

SFIC Work Plan (Phase II only; working draft for review/discussion/modification at Feb 11-12 meeting)

	Jan 13 Zoom only	Feb 11-12 Helena	CALENDAR YEAR 2026		Aug 12-13 Helena
			April 7-8 Helena	June 17-18 Helena	
<b>Phase II: School Funding Formula Analysis and Recommendations</b>					
Develop understanding of Montana's current funding formula, litigation history, issues with current formula	RFP update Feb outline Funding training (if time)	All funds overview Dist GF deep dive Inflation Analysis Sp Ed - high-cost IEPs Facilities needs English Learners Mental Health Cost of living Levy passage rates	Further explore identified issues with current formula Examine revenue? Countywide BASE change? HB 483 changes?	Further explore identified issues with current formula	Follow-up as needed
Conduct consultant-advised cost study using successful schools methodology		Intro APA Overview methodology Define successful school	Study update and discussion Commission direction as needed	Study results Consultant analysis Discuss findings	Follow-up as needed
Analyze alignment of IEEWG recommendations and existing funding formula; consider changes			Staff analysis Commission discussion		Follow-up as needed
Develop SFIC findings, recommendations, draft legislation incorporating public comment			Workshop potential findings and recs Discuss potential legislation	Refine findings and recs Review potential legislation	Follow-up as needed
Finalize and Publish SFIC report by Sept. 1, 2026					