From: Robin Abeshaus
To: Grp. City Council and City Web Site
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Dear City Council Members,

I again ask that you fund the mobile crisis response team pilot program for at least a year, and ideally longer. I am sure you read about some of the difficult and less than ideal interactions between police officers and mentally ill or intoxicated citizens in today's Missoulian. Our community needs more than one way to manage law enforcement. Rather than new vehicles and riot gear upgrades, please invest city dollars in social services that will help Missoula citizens.

Additionally I ask that you fully fund the Housing Trust Fund. This will help work toward the city's goal to end homelessness by providing funding for affordable housing for those in our community most impacted by racial, economic, and social disparities.

Sincerely,

Robin Abeshaus