

Community Emergency Response Fund

Accepting applications until December 31, 2026

The Community Emergency Response Fund is available to provide flexible resources for nonprofits facing an unexpected emergency,

These grants will fund 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 program delivery
2. Support for nonprofit programs mobilized to address an emergency in one, or many Flathead Valley communities

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

- Recurring expenses
- Travel expenses
- General operating expenses
- A project already completed
- Routine maintenance

Eligibility

- Applying organizations must be a 501(C)(3) nonprofit public charity, government entity, or other IRS recognized charitable entity with programs based in Flathead County, Montana.
- Organizations based in Lincoln County or Glacier County with ties to Flathead County organizations and/or programs providing or supporting health and human services may also apply
- 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:

- Repairs that are not an immediate emergency
- 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

Organizations may submit a Letter of Interest (LOI) through the Foundation's grant management software.

Whitefish Community Foundation will review the LOI to 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 Jill Seigmund at (406) 863-1781 or email grants@whitefishcommunityfoundation.org if you have questions regarding this grant program.