

Grants Report 2023

GO! Grants Strategic Initiative

Policy Grants

A VOICE

City: Pablo

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: A VOICE-Art Vision & Outreach In Community Education nurtures skills in literary and visual arts learning and provides tools for young people to aid them in their decisions and endeavors, to guide them toward success.

ANACONDA COMMUNITY MARKET

City: Anaconda

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Our mission is to support the community of Anaconda in fostering a connection to Montana farmers, ranchers and local vendors and businesses to find fresh locally grown foods, handmade goods and other Montana made products. By working together, we are creating a stronger, healthier and more sustainable community.

ANACONDA JR HIGH SCHOOL

City: Anaconda

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: The Center For Excellence is part of the Anaconda School District that works with children and their families with emotional supports needed to be successful in the classroom.

ANACONDA MINISTERIAL PROJECT CARE

City: Anaconda

Grant Amount: \$3,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Project Care provides a means for people in need to receive food, emergency transportation, medicine, meals, help with power bills or rent and other emergency services.

ANACONDA PCA FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

City: Anaconda

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: The mission of the Anaconda Family Resource Center is to increase the strength and stability of families through their community-based programs by increasing parents' confidence and by supporting safe, stable, supportive family environments.

ARLEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

City: Arlee

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Arlee Schools are located in the beautiful Jocko Valley, 17 miles north of Missoula. They offer many quality educational programs from Kindergarten through High School.

ARLEE HIGH SCHOOL

City: Arlee

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Arlee Schools are located in the beautiful Jocko Valley, 17 miles north of Missoula. They offer many quality educational programs from Kindergarten through High School.

ARLEE JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #8

City: Arlee

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Arlee Schools are located in the beautiful Jocko Valley, 17 miles north of Missoula. They offer many quality educational programs from Kindergarten through High School.

ARLEE REHABILITATION CENTER

City: Missoula

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Arlee Rehabilitation Center is a sanctuary where animals heal people and people heal animals.

AWARE INC.

City: Anaconda

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: AWARE's mission is to help people live independent lives. They do this by approaching care with their unconditional care principles and a trauma informed perspective. They work to help youth and their families develop healthy skills and relationships.

BACKPACK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

City: Whitefish

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: The mission of the Backpack Assistance Program is to improve the wellbeing of their school age community members that are subject to food insecurity by providing nutritious supplemental food during the weekend and school closure days.

BIGFORK ACES INC

City: Bigfork

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Bigfork ACES helps kids be successful and achieve their highest potential. They encourage children to be artists, performers, leaders, entrepreneurs, athletes and more. They want to provide opportunities for all children regardless of their ability to pay.

BITTERROOT ECOLOGICAL AWARENESS RESOURCES INC

City: Hamilton

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: BEAR provides youth, and their families, with a positive and meaningful connection to their community and the outdoors. As a result, youth more fully realize their potential and invest in giving back to others and taking care of the landscape.

BOULDER ELEMENTARY DISTRICT

City: Boulder

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Boulder Elementary School strives to provide an outstanding education, to inspire and ensure high achievement, and to grow global citizens who can make a difference in our rapidly changing world.

BOULDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

City: Boulder

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Through hands-on, experiential programming we strive to improve academic achievement, strengthen social skills, and instill healthy behaviors in each of its students. We envision a program that inspires youth to be connected to their community, and mindful citizens of the world, while promoting resiliency through family engagement.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF GLACIER COUNTRY

City: Columbia Fls

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: The mission of the Boys and Girls Club of Glacier Country is to enable all young people, especially those who need them the most, to become caring, responsible and productive citizens.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF MISSOULA COUNTY

City: Missoula

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: The Boys & Girls Club of Missoula County's (BGCM) mission is to inspire and guide all young people to develop positive values and realize their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens through quality out of school time programming.

