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Sharing a comment I made on (a for profit) social media site -- I am not for our City providing public funds to a Chrisitan instituion:

Thank you for your time,

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City of Missoulaagreed to provide $75K in public funds of a $400K project to a Christian institution (via a local NGO).

1) Why not the University of Montana? UM School of Public Health? or other public education institution? or public NGO with experience in anti-racism work? why a Christian institution?

2) The contract still does not say that BIPOC will run the research -- but will be the subjects of the research -- "privileges/centers the experiences, perspectives, and solutions of Missoula BIPOC community members." (I only had access to the public facing materials, not the entire contract.)

3) But yes, the City did switch out the fiscal agent, from Six Pony Hitch to the All Nations. (Thanks to the dozens of citizens who made public comment regarding this, and were called out for "lateral oppression.")

4) It is still within the rights (& responsibility) of citizens to question how our public funds are spent & when BIPOC are the subjects of research with our public funds. Especially a institution that within its own accreditation states that it follows the "philosophy of education in order to foster the unity and mission of the Church," and that they are "exempt from state authority."

5) Bottomline -- We can do better -- with public institutions & with public funds.