2021 MAJOR COMMUNITY PROJECT FUND Awardees

**Flathead Land Trust:** $15,000 to support the Bad Rock Canyon Conservation Project, a monumental effort to protect 772 acres of critical habitat along the Flathead River while creating new public access and recreational opportunities. The Bad Rock Canyon Conservation Project will protect habitat utilized by 43 species that have been identified by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks as Species of Greatest Conservation Need. The project will also offer an opportunity to expand the Gateway to Glacier Trail system for use by hikers and bicyclists.

**North Valley Food Bank:** $25,000 to support the organization’s facility expansion project. North Valley Food Bank has experienced a 300 percent increase in demand for their services since 2019. The expanded facility will include larger walk-in refrigeration and freezer units that staff and volunteers can access with an automated handcart or fork lift. The project also includes adding a commercial kitchen to the facility so staff and volunteers can process, preserve and store nutritional foods throughout the year, including seasonal fruits and vegetables.