BUTTE 4 C'S

City: Butte

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Butte 4-C's is a non-profit regional childcare resource and referral agency serving children, families, and early childhood professionals in southwest Montana.

CASA OF LAKE COUNTY

City: Polson

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: CASA of Lake County is a non-profit organization serving Montana's 20th Judicial District, representing the best interests of children experiencing abuse or neglect.

CENTER FOR RESTORATIVE YOUTH JUSTICE

City: Kalispell

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Center for Restorative Youth Justice addresses the root causes and impacts of harm, deepen connections and relationships, and empower each other to move through the world with equity and integrity.

CHARLO COMMUNITY OUTDOOR COMPLEX INC

City: Charlo

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: The mission of the Charlo Community Outdoor Complex is to support, encourage and inspire youth in the discovery of their own unique skills and abilities; to strengthen and to instill in them the values and qualities essential in developing thoughtful, confident and productive young men and women.

COMMUNITY FOOD AND AGRICULTURE COALITION

City: Missoula

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: The Community Food and Agriculture Coalition's mission is to develop and strengthen Montana's food system: promoting sustainable agriculture; building regional self-reliance; and assuring all citizens equal access to healthy, affordable, and culturally appropriate food.

COMMUNITY HARVEST INC

City: Thompson Falls

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: The mission of Community Harvest is to provide meals for community members experiencing food insecurity within the towns of Thompson Falls and Trout Creek.

DAYTON ELEMENTARY PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

City: Dayton

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: The mission of the Dayton Elementary Parent Teacher Organization is to support rural Lake County families and teachers in the pursuit of better opportunities and environments for learning.

DIXON SCHOOL DISTRICT #9

City: Dixon

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Dixon School provides the necessary academic, behavioral, and creative thinking skills that will allow all students to be successful through their school career and life.

DRUMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

City: Drummond

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Drummond Elementary School is a public school committed to teaching every student to be lifelong learners and productive community citizens.

DRUMMOND HIGH SCHOOL

City: Drummond

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Drummond High School is a public school that is committed to teaching lifelong learners and productive community citizens.

DRUMMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT 11

City: Drummond

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Drummond School District 11 is committed to teaching lifelong learners and productive community citizens.

DRUMMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT 2

City: Drummond

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Drummond School District 2 is committed to teaching lifelong learners and productive community citizens.

EMPOWER MT

City: Missoula

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Forward Montana builds political power with and for young Montanans by driving a culture of civic engagement and electing leaders and passing policies that are representative of the needs and vision of their generation.

EVERGREEN KIDS CORNER INC.

City: Hamilton

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: EKC strives to provide a nature-based curriculum where children are given daily opportunities to interact with items and places that can be found in the beautiful Bitterroot valley.

FAMILIES FIRST LEARNING LAB

City: Missoula

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Families First Learning Lab strengthens families through education, connection, play, and partnership.

FAMILIES IN PARTNERSHIP INCORPORATED

City: Libby

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Families in Partnership Incorporated is committed to promoting and developing the potential of families and improving the community through effective action and leadership.

FIFTH JUDICAL DISTRICT VOICE FOR CHILDREN INC

City: Dillon

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: The mission for The Fifth Judicial District Voice for Children is to advocate for the best interest of children who have experienced abuse or neglect. Their volunteer advocates speak on behalf of children and are the eyes and the ears of the Court.

FLINT CREEK CHILDCARE CO.

City: Philipsburg

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: The mission of Flint Creek Childcare is to develop a licensed, quality childcare program for Philipsburg families that is affordable, accessible, and sustainable.

FLORENCE COMMUNITY CENTER

City: Florence

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: The mission of the Florence Community Center is to create a safe space that connects education, community, and athletics to lifelong health & wellness at Florence Carlton School.

FLORENCE CRITTENTON HOME & SERVICES

City: Helena

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Florence Crittenton provides innovative, comprehensive services and nurturing programs that engage and empower children, young adults, and young families to thrive and build productive lives.

