Stillwater County ELEVATE is a set of projects phased over a five-year period aimed at improving access to services for all county residents. Through a combination of new construction and a revitalizing and repurposing of existing space, Stillwater County will ELEVATE for all.

Stillwater County Commissioners’ Office
PO Box 970 • 400 East 3rd Avenue North
Columbus, MT 59019

Construction on the Stillwater County Courthouse began in 1919 when county residents voted to support a $75,000 bond. Billings architect Warren A. Dedrick designed the Neoclassical style brick courthouse which features two-story Ionic columns flanking the main entrance. Preservation of the building is a priority for the County, aimed at maintaining the historical integrity of the courthouse while also allowing it to continue to serve the people of Stillwater County for decades to come. Proposed enhancements to the Courthouse grounds include:

- Courthouse Elevator Access & New Restrooms
- Expanded Parking
- Outdoor Amphitheater/Classroom
- Sensory Garden

PROJECT COST: $2,750,000

Stillwater County ELEVATE.org
Revitalization · 400 E 3rd Ave N

STILLWATER COUNTY COURTHOUSE

We want your input!
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Stillwater County is proposing a new fairgrounds space to support community events. Constructing an improved fairgrounds complex will provide a safe, updated space to enjoy for years to come.

**Fairgrounds Events Include**

- Dog Agility Trials / Classes - Home Clinics - Shooting Sports Practice
- State and Regional Shooting Sports Events - Livestock Jackpots
- Hosting Regional Extension Meetings - 4-H Workshops
- Local Conventions / Meetings - School Events
- Arts and Crafts Events - Swap and Shop Events
- 4-H Events - County Fair Events - Outdoor Concerts
- Outdoor Rodeo Events

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2021-2024 STILLWATER COUNTY FCIP FUNDING MODEL

- Cash  – $17,500,000
- P&L – $500,000
- Other Funds  – $500,000
- Municipal Funds  – $500,000
- Capital Funds  – $5,000,000
- Wind funds  – $5,000,000
- Revenue (tax imposed)  – $1,500,000 grant - $4,500 total
- Other Funds  – (grant, sponsorship, etc.) – $5,000,000

**Stillwater County stands committed to the promise that the FCIP projects will not have an impact on County residents through increased taxes. Funding for the projects will be completed through a combination of cash reserve funds, borrowing, and capital, to fully complete the identified projects in phased stages over the next three-year period.**

**Stillwater County needs a new library facility.**

**Agree**  **Disagree**

**Stillwater County needs new law enforcement facilities.**

**Agree**  **Disagree**

**Stillwater County needs new event facilities.**

**Agree**  **Disagree**

**Stillwater County needs a new fairgrounds space dedicated to arts and cultural events.**

**Agree**  **Disagree**

**Stillwater County needs to preserve the historic Norton House.**

**Agree**  **Disagree**

**Stillwater County needs to preserve the current historic courthouse.**

**Agree**  **Disagree**

**Stillwater County needs new outdoor space dedicated to arts and cultural events.**

**Agree**  **Disagree**

**Stillwater County needs new court/law enforcement facilities.**

**Agree**  **Disagree**

**Would you support a general obligation bond for the new law and justice center with the understanding that cash reserves would support the repayment?**

**Agree**  **Disagree**

**Please rank the following in order of importance (1-5, with 1 being the most important and 5 being the least important):**

- New Stillwater County Office Building
- New Stillwater County Library
- New Fairground Facilities
- New Law & Justice Center
- Stillwater County Courthouse Enhancements
- New Stillwater County Office Building

**Are you a registered voter in Stillwater County?**

**Yes**  **No**