

Big Sky Chamber of Commerce – Community & Infrastructure Solution Group
Functions of Local Government

Functional Area	Typical Municipal Responsibilities	Typical County Responsibilities
Health Related Services	City/county board of health	County/city board of health
	Ambulance service	Public health officer
	Animal control	Public health nurse
	Building inspection	Ambulance service
	Cemetery	Cemetery
	Paramedic response service	Domestic animal control
	Solid waste landfill	Food service inspection
	Street sweeping	Hospital
	Water filtration/distribution	Immunization
	Waste water treatment	Livestock inspection service
		Medical assistance facility
		Mosquito abatement
		Nutrition education program
		Paramedic response service
		Pest control
		Rodent control
		Rest home for the aged
		Rural water systems
		Rural waste water systems
		Sanitarian
		Septic system inspection
		Solid waste collection
		Weed control
		Well baby clinics
Public Safety Services	Airport facilities	Airport facilities
	Building inspection	Bridge maintenance
	City attorney	Building inspection
	City/municipal court	County attorney
	Fire suppression	County justice court
	Fire prevention	District court
	Hazardous material response	Fire prevention
	Land use planning and zoning	Fire suppression
	Police protection	Hazardous material response
	Street maintenance	Land use planning and zoning
		Probation and parole

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Public Safety Services (cont.)		Road maintenance
		Sheriff protection
Public Programs, Services and Facilities	Arenas for large events	Arenas for large events
	Band concerts	4-H programs
	Ball parks	Fairs
	Fishing ponds	Libraries
	Libraries	Museum
	Museums	Parks
	Parks	Pools
	Pools	Recreation programs
	Recreation programs	Rodeo grounds
	Soccer fields	Swimming lessons
	Skating rinks	
	Swimming lessons	

Source: Governing Montana at the Grass Roots, by Kenneth L. Weaver, Montana State University Local Government Center, chapter 7.