SFIC Work Plan (Phase II only; working draft for review/discussion/modification at Jan 13 meeting)

	CALENDAR YEAR 2026				
	Jan 13 **Zoom only**	**Feb 11-12** **Helena**	**April 7-8** **Helena**	**June 17-18** **Helena**	**Aug 12-13** **Helena**
Phase II: School Funding Formula Analysis and Recommendations					
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 deep dive Facilities deep dive	Further explore identified issues with current formula		
Conduct consultant-advised cost study using successful schools methodology		Intro Consultant Overview methodology Define successful school	Study update and discussion Commission direction as needed	Study results Consultant analysis Discuss findings	
Analyze alignment of IEEWG recommendations and existing funding formula; consider changes			Staff analysis Commission discussion		
Develop SFIC findings, recommendations, draft legislation incorporating public comment			Workshop potential findings and recs Discuss potential legislation	Refine findings and recs Review potential legislation	
Finalize and Publish SFIC report by Sept. 1, 2026					