FLORENCE-CARLTON SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION

City: Florence

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: The Florence-Carlton School Parent Association is working to foster community and school spirit and to enhance the educational process through a variety of activities and events.

FRIENDS OF WHITEPINE GRANGE

City: Trout Creek

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Friends of Whitepine Grange is a fund-raising organization for the historic Whitepine Grange Hall at 9 Faro Lane, Trout Creek, MT. The money raised by "Friends" goes to renovations, upgrades, maintenance and program development of this historic community center.

HEARTISM COMMUNITY CENTER

City: Corvallis

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: The mission of HEARTism Community Center (HCC) is to provide education and socialization for children with special needs through exploration of the arts-music, dance, creative movement, yoga, and a variety of activities and life skills-while supporting and educating parents and families.

HELPING HOOVES

City: Dillon

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Helping Hooves incorporates rescued horses, goats, cows, and other farm animals into therapy sessions creating a fun and meaningful environment while clients learn skills to help them live a happy and fulfilled life.

HERE MONTANA

City: Missoula

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Here Montana engages, empowers, and elevates the Black, Indiginous, and people of color (BIPOC) community to spend time outside in a safe and informed way, thereby building a BIPOC outdoor community and developing outdoor leaders within that community.

KIDS CO-OP

City: Polson

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: The Kids Co-op aims to build resilient food systems for everyone.

KIWANIS OF LIBBY AND TROY

City: Libby

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Kiwanis Foundation of Montana is dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time.

KOOTENAI HERITAGE COUNCIL INC.

City: Libby

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Kootenai Heritage Council preserves and transmits heritage, enhances culture and contributes to the social, educational and economic wellbeing of Lincoln County, Montana through the education, performance, enjoyment, viewing and understanding of all forms of artistic activity.

LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DBA MISSION WEST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

City: Ronan

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: The Mission of Lake County Community Development Corporation (LCCDC) is to enhance the quality of life and economic well being of all residents of Lake County and the Flathead Indian Reservation.

LINCOLN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES FOUNDATION

City: Libby

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Lincoln County Libraries is a cornerstone of family resiliency, providing important literacy programming, community engagement, and resource connection in the rural communities of Libby, Troy, and Eureka, as well as the smaller, even more remote communities in Lincoln County like Yaak and Bull River.

LINCOLN PRIMARY PRESCHOOL

City: Anaconda

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Lincoln Primary School works with community partners on supporting students with disabilities and ensuring that students who need intervention get the needed services.

LOADS OF DIGNITY (FORMALLY LAUNDRY LOVE HAMILTON)

City: Hamilton

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Loads of Dignity offers people experiencing houselessness and financial insecurity to bring in their laundry to wash and dry at their local laundromat, Fast & Fluffy.

MAPS MEDIA INSTITUTE, INC.

City: Hamilton

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: MAPS empowers, inspires, and prepares Montana's next generation for future success through professional media arts instruction, engaging community service, and compassionate mentoring.

MINERAL COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

City: Superior

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Mineral County Community Foundation believes that families who recreate and exercise outdoors improve their health, both physical and mental.

MINERAL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

City: Superior

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: The Mineral County Health Department provides basic public health services which assess, promote, and protect the health status, environment, and individual well-being to support health and quality of life throughout Mineral County.

MINERAL COUNTY HELP INC

City: Superior

Grant Amount: \$7,000

Organization's Mission Statement: Mineral County Helpline's mission is to provide help to Mineral County people experiencing domestic and/or sexual violence.

MONTANA CONGRESS OF PARENTS TEACHERS STUDENTS

City: Alberton

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: The Alberton PTSA strives to positively impact the lives of all students, families, staff, and community members by working to create, promote, and support meaningful connections throughout our community.

MONTANA LAND TO HAND

City: Whitefish

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: The mission of Land to Hand is to build a strong community food system that fosters socially just ways of accessing food.

