

**Department New Request Form
Fiscal Year 2025**

Program	Central Services	Title of New Request:	Rank: 3
Department	Central Services	Lobbyist and 2025 Legislative Tracking	
Request Category	New		
Request Rating	Maintain Level of Service		
Department Goal		# of FTE's in this request	0.00

1. How will request assist in achieving Department Goal and benefit the customer

Professional lobbyists are experts in bringing together and building relationships with stakeholders. The lobbyist will help us with coalition building and contribute to future legislative strategy and planning to set us up for success in the 2025 Legislative Session and beyond. The Montana Legislature will meet again in 2025 and will consider legislation that affects local governments. The City desires tax reform at the state level, including a local-option tourist tax and tax fairness measures that will reduce the burden on local property tax payers. The City of Missoula tracks state legislation and lobbies for bills that benefit the City.

2. What specifically is needed to achieve this goal?

The City uses legislative tracking software to monitor and determine the impact of bills as they move through the legislature. The City also hires a Helena-based lobbyist who keeps track of legislation that affects the City, testifies at hearings, and coordinates with our partners on issues that affect cities across Montana. Continuing our contract with professional lobbyists allows us to build the long-term relationships with private and public sector stakeholders that are essential to create lasting change in policies and funding on the issues that affect the City of Missoula and our community.

3. Cost Impact of New Program:

Account #	Item	Qnty	Unit Cost	Requested One-Time	Requested Ongoing	FY 2025 Unfunded	FY 2025 Funded	Proposed FY 2026 Ongoing
Ongoing expenses								
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One-Time Expenses								
1000.245.419000.350	Lobbyist contract	1	72500	72,500		—	72,500	
1000.245.419000.350	Legislative software	1	800	800		—	800	
1000.245.419000.350	Lobbyist registration	1	500	500		—	500	
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Expense Sub-Total				73,800	—	—	73,800	—

Revenue Offset:

Account #	Revenue Description	Proposed Onetime Revenue	Proposed Ongoing Revenue
1000	N CAP (except transportation)	30,258	
1000	T General Fund Taxes	43,542	
Revenue Sub-Total		\$ 73800	\$ -

4. What sort of data will be used to report results and outcomes of request?

Staff will provide documentation of bills tracked, the City's stance on each, and legislation that did or did not pass.

Requested/Proposed Funding Source

	One-time	Ongoing
Tax or Assessment	43,542	-
Non-tax	30,258	-
Fund Balance	-	-
Total	73,800	-