



**MONTANA  
DEPARTMENT OF  
ADMINISTRATION**

**Director's Office**

Steve Bullock, Governor  
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# MEMO

TO State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Committee  
FROM Department of Administration  
CC Sheri Scurr  
DATE 8/24/2020  
RE Tribal Flag Plaza

**Brief:**

- The statute separates the flags from the monument and places the complete authorization for the flag circle project with the Governor.
- A monument as described in 22-2-601(1), MCA, is not part of this project. To coordinate the monument project, the Governor must appoint an advisory committee of 12 members. The monument is restricted to being funded with private donations [see 22-2-602(3), MCA], and the advisory council is tasked with soliciting and accepting these donations.
- Location of flags and design options provided to and selected by Governor.
- Location chosen afforded the opportunity to replace deteriorated concrete drive and sidewalks, replace shifted/hazardous steps, and provide ADA access to the Meagher statue and flag area.

**Authority:**

22-2-601, MCA. American Indian monument and tribal flags. The state of Montana shall erect on the grounds of the capitol complex, in recognition of American Indians' contributions to this state and nation, either or both of the following:

- (1) a monument, including specific recognition of the contributions and sacrifices made by Montana's past, present, and future American Indian war veterans, in consultation with the advisory committee established in 22-2-602;
- (2) the flags of the tribes in Montana as authorized by the governor.

**Construction Activity:**

Contractor	Diamond Construction (Helena, MT)
Contract Amount	\$644,000
Start Date	July 13, 2020
Completion Date	October 1, 2020

### **Funding Sources:**

- \$427,728.34
  - Dept. of Administration, capital projects fund (02554), transfer from the Governor's Office
  - Infrastructure and components for the erecting and installing the flags
- \$246,000
  - Split between HB 5 and HB 652, 66<sup>th</sup> session, capital land grant funds and general obligation bonds, respectively
  - Repairs and corrective action for deteriorated steps, concrete drive and sidewalks, flatwork, and ADA features
- \$73,000
  - HB 2, A&E contracted services operating funds
  - Engineering and testing services

### **Funding Approval:**

- See 22-2-601(2), MCA, as authorized by the Governor
- Private donations are for the monument in 22-2-601(1), MCA:
  - Per 22-2-602:
    - (2) The advisory committee shall make recommendations to the department of administration for an appropriate design and site for the monument on the grounds of the capitol complex. The monument may be located separately from the tribal flags authorized in 22-2-601(2).
    - (3) The advisory committee shall solicit and accept private contributions to finance the monument and the placement of the monument on the grounds of the capitol complex.
- The authorization provided the Governor in 22-2-601(2), MCA, for erecting the flags supersedes Title 2, Chapter 17, Part 8 (Capitol Complex Master Plan Act).