MONTANA SKATEPARK ASSOCIATION

City: Missoula

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: The Montana Skatepark Association helps Montana communities establish skateboard parks and skateboard program development with the goal of creating additional recreational opportunities and positive alternatives for its residents and underserved youth.

MOVING MOUNTAINS FOUNDATION

City: Missoula

Grant Amount: \$7,000

Organization's Mission Statement: Moving Mountains Foundation (MMF) is dedicated to improving the quality of lives of children and adults with developmental and acquired disabilities by: Supporting improved access to skilled services (occupational therapy, speech therapy, physical therapy, and mental health) in the individual's natural environment, Improving community awareness and understanding of neurodiversity, Supporting access to needed supplies and materials to improve individual's independence in their daily activities.

NORTH VALLEY FOOD BANK INC

City: Whitefish

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: North Valley Food Bank's mission is "building food security, strengthening communities."

PLAINS 7-8

City: Plains

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: The mission of the Plains School District, in partnership with the community, serves to provide each student a diverse education in a safe, supportive, caring environment that promotes self-discipline, motivation, and excellence in learning.

PLAINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

City: Plains

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: The mission of the Plains School District, in partnership with the community, serves to provide each student a diverse education in a safe, supportive, caring environment that promotes self-discipline, motivation, and excellence in learning.

PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL

City: Plains

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: The mission of the Plains School District, in partnership with the community, serves to provide each student with a diverse education in a safe, supportive, caring environment that promotes self-discipline, motivation, and excellence in learning. The school's organization, curriculum, and co-curricular activities are child-centered to assist our leaders of tomorrow in succeeding and contributing responsibly to a global community.

PROMISE686, INC

City: Norcross

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Promise686 mobilizes local church communities to serve vulnerable children.

PROMOTING EXCELLNCE IN ALBERTON - AREA KIDS FOUNDATION

City: Alberton

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: The PEAK Foundation's mission is to build and support a community of thriving children and families by providing community-wide events, direct services, and philanthropic support focused on academia, culture, and health.

SAFE HARBOUR INC

City: Ronan

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: SAFE Harbor's mission is to provide a safe, nurturing, and healing environment to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence.

SANDERS COUNTY COMMUNITY HOUSING ORGANIZATION, INC

City: Thompson Falls

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Sanders County Community Housing Organization promotes decent and affordable housing in Sanders County, MT.

SEELEY LAKE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

City: Seeley Lake

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Seeley Lake Community Foundation engages philanthropy, provides leadership, and enhances the quality of life and economic vitality of the Seeley Lake area.

SMELTER CITY RECREATION COMPLEX

City: Anaconda

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: The Smelter City Recreation Complex is an indoor community-focused space where the local population can stay active year-round.

SNQWEYLMISTN

City: Ronan

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: The mission of SNQWEYLMISTN is to nurture indigenous community through experiential learning and traditional lifeways.

SPARROWS VINE

City: Seeley Lake

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Sparrow's Vine Parenting and Pregnancy Resource Center offers support during pregnancy and throughout parenting.

ST IGNATIUS HIGH SCHOOL

City: St Ignatius

Grant Amount: \$5,000

Organization's Mission Statement: Our goal is to teach our school and community about inclusion for all regardless of physical, mental or socio-economic differences.

SUPERIOR ELEMENTARY

City: Superior

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: To create and enhance students' interest in growing their own food, recognizing food sources and teaching the arts of preserving foods through tried and true methods like drying and canning, and also incorporating products using modern technologies like freeze drying. Teaching hands on life skills has gotten lost amid COVID, broken or dysfunctional families, the generational poverty wheel and fractured community involvement. We are hoping to re-connect using food and self-care as a way to provide an avenue for future health & well-being for all generations.

SUPPORTERS OF ABUSE FREE ENVIRONMENTS INC.

