2023 Community Emergency Response Fund
Accepting applications from January 2 to December 31, 2023

Whitefish Community Foundation has developed a Community Emergency Response Fund to provide flexible resources for nonprofits facing an unexpected emergency.

These grants may be deployed rapidly to support nonprofits during a recognized emergency or disaster in the Flathead Valley, or they may be utilized to fund projects or repairs that must be addressed immediately in order to keep a local nonprofit operating.

What kinds of projects are appropriate for an emergency grant request?

1. Unforeseen situations that must be addressed immediately or the nonprofit will be unable to continue programs and fulfill its mission.
2. Support for nonprofit programs mobilized to address an emergency in one or more Flathead Valley communities.

What kinds of projects or programs are NOT appropriate for an emergency grant request?

1. Recurring expenses
2. Travel expenses
3. General operating expenses
4. A project already completed
5. Routine maintenance

Eligibility

- The applying organization must be a 501(C)(3) nonprofit charity, government entity, or other IRS recognized charitable entity, primarily providing services to 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 the application.

There is no maximum request for a Community Emergency Response Fund grant. Whitefish Community Foundation will determine funding based on the grant request and the scale of the emergency.

Whitefish Community Foundation will not award Community Emergency Response Fund grants to 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
- Projects or programs that are completed or conducted prior to the grant award date
• Fundraising event sponsorships

Once an applicant submits an LOI, the Whitefish Community Foundation Grants Committee will determine if the Community Emergency Response Fund is the best program to serve the request. Applicants will be notified within 2 business days if their LOI has been approved, and successful applicants will be invited to submit a Community Emergency Response Fund application.

Please contact Lynnette Donaldson or Jill Seigmund via email by clicking here, or telephone at (406) 863-1781 if you have questions.