WHO DOES WHAT DOWNTOWN ORGANIZATION SUMMARY SHEET



Livingston Urban Renewal Agency (URA)

Mission: to assist with the revitalization of the Livingston downtown area. The URA, in partnership with downtown businesses and citizens, adopts, funds, and manages projects which: Rehabilitate and evide public improvements, repair or rehabilitate deteriorated or

redevelop blighted areas, provide public improvements, repair or rehabilitate deteriorated or deteriorating structures, improve infrastructure, facilities, and equipment leading to an increase in the health and safety of the downtown district.

- The URA is funded by tax increment financing, with the Urban Renewal District set up as a TIF District. Our FY2024/2025 budget is \$1,013,270, with an additional fund balance of \$1,800,000.
- Primary projects: The URA three (3) programs currently open for applications: Downtown
 Enhancement Program, Façade Grant Program, and Residential Rehabilitation Grant Program. The
 URA also partners with the City of Livingston and Public Works to support capital/infrastructure
 projects in the URD.
- Connect: Email ura@livingstonmontana.org, and/or attend a monthly meeting on the fourth
 Tuesday of every month at 4:30pm, in the Community Room of the City/County Complex. Our
 website has applications, documents of interest, agendas, and past meeting
 minutes: https://www.livingstonmontana.org/bc-ura



Downtown Livingston Business Improvement District (LBID)

The nonprofit Downtown Livingston Business Improvement District (LBID) was formed in 2011 and operates under Montana Code and Livingston City Commission Resolutions, submitting Board Member applications,

budget and annual plans to the Livingston City Commission for review. The LBID is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees that are business or building owners in the Downtown District.

- Mission: to enhance the vitality of downtown Livingston by facilitating commerce, enhancing streetscapes, conducting maintenance, and improving security and safety. Vision: LBID seeks to be one of the motivating forces behind a successful business district which preserves our historic downtown, enriches our culture and continues to improve and maintain the physical appearance and aesthetics of the District to continue to attract long-term and viable businesses, invigorate community activity and enhance visitor experiences.
- LBID is funded through an assessment of the property owners (building, not business owners) in the District with a budget of \$44,000 that does not increase as building values increase, and is renewed every 10 years. The current assessment levels will not be updated until 2031 district renewal.
- Primary projects: marketing Downtown Livingston as a vibrant destination, advocating for District businesses, emptying Downtown District sidewalk garbage receptacles, maintaining Downtown light post banners for local nonprofits and community events, snowflake light decor, and flower baskets.
- Connect: www.downtownlivingston.org | info@downtownlivingston.org | 406.222.4848
 instagram.com/downtown_livingston | facebook.com/DowntownLivingstonMontana
 #LifeisDowntown #DowntownLivingstonMT #ExploreLivingstonMt



<u>Livingston Gallery Association (LGA)</u>

Livingston has a rich, expansive art community, and we want the world to know about it! The Livingston Gallery Association is a group of business owners who work together to promote our local art and culture by collective advertising in prime locations and by creating Fourth Friday Night Art Walks; June-September and one Winter Art Walk.

- We seek to promote the arts collectively, the galleries and downtown specifically, as well as Livingston as an arts and culture destination. The promotion is done on a local, state, and national level through a wide variety of social media and print media as well as a billboard and banners.
- We believe a healthy community has access to and engagement in art, so for 4 months in the summer and once in the winter, the LGA puts on a **Fourth Friday Art Walk**. The galleries stay open late, offer snacks, community and, of course, a lot of art. At the art walks, people stream through the downtown and Livingston is abuzz with life.
- The annual budget averages \$5,000. Funding comes from dues from our membership, ArtWalk sponsors and friends, as well as grants from organizations such as the TBID and LBID.
- Connect: http://www.livingstongalleryassociation.com | Laura Bray | 406-222-5122 | theframegarden@gmail.com



Human Resource Development Corporation (HRDC)

Mission: inspire hope, develop resources, design solutions, and change lives.