City: Hamilton

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: SAFE's mission is to decrease domestic and sexual violence and its impact in Ravalli County, Montana.

SWAN VALLEY SCHOOL

City: Condon

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Swan Valley Elementary exists to provide an quality education to the students of families in the Swan Valley.

TFS COMMUNITY HALL

City: Trego

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Trego Community Hall's mission is to provide a space for their community to gather, celebrate, learn, and stay connected.

TWO EAGLE RIVER SCHOOL

City: Pablo

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Two Eagle River School is an alternative school for Native American students, provides Native languages and a culturally relevant curriculum in a safe, healthy environment. The school community creates a foundation for each student to become a life learner, to promote development of the whole individual, and to become a responsible, productive citizen of the community, state, nation and world.

VALLEY OAK EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTER

City: Hamilton

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: The mission of Valley Oak Education Resource Center is to help students (high school and college) achieve financial security and make healthy allocation of their limited resources (money, time, energy).

WATSON CHILDRENS SHELTER INC

City: Missoula

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: The mission of Watson Children's Shelter is to provide safety, nurturing, and stability to children and families through quality services and trauma-informed care.

WHITEHALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

City: Whitehall

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: To provide a safe, cooperative educational environment where everyone is motivated to succeed. Excellence will be achieved through lifelong learning, individualized instruction, and family/community partnerships.

WHITEHALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

City: Whitehall

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: Whitehall Schools' mission is to provide a safe, cooperative, educational environment where everyone is motivated to succeed.

YAAK FOOD CUPBOARD

City: Troy

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: The Yaak Food Cupboard is an emergency food assistance program in Lincoln County.

YES YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SERVICES

City: Anaconda

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Organization's Mission Statement: YES Youth Empowerment Services exists to make a positive difference in youth by assisting them in realizing their true potential.

ALL NATIONS HEALTH CENTER

Building Staff Resilience with STAR-T Training

Grant Amount: \$20,000

Grant Term: 1 year

Capacity Building

Description: This grant will support All Nations Health Center staff participation in an intensive training on secondary trauma to increase staff and community resilience and improve health, including in the Native American community in the Missoula area.

AMERICAN INDIAN GOVERNANCE AND POLICY INSTITUTE

American Indian Governance and Policy Institute Research

Grant Amount: \$100,000

Grant Term: 1 year

Policy

Description: AIGPI provides tribal leaders with credible, in-depth research and analysis of tribal-level policies identified as most important to tribal health and wellbeing by tribal leaders. This collaborative, data-backed approach honors existing tribal strengths and sovereignty and provides support to tribal governing structures by furthering tribal leaders' efforts to strengthen the individual and community health and well-being of Native communities in Montana. This grant supports the provision of credible, in-depth research and analysis that is responsive to tribal nations on topics related to the social determinants of health on reservations in Montana.

CANVAS EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Early Childhood Coalition of Beaverhead County

Grant Amount: \$200,000

Grant Term: 1 year

Zero to Five

Description: The Early Childhood Coalition of Beaverhead County works to provide greater access to resources for children and families already in existence in the county, as well as create and implement additional resources so that children are supported in their growth and development, parents are empowered to raise their children with skills and confidence and families are connected in ways that allows them to engage with others who are experiencing similar things to them.

CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING - MISSOULA

Championship Boxing - Missoula

Grant Amount: \$25,000

Grant Term: 1 year

American Indian

Description: Championship Boxing - Missoula's programming is rooted in Indigenous knowledge systems of self-actualization and focuses on building strong connections to community and the physical, mental, emotional, and leadership skills of youth ages 8 to 19 years old, through the lens of competitive boxing. The program is a welcoming space for youth not otherwise participating in out-of-school programs.

COMMUNITY EQUITY INITIATIVE

Community Equity Initiative Grant Amount: \$250,000 Grant Term: 1 year

Capacity Building

Description: Headwaters funding will support efforts to build a more inclusive Missoula through recruitment of diverse students to Missoula, retention of those students in our community, opportunities for organizations and businesses to diversify their workforce, and education for employees to foster more inclusive workplaces and more inclusive public services.

