

COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM - Accepting Applications from February 14 to March 24, 2022 at 4pm MST

Beginning in 2022, the Community Grant Program will expand to help nonprofits create even greater impact in the Flathead Valley. The program will offer one application cycle in the spring, and will accept applications from nonprofits of all sizes, including nonprofits participating in the Great Fish Community Challenge.

The maximum Community Grant request is \$10,000.00.

The Community Grant Program is open to all nonprofits serving the Flathead Valley. It is a solid stepping stone for nonprofits interested in applying to participate in the Great Fish Community Challenge. It provides the Community Foundation with the opportunity to learn more about a nonprofit's programs, governance, and financial health. **As in the past, Community Grants will support projects, programs and/or operations of applying organizations that are not participating in the Great Fish Community Challenge.**

Organizations applying to participate in the 2022 Great Fish Community Challenge may also apply for a Community Grant, provided the following conditions are met:

- a new and significant need is identified by the nonprofit, OR
- the nonprofit is working on a capital project not funded by Great Fish Community Challenge funding, OR
- the nonprofit is launching a new program, not funded by Great Fish Community Challenge funding

Great Fish Community Challenge participating organizations will have the opportunity to explain how their Community Grant project will broaden their impact and add value to existing programs in the Community Grant application.

Please contact Lynnette Donaldson or Jill Seigmund at (406) 863-1781 or email grants@whitefishcommunityfoundation.org if you have questions about Community Grant Program eligibility.

COMMUNITY GRANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- The applying organization must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation or publicly-owned tax-exempt corporation serving Flathead County, Montana, **OR** a 501(c)(4) service organization or 501(c)(6) trade organization presenting a specific project or program that serves a charitable purpose for residents of Flathead County, Montana.
- Tax exempt status must exist at the time of application. A copy of the organization's official I.R.S. Determination Letter will be uploaded into this application.
- The Community Foundation recognizes there are nonprofits in Lincoln County providing crucial health and human services. If your organization falls into this category, please submit a grant application, and the Grants Committee will consider your request.

WHITEFISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WILL NOT CONSIDER REQUESTS TO FUND:

- Individuals
- Deficits or retirement of debt
- Programs or projects promoting a religious doctrine
- Political campaigns or projects/programs promoting a political agenda
- Conduit organizations and/or fiscal sponsors, i.e. organizations or events that pass funds to other organizations
- Seed money for projects or programs not yet started by newly established organizations, or for projects or programs that are completed prior to the grant award date
- Fundraising event sponsorships

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WILL BE UPLOADED INTO THE APPLICATION:

1. Detailed Project/Program Budget for the project or program to be supported by this grant

- The budget will include all budgeted income sources and expenses for the life of the project/program

2. Budget versus Actual Profit and Loss Statement for the most recently completed fiscal year

- Profit & Loss Statements that do not include a budget column will not be accepted
- This document may be a few pages long, but all columns must all fit on one page

3. Two-Year Comparative Balance Sheet for the organization's two most recently completed fiscal years

4. IRS 501(c)(3) Determination Letter (all pages)

The Foundation's Grants Committee will prioritize funding of organizations and initiatives where there is a **demonstrated** need, and where the results will benefit our communities at large. The Foundation will consider funding for organizations with a demonstrated history of offered programs working to fulfill the mission of the organization. **Whitefish Community Foundation grants fund programs that primarily benefit residents of the Flathead Valley, Montana.**

Applicants will be notified in late May 2022.