

## **Micro Grant Program**

**Accepting applications until December 11, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. MST**

The maximum Micro Grant request is \$1,000.00

- Micro Grants support projects and programs of nonprofits that are new to Whitefish Community Foundation, or organizations that do not have the infrastructure in place to complete the Community Grant application
- The Micro Grant application is open from January to December each year
- Organizations may apply for a Micro Grant OR a Community Grant once annually

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

- Eligible applicants must serve residents of Flathead County, Lincoln County, or Glacier County, Montana.
- Applicants based in Flathead County may apply to support any project or program that furthers their mission. Applicants based in Lincoln or Glacier Counties may apply to support health and human service-related programs only.
- The applicant must be an I.R.S designated §501(c)(3) nonprofit public charity described in either I.R.C. §509(a)(1) or (a)(2), or publicly-owned tax-exempt corporation. Supporting organizations described in I.R.C. §509(a)(3) should contact WCF to discuss eligibility.
- §501(c)(3) applicants must have an IRS determination letter (recognition of nonprofit status), which can be verified in the applicant's GuideStar profile. Eligible supporting organizations and applicants that rely on a group exemption letter should contact Whitefish Community Foundation to discuss verification of nonprofit status.
- §501(c)(4) service organizations or §501(c)(6) trade organizations presenting a specific project or program that serves a charitable purpose for residents of Flathead County, Montana may apply.
- Applicants must have submitted all required documentation for previous grant awards by the specified deadline.
- Organizations operating under a fiscal sponsorship are not eligible to apply.
- Organizations participating in the Great Fish Community Challenge are not eligible to apply.

### **Applying organizations must be one of the following:**

- An organization that predominantly works in or serves Flathead County, MT, with Flathead County representation on the board of directors, or
- An official Flathead County, MT chapter in good standing of a state/regional/national organization, with a board or local advisory board comprised predominantly of Flathead County, MT residents, or
- A regional/national organization, with a board or local advisory board comprised predominantly of Flathead County, MT residents, or
- A Montana organization with Flathead County, MT representation on the board of directors, and at least one paid employee whose responsibilities are to provide a program or complete a project that will have significant impact for Flathead County residents, or
- An organization based in Lincoln County or Glacier County with ties to Flathead County organizations and/or programs, providing or supporting health and human services

Whitefish Community Foundation prioritizes funding and initiatives where there is a social need, and where the results will benefit our communities at large. The Foundation will consider funding for projects and programs that fulfill the mission of the organization.

**WHITEFISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WILL NOT CONSIDER MICRO GRANT REQUESTS TO FUND:**

- \*Organizations outside Flathead, Lincoln, or Glacier Counties
- \*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

Please contact Jill Seigmund at 406.863.1745 or email [grants@whitefishcommunityfoundation.org](mailto:grants@whitefishcommunityfoundation.org) if you have questions regarding organization eligibility or the application process.