

THE KIDS FUND - Giving Voice to Children

Accepting Applications until November 16, 2023

One-time and multi-year grants for programs serving homeless youth, or youth at risk of becoming homeless

Kids Fund applying organizations currently serve homeless youth, or youth at-risk of becoming homeless in Flathead County.

The Kids Fund accepts applications to support nonprofit projects and programs primarily serving disadvantaged and/or homeless Flathead Valley youth with immediate needs in the areas of health, safety, food access and/or education.

Qualifying organizations may apply for one of the following:

- one-time request of up to \$50,000, OR
- multi-year request of up to \$50,000 per year for up to three consecutive years, depending on the scale and needs of the program

Applicants may submit a Letter of Interest (LOI). The Whitefish Community Foundation Grants Committee will review the LOI to determine if the Kids Fund is the best program to serve the request. Applicants will be notified within 5 business days if their LOI has been approved, and successful applicants will be invited to submit a Kids Fund application.

Eligibility:

- Applying organizations must be based in Flathead County, and offer well-established programs serving homeless youth, or youth at-risk of becoming homeless.
- The organization must be tax exempt under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or a publicly-owned tax exempt organization. Tax exempt status must exist at the time of application.

Application Requirements and Information:

- A copy of the organization's official I.R.S. Determination Letter will be uploaded into the application.
- An organizational Budget vs Actual Profit & Loss Statement for the most recently completed fiscal year, and a 2-Year Comparative Balance Sheet will be uploaded into the application, as well as a detailed project/program budget illustrating how grant funds will be allocated.
- The application will require the organization to upload board of director's meeting minutes demonstrating the project/program has been discussed, and the application to the Kids Fund has been approved.
- The Kids Fund supports programs within a single nonprofit organization, and/or collaborative programs involving multiple nonprofit organizations.

Kids Fund grants will not support:

- *Programs or projects promoting a religious doctrine
- *Organizations outside Flathead County
- *Individuals
- *Deficits or retirement of debt
- *Political campaigns or projects/programs promoting a political agenda
- *Conduit organizations or organizations under fiscal sponsorship (organizations or events that pass funds to other organizations)
- *Fundraising event sponsorships

Please contact Lynnette Donaldson or Jill Seigmund via email by clicking [HERE](#), or call (406) 863-1781 if you have questions regarding this grant program.