## Becoming a Montana Main Street Member Community

### Readiness Checklist

Communities interested in the MMS Program should reference the readiness checklist below. A community must be actively pursuing downtown revitalization, working with partner organizations and outlining a commitment to long- and short-term planning. Interested communities are dedicated to improving quality of life through place-based economic development and community preservation. Once accepted to MMS, communities join a collective movement among local partners and grassroots leaders.

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| Task | Response |
| The applicant has been in touch with Commerce MMS Program staff and discussed the community’s vision and goals if accepted as a member community. | Yes  No |
| The applicant has **identified and convened** with a core group of local stakeholders, community leaders, city representatives and development groups that are engaged in downtown revitalization in the community and have gained consensus on participating in the network. | Yes  No |
| The applicant has discussed the MMS Program and opportunities with downtown businesses and downtown property owners. | Yes  No |
| The applicant follows the Main Street America Four-Point Approach and has created sub-committees focusing on these four points. | Yes  No |
| The applicant has visited MMS communities to explore other downtown districts and talk to local leaders about the MMS experience.  If yes, which communities did the applicant observe?  If no, please inquire with the State Program to help your community get connected with similar programs. | Yes  No |
| The applicant has invited MMS to their community for a Main Street 101 presentation and to discuss Program requirements and other downtown revitalization strategies. | Yes  No |
| The applicant has established a volunteer base. | Yes  No |
| The applicant can demonstrate how they will meet the requirement of submitting an annual report. This is often accomplished by first developing an annual strategic plan or detailed work plan. | Yes  No |
| The applicant has a budget for downtown revitalization work. | Yes  No |