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Hamilton City Council
223 S 2nd Street
Hamilton, MT 59840

Dear Members of the Hamilton City Council,

My name is Jenell Semple, and I am the Afterschool Program Director for the Corvallis School District. I'm writing today to express my enthusiastic support for the Bitterroot Discovery Children's Museum (BDCM) and their efforts to partner with the City of Hamilton to establish a permanent home in the Bedford Building.

As someone who works directly with children and families in the Bitterroot Valley every day, I can say with confidence that there is a significant need for more family-friendly, affordable, and accessible activities in our community. Families are always looking for meaningful ways to connect, learn, and grow together—and BDCM is working hard to fill that need.

A permanent, brick-and-mortar location would allow BDCM to take their already impactful work to the next level. It would give families a dependable place to go for hands-on learning, creative exploration, and quality time together. It would also serve as a strong partner for youth programs across the valley, including those of us working in after-school and out-of-school time learning.

I hope the City of Hamilton sees the incredible value in this project and the role it can play in strengthening our whole community. Please consider supporting BDCM's request for the use of the Bedford Building—it's an investment that will benefit children and families for generations to come.

Sincerely,
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