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### Grants Available to Benefit Blaine County

*Up to \$2,000 for nonprofits or government agencies available to meet unmet needs.*

**Helena, Mont.**, September 6, 2024 – The Montana Community Foundation (MCF) is pleased to announce the Blaine County Community Foundation Fund is currently accepting grant applications. The fund is designed to benefit the communities and residents of Blaine County. This opportunity is made possible through the vision of Warren Ross, who established the Blaine County Community Foundation Fund at MCF in 1997 to support the local community for generations to come. Additional funding for this grant cycle comes from the Ross 87 Ranch Endowment Fund, also founded by Warren Ross. Grant applications will be accepted from August 15 through October 15, 2024.

Applicants must be either a 501(c)(3) nonprofit or an exempt governmental unit. Grants will range in size from \$500 to \$2,000. While grants must be used for projects benefiting communities or residents in Blaine County, the grantee organization does not need to be based in Blaine County.

Eligible projects must provide a direct benefit to local residents, be sustainable, and address important, unmet needs. For example, past projects include repairs to the city pool, creation of a skate park, and courses for local EMTs. Ineligible projects include conferences, workshops, planning, research, untested projects, and partisan or sectarian activities.

Grant requests are reviewed by the Blaine County Community Grantmaking Committee. Only one application is allowed per organization. The grant process is competitive and incomplete applications will not be considered.

“In 2023, the Blaine County Community Foundation awarded five grants supporting important projects in Blaine County,” noted Taylor Cowl, MCF Program Officer. “\$6,000 in grants helped the senior center, county fair, nursing home, and spay and neuter clinics. We encourage eligible organizations to explore this opportunity!”

To apply for a grant, access the online application at [mtcf.org/grants/apply-for-a-grant](https://mtcf.org/grants/apply-for-a-grant). Only online applications will be accepted. For questions, please contact MCF Local Community Foundation Program Officer, Taylor Crowl at (406) 603-4913 or [taylor@mtcf.org](mailto:taylor@mtcf.org).

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