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CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES

Flathead Indian Reservation Food Sovereignty Initiative

Grant Amount: \$500,000

Grant Term: 1 year

American Indian

Description: This project supports healthy and thriving Native communities by providing healthy food to our tribal people, promoting cultural values by reconnecting with our foods and land, and supporting economic development opportunities for the community.

HEALTHY MOTHERS, HEALTHY BABIES, THE MONTANA COALITION, INC. (HMHB-MT)

General Operating support to Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies

Grant Amount: \$100,000

Grant Term: 2 year

Policy

Description: Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies seeks to improve the health, safety, and well-being of Montana families by supporting mothers and babies, age zero to three. Their vision is a safe and healthy beginning for all babies in Montana.

HELPING HANDS

Flathead Reservation & Lake County Zero to Five

Grant Amount: \$200,000

Grant Term: 1 year

Zero to Five

Description: The Zero to Five Flathead Reservation - Lake County is working to expand and enhance opportunities for pro-social engagement for children and families on the Flathead Reservation and in Lake County, as well as provide training options, programming interventions, community education, and partnership development activities. By strategically bringing together a diverse cross-section of agencies and community members, from both tribal and non-tribal partners, the project will raise awareness of services, facilitate greater community understanding, improve local capacity, and foster higher levels of cooperation, while modeling authentic team building that leads to valuable, long-term changes for a better early childhood system.

LINCOLN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES FOUNDATION

Addressing Health Disparities by Building Equity, Diversity & Inclusion in Montana Libraries

Grant Amount: \$8,000

Grant Term: 1 year

Capacity Building

Description: Libraries try to create spaces where everyone is welcome and to provide equitable access to information. Libraries do this for people from diverse backgrounds and origins, regardless of their beliefs or affiliations. But achieving goals for equity, diversity, and inclusion is not easy and often takes years of undoing old systems of inequity, starting within libraries themselves.

In partnership with the Montana Library Association and EmpowerMT, a 6-session "Year of Learning" series with topics related to equity, diversity, and inclusion will be discussed as they relate to libraries across Montana. Every other month will highlight a new focus area, with opportunities for Montana library professionals to learn, interact, and take action. The workshop series will help participants become leaders in ending oppression by deepening self-awareness, increasing understanding of inequities, and developing intervention and ally skills.

MISSOULA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Montana Civic Engagement Funding Landscape Analysis

Grant Amount: \$10,000

Grant Term: 1 year

Policy

Description: This grant will support research describe the funding landscape around civic engagement in Montana using the Philanthropy for Active Civic Engagement (PACE) model. The research results will provide funders, grantees, and other decision makers with better information and understanding of the current state of philanthropic funding of civic engagement work in Montana.

MONTANA ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

Montana Advocates for Children

Grant Amount: \$100,000

Grant Term: 1 year

Zero to Five

Description: Headwaters funding will support a coalition coordinator position for the Montana Advocates for Children (MAC), a policy coalition working to advance statewide policies to improve access to affordable child care and early childhood education.

MONTANA FREE PRESS

Montana Free Press - Health Equity Beat

Grant Amount: \$20,000

Grant Term: 1 year

Capacity Building

Description: Montana Free Press aims to inform Montanans of the health disparities in the state by continuing a full-time health equity beat and converting the Native News Fellow to a full-time position covering indigenous issues. This work will deepen their coverage of health care access and health equity issues and highlight the narratives of local community members and their responses to the health disparities they're facing, including the indigenous population of Montana.

MONTANA NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION INC

Capacity Building & Trust Based Philanthropy

Grant Amount: \$210,000

Grant Term: 1 year

Capacity Building

Description: The Montana Nonprofit Association (MNA) works to advance the resilience of the nonprofit sector that are addressing the social determinants of health. They do this through nonprofit professional development and organizational capacity building resources, tools, technical services, and programming across Montana, including a priority focus on less resourced and rural nonprofit organizations.