- Downtown Livingston projects: Our main office which houses all our programming, our Warming Center, our Miles and Sherwood Apartment complexes, and our Park County Housing Coalition work. The Drop-in Center is not part of HRDC, we share space, but it is a separate entity.
- Budget and Sources: Miles and Sherwood Apartment Complexes are funded by rental revenue. HRDC program services are funded by a variety of sources and varies by program, our Warming Center is funded primarily by community contributions and has some City of Livingston funding. Our Park County Housing Coalition work is funded primarily by foundation support and some funding from the City of Livingston.
- Connect: hellolivingston@thehrdc.org; www.thehrdc.org



Park County Drop in Center (PDIC)

- Mission: Provide a safe place for individuals aged 18 and over who have mental health or co-occurring disorders to gather for socialization, support, and access to community services, free of charge.
- Budget, \$157, 000/year, Montana Department of Health & Human Services
- Weekly Schedule: Monday; cozy crafting, Tuesday; virtual peer support, Wednesday; growing resilience, Thursday; virtual peer support, Friday in-person Anxiety Support Group.
- Location: 121 South 2nd Street, Alley entrance, M, W, F, 10:30 am 4 pm, Tues & Thrs remote.
 Connect: 406-600-8332 | pcdropincenter.org | pcdropincenter@gmail.com



Historical Preservation Commission (HPC)

In 1979 the city and a local architectural firm, Kommers, McLaughton and Levengood, surveyed Livingston and the surrounding area and established four historic districts in Livingston and ten more sites in the area. These districts are recognized by the National Register of Historic Places: Westside

Residential, Eastside Residential, B Street, and the Downtown Historic District. In recognition of their value, the City Commission established the Historic District Overlay Zoning Ordinance in 1982 and created the HPC to ensure the preservation and thoughtful enhancement of these assets. In 2023 we added another National Historic District, Sacajawea/Miles Park to these four.

- The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) plays a crucial role in safeguarding Livingston's rich architectural heritage. These historic areas not only attract tourists but also serve as a source of pride for residents. The HPC is tasked with reviewing and approving all proposed changes to building exteriors within the Downtown Historic District, including facades, painting, signage, and window displays.
- Per an agreement between the city and the Montana State Historical Preservation Office, Livingston is a classified as a Certified Local Government. This designation allows the city to apply for a grant from SHPO to further HPC's goals. In the past nine years HPC has resurveyed 30 buildings in the Downtown Historic District and placed historic plaques on 14 of them with help from the property owners and the Park County Historical Society.
- Design reviews are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the City-County Building at 414 East Callender Street, with remote participation available via Zoom. Property owners must submit applications to the Planning Department at least ten days prior to the scheduled meeting. Information and application forms are available online and at the Planning Department.
- For questions about the application process, call 406-222-4903 or planning@livingstonmontana.org | www.livingstonmontana.org/buildingplanning/page/historic-preservation



City of Livingston Planning & Code Enforcement Departments

Livingston's Planning Department can help you with questions relating to the City's Growth Policy, Zoning Ordinance or Historic Preservation program. In addition, this Department is also the point of contact for issues involving annexation, street abandonment or special assessments. Learn more at https://www.livingstonmontana.org/buildingplanning/page/planning-department

- The Code Enforcement Division collaborates with Livingston residents to ensure a safe and appealing community. The division encompasses building, zoning, parking, nuisance, and animal control codes. It is responsible for enforcing zoning and building codes, the Community Decay Ordinance (addressing nuisance vegetation and abandoned vehicles), and the 2-hour downtown parking limit. Its enforcement duties include: Business regulations, Nuisance codes, Sign codes, Specific parking rules, Animal control. Not sure where to park? View the Parking map of available parking in the City of Livingston at www.livingstonmontana.org/code-enforcement-division
- All City information and departments at: https://www.livingstonmontana.org/



City of Livingston Public Works Department

The Public Works Department plays a vital role in the City of Livingston, directly impacting the daily lives of our residents and supporting the city's growth and sustainability.

- We enhance Livingston's quality of life and economic development by: Providing clean drinking
 water that exceeds testing standards, Maintaining and beautifying city parks and green spaces,
 Overseeing sewer, water, and paving projects, Ensuring reliable garbage collection services, Plowing
 city streets during the winter months. Our responsibilities also include managing permitting, design,
 and maintenance efforts for: City streets and alleys, Sanitary sewer systems, Water mains, Street
 lighting infrastructure.
- Connect: www.livingstonmontana.org/publicworks | 406-222-5667



City of Livingston Police Department

The Livingston Police Department is committed to serving and protecting our community with 24-hour patrol coverage and proactive law enforcement services. Their mission is to: Enforce the laws of the United States, the State of Montana, and the City of Livingston. Assist citizens in protecting their lives and property. Provide public service

within the authority granted by law, department regulations, and available resources.

