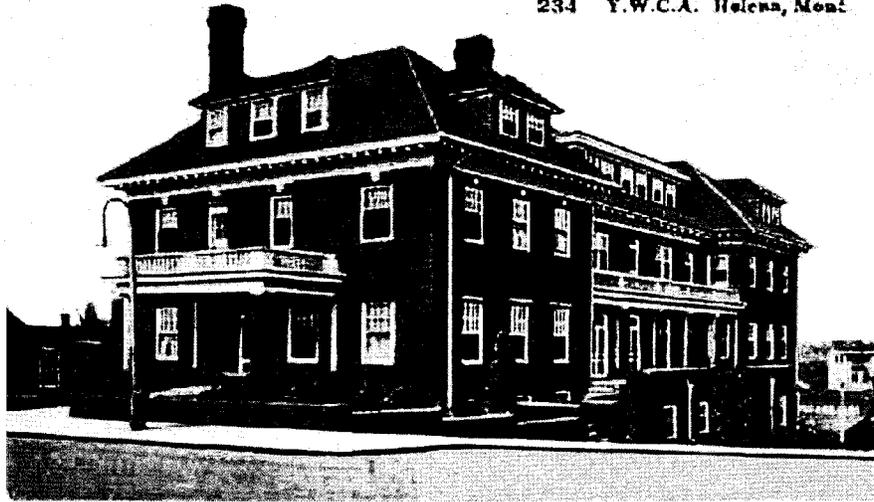


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HELENA YWCA
Major Facility Improvement Project 2009
Economic Recovery and Investment Act of 2009

234 Y.W.C.A. Helena, Mont.



Since 1919, the Helena YWCA has provided safe and affordable transitional housing for women and children as they move from homelessness to independent, self-sustaining living.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the YWCA is a three-story, masonry building located at 501 Park Avenue in Helena. The Helena YWCA renovation project provides a unique opportunity to upgrade and expand much-needed transitional housing in a beautiful historic building and fits well within the profile of many funding programs now under consideration under the Economic Recovery and Investment Act of 2009.

Years of deferred maintenance have degraded the YWCA's ability to serve the housing needs of women and children. At present, approximately 20 residential rooms are leased; stabilization and improvements will open at least 35 residential rooms for occupancy. The following list of extensive improvements needed to upgrade and enhance the YWCA building will allow the YWCA's housing capacity to include persons with disabilities and ensure continuation of the transitional housing mission well into the future:

- energy conservation and weatherization
- roof replacement
- stabilization of fire escapes
- repair of exterior decking and balustrades of upper level balconies
- replacement of rain gutters & downspouts
- brick re-pointing and stabilization of exterior veneer
- upgraded accessibility to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act
- modernization of radiators and bathroom facilities
- upgrading catering kitchen for public functions
- construction of a commercial-grade kitchen to serve the needs of the 35 residents

The estimated rehabilitation cost is \$1,000,912. The work may be accomplished over a 12-month period, and will employ approximately 150 persons, including architects, engineers, electricians, roofers, masons, plumbers, heating and ventilation contractors, painters, material suppliers and other trades people. Preliminary discussions with potential contractors indicate availability to commence work immediately upon approval of project funding.

The Board of Directors of the Helena YWCA wishes to thank you in advance for your consideration. We welcome the opportunity to discuss the significance of our project further and wish you good speed as you move forward in your deliberations.

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For B.C.
 8/11-2018