

Housing coalition hires manager, presents to community on Tuesday

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The Park County Housing Coalition steering committee has hired Catherine Daly from contractor to the current full-time role of program manager.

Daly has been involved with the coalition since December 2022, when she was a community volunteer.

The change on Sept. 18 came as some steering committee members expressed difficulty continuing coalition priorities without a salaried full time position, according to Daly. However, the salary for the program manager position remains only 80% funded by various organizations and contributions from public and private sources. With a caveat that current local and state housing accessibility continues to be influenced by national conditions, Daly expressed enthusiasm describing the coalition's future plans.

"A lot is happening in the community, state and across the nation, making things easier," said the program manager. "We are trying to work collaboratively on a grant.

The grant is in progress and I do not want to speak for the group, but we are pursuing funding that would close the remaining gap for Park County Coalition program manager."

The PCHC is set to introduce phase two priority areas to the community during the Park County Housing Coalition Conversation on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at the Shane Center on Lewis Street in Livingston from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Although phase two of the housing plan is scheduled to begin in 2024 and exact activities have yet to be confirmed, the three main housing alleviation strategies in Tuesday's discussion are accessory dwelling units, workforce housing employer-based solutions and new housing creation through zoning reformation.

From 2021 to 2022, Montana's population grew by 18,596 people, while only 7,251 housing units were constructed, causing a housing deficit of 7,872 housing units, according to the Montana Housing Situation Report, measuring and comparing population growth from 2021 to 2022.

Steering Committee members of the Park County Housing Coalition include: **Becky Miller**, mortgage lender, Opportunity Bank, **Carrie Holder**, human resource specialist, Yellowstone National Park Lodges, **Geoff Anderson**, developer, Good Housing Partnership,

Grant Gager, city manager, City of Livingston, **Hannah Wologo**, community health coordinator, Livingston HealthCare, **Jamie Isaly**, retired teacher, Livingston School District, **Kristen "Kris" Smith**, lead researcher and policy analyst, Floodwise Community Assistance Program, Headwaters Economics, **Samantha Ricketts**, human resources leader, Sage Lodge, **Tawnya Rupe Mraz**, Montana Philanthropy Senior Program Director, Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation.



The Park County Housing Coalition's community discussion on Tuesday at the Shane Center will center on accessory dwelling units, workforce housing employer-based solutions and new housing creation through zoning reforms. JOHN CARROLL/ENTERPRISE

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