



2021 MICRO GRANT PROGRAM

Accepting applications until December 16, 2021

The Whitefish Community Foundation supports nonprofit, charitable organizations that enhance the quality of life for residents of the Flathead Valley, Montana.

The Micro Grant Program is designed to respond quickly to the needs of local nonprofits to fund **small-scale** projects or programs.

The first step in the application process will be to complete a Letter of Interest (LOI). Whitefish Community Foundation will evaluate submitted LOI's and determine if your organization is eligible to apply for a Micro Grant, or if your project or program may be better served by applying to another of our granting programs.

Organizations may receive a Micro Grant, Community Grant, or participate in the Great Fish Community Challenge, but cannot receive funding from more than one of these grant programs within a calendar year.

The Micro Grant Program will accept applications until December 16, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. MST.

The maximum grant awarded is \$1,000.

Please contact lynette@whitefishcommunityfoundation.org if you have questions regarding Micro Grants.

REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants for funding must be tax exempt under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or publicly-owned tax exempt organizations. Tax exempt status must exist at time of application. A copy of the organization's official I.R.S. Determination Letter will be uploaded into the LOI.
- The applying nonprofit, and the program to be funded must serve residents of Flathead County, Montana.

Whitefish Community Foundation Grants Committee prioritizes funding and initiatives where there is a social need, and where the results will benefit our community at large. The Foundation will consider funding for projects and programs that fulfill the mission of the organization.



Although the Grants Committee reviews each proposal separately, generally, requests for the following will not qualify for a Micro Grant:

- *Operational support
- *Organizations outside Flathead County
- *Individuals
- *Deficits or retirement of debt
- *Programs or projects promoting a religious doctrine
- *Political campaigns or projects/programs promoting a political agenda
- *Conduit organizations, i.e., organizations or events that pass funds to other organizations
- *Seed money for projects or programs not yet started, or for projects or programs that are completed or conducted prior to the grant award date
- *Event sponsorships