for program:** Montana's building industry has been affected by national trends, including the mortgage and credit crises.

**The Housing Montana Fund will:**

- Benefit the state's economy by creating construction jobs
- Benefit the state's economy by providing workforce housing to employees of Montana businesses which want to expand or out of state business which wish to relocate to Montana
- Create 1,750 construction jobs paying an average salary is \$34,000 per year

**Program Goals and Measurements: The Housing Montana Fund will...**

- Attract new businesses to Montana by providing workforce housing
- Encourage the expansion of Montana businesses by providing workforce housing
- Facilitate the employment of essential workers in law enforcement, education and health care by providing workforce housing
- Measure its success by tracking and reporting:
  - Housing units created, both rental and homeownership
  - Impact on business development as reported by Resource Development Officers
  - Cost per unit produced

**Risks if Housing Montana Program is not funded:**

**Failure to fund the Housing Montana Program will result in....**

- Stalling of the growth of Montana businesses due to lack of workforce housing
- Limiting the number of new businesses expanding and relocating to Montana due to lack of workforce housing
- A significant disadvantage to Montana business climate because 45 other states provide state funding for workforce housing
- More homeless persons
- More individuals with disabilities, seniors and American Indians inadequately housed

**Special Note:**

Montana has been awarded \$19.6 million in Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funding under the housing and Economic Recovery Act (HERA), to be obligated within 18 months of the receipt of the grant. NSP funding is limited in regard to income levels and eligible uses because it was designed to mitigate the effects of foreclosures on neighborhoods. These limitations reduce NSP's impact on Montana's housing problems. NSP funding is not a substitute for the Housing Montana Fund.