MONTANA PARTNERSHIP TO END CHILDHOOD HUNGER INC

Capacity-Building Support to the Montana Partnership to End Childhood Hunger

Grant Amount: \$24,500

Grant Term: 1 year

Capacity Building

Description: This grant will support the communications capacity of the Montana Partnership to End Childhood Hunger and their partners as they work to change the narrative of how Montanans think and talk about hunger to support their work to end childhood hunger and reduce health disparities.

MONTANA PARTNERSHIP TO END CHILDHOOD HUNGER INC

General Operating Support to MT-PECH

Grant Amount: \$50,000

Grant Term: 1 year

Policy

Description: The Montana Partnership to End Childhood Hunger (MT-PECH)'s mission is to end childhood hunger by funding and driving cross-sector collaboration to improve nutrition security and food systems across Montana. MT-PECH envisions healthy, strong communities where everyone has access to sustainable, affordable, locally produced, nutrient-dense food.

MONTANA TWO SPIRIT SOCIETY

General Operating Support to the Montana Two Spirit Society

Grant Amount: \$25,000

Grant Term: 1 year

American Indian

Description: The mission of the Montana Two Spirit Society is to advocate and educate the Montana LGBTQ community and general community about Two Spirit issues, histories and traditions. We promote health, wellness and spiritual well being by sharing our traditions with one another, healing past wounds, and learning new ways to combat disease. We also outreach and build alliances and coalitions with other community based organizations to increase visibility of the Two Spirit and Native LGBTQ community and restore our traditions.

NORTH MISSOULA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Capacity-Building Support to the North Missoula Community Development Corporation

Grant Amount: \$25,000

Grant Term: 1 year

Capacity Building

Description: This grant will support the communications capacity of the North Missoula Community Development Corporation to rebrand and implement their new strategic framework to advocate for affordable housing and neighborhood engagement as social determinants of health.

POVERELLO CENTER

Capacity-Building Support to the Poverello Center

Grant Amount: \$22,500

Grant Term: 1 year

Capacity Building

Description: This grant will support the Poverello Center's organizational capacity in two ways: 1) Development of communications and marketing materials to raise awareness and engage the community in the work they do around housing as a social determinant of health. 2) Engagement of a workplace wellness consultant to build staff and organizational resilience around experiences of secondary trauma to improve staff, client, and community health and wellbeing.

POVERELLO CENTER

Montana Coalition to End Homelessness

Grant Amount: \$75,000

Grant Term: 1 year

Policy

Description: This work seeks to uplift the voices and experiences of those who are houseless, build a diverse coalition of stakeholders around houselessness issues, educate and inform stakeholders on the importance of houselessness services (such as case management and supportive housing), and develop the leadership skills of coalition partners and stakeholders to sustain the coalition going forward. Leadership development will have a particular focus on individuals directly impacted by houselessness, marginalized communities who experience a disparate rate of houselessness, and service providers working directly with people experiencing houselessness.

SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

Mental Health Access Reporting

Grant Amount: \$5,000

Grant Term: 1 year

Capacity Building

Description: This grant will support the production and distribution of UM Journalism student reporting on the social determinants of health in Montana, including a focus on mental health access and LGBTQIA+, Native American, and rural communities.

SKC INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Cultural Preservation - Encampment & Language

Grant Amount: \$100,000

Grant Term: 1 year

American Indian

Description: This project supports healthy and thriving Native American communities by preserving the seasonal rounds and Native languages essential to Native American identity, belonging, and health.

