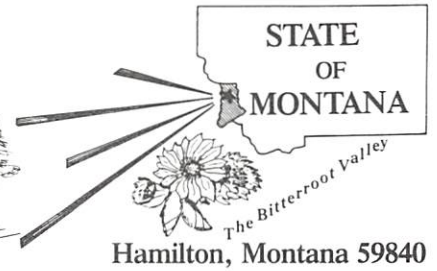


COUNTY OF RAVALLI



September 19, 2019

Michele Cushman, Tourism Grant Manager
Montana Office of Tourism and Business Development
Montana Department of Commerce
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Helena, MT 59620-0533

RE: Tourism Grant

Dear Ms. Cushman,

As a rural Montana county, it is incumbent upon us to work together. The Ravalli County Board of Commissioners is a long term partner and sponsor of the Ravalli County Museum. We work alongside, supporting their endeavors now and in the future. This letter is to validate our support of this MOTB grant request for signage at the front lawn apex and on the building. The mockup of the sign is in keeping with the historical look of the Courthouse. The county is fortunate that the Museum has kept this landmark vibrant in our community.

Ravalli County owns the building that houses the Ravalli County Museum and the Bitter Root Valley Historical Society, is our partner in operating it. Ravalli County does not budget nor can they absorb the cost of these necessary signs.

As a local icon the Old Courthouse has become a place of inspiration with the Museum's efforts. Weekly, new visitors arrive in our County and the Museum has become a go-to-stop. As the most basic of business needs, signage will help visitors know they have arrived at the right spot. As a 24/7 drive-by it serves the visiting public with an event board showcasing exhibits, events and activities at the museum.

We strongly feel this endeavor strengthens the museum footprint and the community awareness by addressing the most basic requirement of all organizations. As a tourist destination, wayfinding becomes even more essential. Thank you for supporting our Museum.

Sincerely,



Jeff Burrows, Chairman



Greg Chilcott, Member

ABSENT

Chris Hoffman, Member