COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM -
Accepting Applications from February 27 to March 30, 2023 at 5 p.m. MST

This 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 Community Grant Program is open to all 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charities serving the Flathead Valley. It provides Whitefish Community Foundation with the opportunity to learn more about a nonprofit's programs, governance, and financial health. For these reasons, Whitefish Community Foundation encourages new nonprofits and those without a history of receiving grants from the Foundation to apply for a Community Grant. The program is a solid stepping stone for nonprofits interested in applying to participate in the Great Fish Community Challenge.

Organizations applying to participate in the 2023 Great Fish Community Challenge may also apply for a Community Grant, provided the following conditions are met:

- the grant will support a capital project not funded by Great Fish Community Challenge funding, OR
- a new and significant need is identified by the nonprofit

Great Fish Community Challenge participating organizations will explain how the proposed capital project falls outside of their Great Fish Community Challenge use of funds in their application.

Organizations NOT planning to participate in the Great Fish Community Challenge may apply for a Community Grant to support:

- Programs furthering the mission of the organization
- Capital projects

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.
- The Community Foundation recognizes there are nonprofits in Lincoln and Glacier counties providing crucial health and human services. If your organization falls into this category, please submit a grant application, and the Grants Committee will consider these on a case-by-case basis.
• 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.

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 budgeted income sources and itemized expenses.

2. Budget vs 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 more than one-page 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 history of established programs working to fulfill the mission of the organization. \textit{Whitefish Community Foundation grants fund programs that primarily benefit residents of the Flathead Valley, Montana.}

Applicants will be notified in May.

\textbf{Whitefish Community Foundation will host the Community Grants Award Ceremony at the O’Shaughnessy Center in Whitefish, on May 18, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Successful applicants must be present at the Awards Ceremony to receive their grant.}