SOUTHWEST MONTANA YOUTH PARTNERS

Capacity Building for Children and Families in Southwest Montana

Grant Amount: \$100,000

Grant Term: 1 year

Zero to Five

Description: Southwest Montana Youth Partners (SMYP) will work to implement solutions for more affordable and attainable childcare in Southwest Montana. In the next year,

SMYP will also establish a new youth leadership program. Through these programs SMYP strives to create healthier environments where all children can learn by focusing on children's socialemotional growth and nurturing life skills that lay a foundation for healthy relationships, academic success and overall resilience.

ST PETER'S HEALTH FOUNDATION

Early Childhood Collaborative of the Greater Helena Area

Grant Amount: \$200,000

Grant Term: 1 year

Zero to Five

Description: The Early Childhood Collaborative of the Greater Helena Area (ECC) works to promote community collaboration to network resources and streamline services in support of the health, safety, care, and education for children prenatal through 8 years of age and their families in the greater Helena area. In the next year, the ECC will begin to build the foundation for upstream work, growing community capacity for increased childcare access, and cultivating a workforce pipeline through support and integration.

THE HENRY J. KAISER FAMILY FOUNDATION

Kaiser Health News Montana Health News Partnership

Grant Amount: \$145,000

Grant Term: 1 year

Capacity Building

Description: This grant supports the capacity of Kaiser Health News to build significant, new, and long-term journalistic resources in Montana. Reporting focuses on the social determinants of health and health policy issues most important to Montanans and puts a face on the local impacts of national and state-wide health, health policy, and health industry issues.

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA - CENTER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Early Childhood Coalitions Capacity Development

Grant Amount: \$250,000

Grant Term: 1 year

Capacity Building

Description: The UM Center for Children, Families and Workforce Development provides capacity building and systems-level support for Montana's early childhood coalitions addressing social determinants of health in Western Montana. The UM Center will offer local early childhood collaborative support for systems change initiatives funded by Headwaters as well as early childhood coalitions established in other communities across the state. UM Center will offer coordination and facilitation support to foster stronger collaboration, strengthen relationships and identify opportunities for collective impact amongst early childhood coalitions in the state.

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA - CENTER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Evaluation of the Childcare Innovation Grants

Grant Amount: \$85,500

Grant Term: 1 year

Policy

Description: This grant will support the University of Montana Center for Children, Families, & Workforce Development's evaluation of the DPHHS childcare innovation grants to identify replicable successes and support a robust childcare system in Montana.

WATSON CHILDRENS SHELTER INC

Capacity Building Support to Watson Children's Shelter

Grant Amount: \$25,000

Grant Term: 1 year

Capacity Building

Description: Watson Children's Shelter provides safety, nurturing, and stability to children & families through quality services and trauma-informed care. Their vision is for all children and families to live healthy, happy, and productive lives. This funding allows them to focus on organizational strengthening efforts for thier staff to effectively do thier work.

WESTERN NATIVE VOICE EDUCATION PROJECT

2023 Strategic Initiative and Policy Grant

Engaging Native Americans in Policy Issues in Montana

Grant Amount: \$125,000

Grant Term: 1 year

Policy

Description: Western Native Voice Education Project's mission is to foster positive social change and healthy Native communities through leadership development, education, engagement, and public policy advocacy. Through their work, they envision engaging Native Americans in building political and personal power to address local community challenges. They support and encourage Native community members, including youth, to step up and be a voice for their families and communities through the civic engagement process and public policies that affect their lives and well-being. They strive for a world absent of inequality, where every human has equal access to safety and success.

ZERO TO FIVE MONTANA - STATEWIDE OFFICE

Zero to Five Statewide Office

Grant Amount: \$500,000

Grant Term: 1 year

Zero to Five

Description: Zero to Five Montana is a dedicated early childhood organization focused on increasing access to early care and education in Montana so families and communities can thrive. Working in partnership with communities, tribes, policymakers, employers, parents and others, Zero to Five Montana advances positive early childhood outcomes through policy, innovative partnerships, collaboration and sustainable solutions.