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City of McCall honored with National Merit Award for the Local Housing Action Plan

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The City of McCall's Local Housing Action Plan has been awarded the 2023 Vernon Deines Award from the American Planning Association in the APA Small Towns and Rural Division. The Vernon Deines Award is given to an outstanding comprehensive plan or special project plan that addresses the development of a neighborhood, community, county, or region.

"It's exciting to be recognized for the hard work of our staff and our community partners on the plan," said Mayor Bob Giles. The APA recognizing it as an exceptional contribution to small and rural town planning, will hopefully allow other communities also struggling with housing, a tool to explore and better their own strategies."

The Local Housing Action Plan highlights the need for diverse and secure housing at prices that residents can afford to maintain the health, vibrancy, and integrity of the McCall Area community, economy, and environment.

It contains strategies to meet housing needs that have been identified and prioritized in the plan while roles and responsibilities have been assigned. A timeline for achieving those priority strategies has also been established and will continue to evolve and meet changing Local Housing needs over the long term.

We encourage you to logon to www.mccall.id.us/LocalHousingActionPlan to read the complete plan.

The McCall Area Housing Plan was also awarded the Idaho American Planning Association GEM Award earlier this year. Watch the presentation at engagemccall.com/mccallgem