

REDIRECT YOUR FUNDS TO LOCAL SERVICES FOR A HEALTHY BIG SKY:

- ◆ behavioral health
- ◆ substance abuse
- ◆ counseling
- ◆ food security
- ◆ social service resources
- ◆ ambulance
- ◆ primary care
- ◆ emergency care

WHY NOW?

According to census data, Big Sky's population increased 176% from 2010.

Community members are currently on waitlists to access much needed mental health care. Explosive growth in cost of living has created food, transportation, and housing insecurity for the working class, resulting in excess demand for wellness services.

Post-covid impacts have resulted in increased incident volume for first responder and ambulance services. Meanwhile annual ambulance transports to Madison Valley Medical Center remain at 0.

Being able to provide services locally is key to having a healthy community.

I WANT TO GET INVOLVED. WHO CAN I CONTACT?

- ◆ Support from volunteers is the heart of what we do in Big Sky. If you would like to assist with signature collection, marketing initiatives, and more, please email INFO@WIABIGSKY.ORG for upcoming opportunities.

I HAVE A MEDIA INQUIRY. WHO CAN I CONTACT?

- ◆ All media inquiries can be made in writing to Allison Bradac, Executive Director – Wellness In Action at ALLISON@WIABIGSKY.ORG

WHERE CAN I FIND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES?

- ◆ bigskywia.org/wellness-district
or scan QR code below



BIG SKY WELLNESS DISTRICT INITIATIVE

Demand for wellness services in Big Sky outpaces available funding. These services save lives and make for a healthy community.

Big Sky property taxes from Madison County annually fund roughly \$1.7 million for the services of Madison Valley Hospital District, services which are geographically inaccessible to those taxpayers.

This initiative seeks to redirect and bring those public funds home to Big Sky.

**SUPPORTING A HEALTHY
BIG SKY**

WHAT IS A HOSPITAL DISTRICT?

- ◆ A Hospital District is a unit of local government authorized to supply hospital facilities and services, and health care facilities and services to the residents of that district. These districts may levy tax, as currently found on Madison County property tax bills within Madison Valley Hospital District.

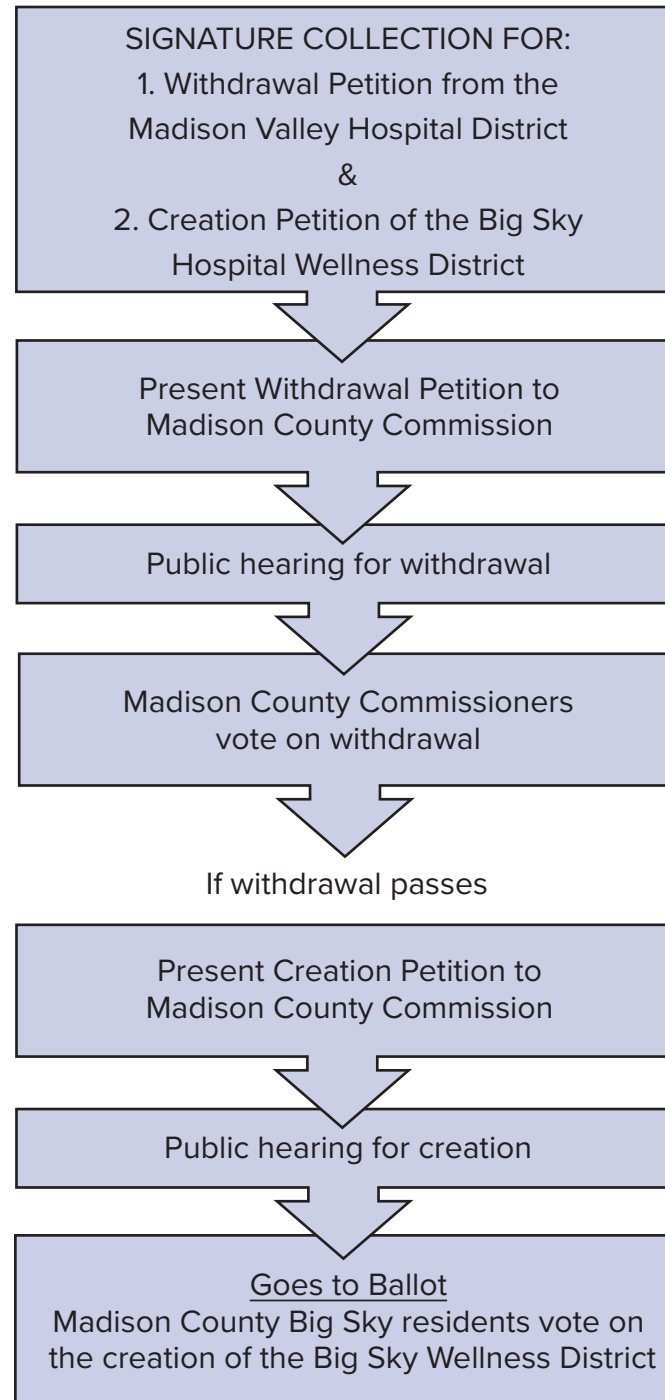
WHAT IS A WELLNESS DISTRICT?

- ◆ While the petitions will list “Hospital District,” the vision for a Wellness District is to be a foundation for a healthy community by funding a broad scope of wellness services beyond traditional brick-and-mortar hospitals. In order to address these diverse needs, a new Hospital District must be formed. Once formed, the newly elected body can establish the governing framework to realize the wellness vision, create by-laws, and a dba of Wellness District.

WHO IS THE GROUP BEHIND THE INITIATIVE?

- ◆ A coalition of Big Sky partners is working to establish long-term funding security to meet the demands of wellness services in Big Sky. The cross-organizational partners invested in the wellbeing of the community include:
 - ◆ Wellness In Action
 - ◆ Local Healthcare Service Providers
 - ◆ Big Sky Fire Department
 - ◆ Big Sky Homeowners Association
 - ◆ Big Sky Resort Area District
 - ◆ HRDC/Big Sky Community Food Bank & Resource Center

TRANSITION PROCESS



FAQs

Q: WHY IS WITHDRAWAL TAKING PLACE IN MADISON COUNTY ONLY?

- A:** The existing taxing authority exists with the Madison Valley Hospital District and is geographically the Madison County boundary of the Big Sky Resort Area District. Property tax collections of those taxpayers are approximately \$1.7 million.

Q: HOW WILL THIS IMPACT MY PROPERTY TAXES?

- A:** The coalition intends to lower or maintain the existing tax rate for Big Sky taxpayers in Madison County.

Q: WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO SIGN THE PETITIONS?

- A:** The petition to withdrawal can be signed by taxpayers residing in and owning property in the proposed area. The petition to create can be signed by qualified electors of the proposed district whose name appears on the last-completed assessment roll for state and county taxes.

Q: CAN I SIGN THE PETITION ELECTRONICALLY?

- A:** No. Electronic signatures are not accepted in Montana.