



2026

WHAT IS THE CIRCLE OF GIVING?

The Circle of Giving is our core group of donors who give \$5,000 or more annually to support the grant programs and mission of Whitefish Community Foundation. Circle donors pool their resources to multiply their impact and provide critical funding to hundreds of local nonprofits serving the Flathead Valley.



\$2.8 M Donated to the Circle of Giving Program in 2025	\$9.5 M Total Impact from Circle of Giving in 2025	\$11,098 Average Circle Gift in 2025
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91% Circle Donors Renewed in 2025	92 New Circle Donors in 2025
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WHAT DOES YOUR CIRCLE OF GIVING DONATION SUPPORT?



DIRECT GRANTS TO LOCAL NONPROFITS

The Circle provides critical grant dollars for the Great Fish Match Fund, Community Grant Fund, Major Project Fund, Kids Fund, and Emergency Response Fund.

WHITEFISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Circle supports direct program costs to host the Great Fish Community Challenge and our Nonprofit Development Program. Administrative overhead is covered by our separate operating endowment, ensuring 100% of Circle of Giving donations benefit Flathead Valley nonprofits.

GREAT FISH MATCH FUND

The Circle provides the matching funds for the Great Fish Community Challenge—a multi-week fundraising campaign that inspires millions in additional donations and builds awareness about the critical work of Flathead Valley nonprofits. At the end of the Challenge, Whitefish Community Foundation awards a percentage matching grant to each nonprofit.

\$8.1 M Raised in the Challenge in 2025	85 Nonprofits Benefited from the Challenge in 2025	\$43 M Raised in the Challenge Since 2015
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COMMUNITY GRANT FUND

The Circle directly funds our Community Grant Program supporting nonprofits of all sizes with grants up to \$10,000 for local programs and projects.

\$372,750 Community Grants in 2025	49 Nonprofits Received a Grant in 2025	\$3.2 M Impact Since 2000
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MAJOR PROJECT FUND

The Circle provides critical funding for Major Community Projects identified by our Board of Directors that will have a significant impact on the Flathead Valley.

\$430,000 Major Project Grants in 2025	6 Nonprofits Received a Grant in 2025	\$1.4 M Impact Since 2010
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EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND

The Circle allows the Foundation to react quickly to emergency needs of local nonprofits.

\$156,705 Emergency Response Grants in 2025	15 Nonprofits Received a Grant in 2025	\$582,705 Impact Since 2000
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KIDS FUND

The Circle invests in new programs that improve safety, health, education, and food security for youth at risk of homelessness.

\$210,000 Kids Fund Grants in 2025	6 Nonprofits Received a Grant in 2025	\$782,846 Impact Since 2020
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NONPROFIT CAPACITY BUILDING

The Circle ensures nonprofit staff and board members have access to training and capacity building grants that improve governance and build effective, resilient organizations.

13 Free Workshops in 2025	11 Capacity Building Grants in 2025	500+ Hours of 1:1 Nonprofit Coaching in 2025
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Whitefish Community Foundation brings together donors and nonprofits to cultivate a passion for giving and improve the quality of life for everyone in the Flathead Valley.

EVENTS

2026 CIRCLE OF GIVING EVENTS:

- APRIL 28 Community Grant Awards
- JUNE 28 Summer Social
- JULY 21 Annual Appreciation Dinner
- AUG 11 Great Fish Launch Party
- OCT 22 Great Fish Awards



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HOW DO I JOIN THIS EXTRAORDINARY GROUP?

Make an annual gift of \$5,000 or more to Whitefish Community Foundation. Gifts of cash, credit card, or stock are accepted, and donations can also be made from a Donor Advised Fund, private foundation, or Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA.

To learn more about the work of Whitefish Community Foundation and the Circle of Giving, please contact President/CEO Alan Davis at (406) 863-1781 or alan@whitefishcommunityfoundation.org.

TOTAL RAISED IN THE 2025 CHALLENGE