- Our officers carry out their duties with pride and integrity, ensuring a safe and secure environment for all.
- Connect: Chief of Police Wayne Hard, <u>whard@livingstonmontana.org</u> | Nonemergency number: 406) 222-3185 | Dispatch: 406-222-2050



Park Local Development Corporation (PLDC)

PLDC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that was founded in 2019 to support economic and community development in Park County, Montana.

- PLDC manages a revolving loan fund on behalf of the City of Livingston and Park County that provides financing to small businesses across the county. We do this important work in partnership with the City of Livingston, Park County, and Montana State University Extension. This partnership grew out of a common belief that supporting the development of strong people and communities leads to a healthy, resilient economy that benefits everyone. We come together to support and grow the businesses, communities, and economy of the county.
- Primary Projects: Revolving Loan Fund, Business Consulting and Resiliency Team, Business Planning, Trainings, Resource Center, Leadership49.

Connect: info@parklocal.org | parklocal.org

PROSPERA Prospera

Prospera works to advance and inspire diverse economies and resilient communities in southwest Montana. They have open office hours at the Explore Livingston office, 124 South Main Suite 210, the 3rd Friday of each month for no cost business coaching.

Contact: info@prosperamt.org | 406-587-3113



Livingston Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Information Center (LAC)

The Livingston Chamber of Commerce is the oldest non-profit in Park County and has been supporting the business community for 116 years. They became a chamber and fulfilled the need for an information center prior to becoming the Chamber in April, 1909.

- Mission: The Livingston Area Chamber of Commerce, representing its membership, actively promotes a positive business and economic climate for Livingston and Park County and beyond. Members are from Park County, Bozeman, Big Timber, and the Montana State Chamber. Leslie Feigel-Deckard is the CEO and runs a small staff during the tourism season for the Visitor Center, April to October but is open year-round.
- The Chamber puts on events funded by sponsors and is a non-profit 501(C)6. The annual budget is approximately \$123,000 for staffing, the building and marketing, event logistics, trophies, and Christmas stocking items. If additional income is raised it is used to market the Visitor Center and Tourism. The Chamber's warm season Visitor Center receives \$15,000 annually from the bed tax funded Yellowstone Country Region.
- Primary projects Downtown include: Car Show, July 2nd Parade, Christmas Stroll, luncheons,
 Business Leaders Gala, Networking events, and Ribbon cuttings for openings. The Chamber also markets members in Livingston and Park County with Social and Digital Media and through news mediums.
- Connect: info@livingston-chamber.com | livingston-chamber.com | Visitor Sites with chamber member listings: www.discoverLivingston.com | www.VisitLivingston.com | Contact 406-222-0850
 Facebook @Livingstonareachamber @visitlivingstonmt | #discoverlivingstonmt #VisitLivingstonmt



<u>Livingston Downtown Building and Business and Owners Association</u> (LDBOBA)

- The purpose of the LDBOBA is to encourage, promote, and engage in such activities and projects as will contribute to the preservation of the buildings, well-being, growth, and vitality of the urban renewal district of downtown Livingston, Montana.
- The LDBOBA is an organization that has been active in our downtown for the last 18 years. They are mostly known as the organization who has given the Yellowstone Bus Tours of Livingston's Four Historic District for sixteen of the last eighteen years they have been active and developer and printer of their walking tour pamphlet, now in its 22nd year of publication. They actively participate in keeping the downtown in the loop on city activities affecting them.
- Funding historically has come from money made with the Yellowstone Bus Tours, mail-outs, grants, and donations. They do not list an annual budget.
- LDBOBA current Strategic Plan Objectives (partial list see website for full information): Yellowstone
 Bus Tours of Historic District, Three Highway Signs for Exit 337, Blue Business Signs for Exist 337,
 Support Downtown Businesses, Conventions and Tournaments, Yellowstone Gateway Business
 Coalition Membership, Downtown housing in private sector, Livingston and Yellowstone Hotels
 History in Documentary and more.
- Connect: www.livingstondowntown.org | thegrabow@gmail.com