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Housing Coalition to convene steering committee, hire program manager

Enterprise staff
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The Human Resource Development Council’s fundraising campaign to staff the Park County Housing Coalition for three years is expected to reach 85% of its goal next month, HRDC announced in a recent news release.

HRDC will initiate the process of convening a local steering committee and hiring a Park County-based program manager to lead the Coalition in implementing the 2022 Park County Housing Action Plan.

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“We are grateful to the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation, the Southwest Montana Flood Relief Fund, MSU Park County Extension, The Kendeda Fund, the glassybaby foundation, and generous community members for their investment in community housing,” said Lila Fleishman, HRDC Community Development director, in the release. “We hope this will inspire others to help raise the remaining funds, serve on our steering committee, or apply to lead the Coalition into its next phase.”

Coalition members have recognized the need for a full-time staff person to lead the implementation effort. This position will be housed within HRDC, which has incubated the coalition in concert with many local partners since co-launching it in 2020 with the Park County Community Foundation. HRDC anticipates announcing the job opening and initiating the hiring process in August or September 2023.

In the meantime, HRDC is soliciting applications for a local steering committee to support the future staff member and facilitate implementation of the Housing Action Plan. They seek six to eight community members with diverse, complementary strengths, perspectives, and experiences. Committee members will be required to learn about housing policy and implementation, engage in training to build the committee’s capacity for collaboration and conflict resolution, and act as public representatives of the Coalition.

If serving on the steering committee is of interest, apply by Friday, Aug. 11. Applications are designed to take 15-20 minutes to complete and are available on the Park County Housing Coalition's website (parkcountyhousing.com). Contact Lila Fleishman with questions or to request a paper copy of the application (lfleishman@thehrdc.org or 406-589-4406).

HRDC is a private, not-for-profit Community Action Organization focused on building a better community by combating poverty across southwestern Montana. HRDC plays a vital support role for individuals of all ages in Park County through programs, including energy assistance, home weatherization, senior services, community development, affordable housing, emergency assistance, financial development. More information is available at <https://thehrdc.org>.

The Park County Housing Coalition is a community-based, collaborative effort to increase opportunities for Park County residents to access housing where they can afford to live and thrive. More information is available at <https://parkcountyhousing.com>.