



2025 Grant Application

Women's Foundation of Montana Funding Opportunity

The Women's Foundation of Montana (WFM) was established at the Montana Community Foundation in 1999 to provide a permanent resource for women and girls in Montana. WFM is committed to partnering with organizations and programs across the state that make a positive change for women and girls in the state. The WFM Advisory Committee guides WFM's grantmaking priorities and funding decisions. Learn more about the WFM Advisory Committee [here](#).

The Women's Foundation of Montana's 2025 grant cycle is open to organizations that serve women and girls in Montana through direct service, leadership development, or policy advocacy and align with WFM's vision, mission, and values. WFM is particularly interested in work led by and benefitting women in rural, tribal, and urban Indian communities. Work must align with WFM's objectives:

1. Expand women's access to essential resources and healthcare.
2. Support women in building long-term economic security.
3. Strengthen women's participation, leadership, and advocacy.

Requirements:

- 501c3 or 501c4 (nonpartisan activities)
- Government entity such as a tribal government
- Unincorporated organizations, groups, and initiatives may apply but must have a tax-exempt fiscal sponsor.
- Applicants must serve women and their families in Montana through direct service, leadership development, or policy advocacy and align with WFM's vision, mission, and values.

Non-501(c)(3) or non-501(c)(4) nonprofits may be eligible; please contact Kylie Gursky at (406) 541-7406 or kylie@mtcf.org to discuss eligibility.

Grant Amounts:

Grants will range from \$5,000 up to \$10,000. For funding needs greater than \$10,000, please contact Kylie Gursky at (406) 541-7406 or kylie@mtcf.org.

Application Process & Deadline:

Applications must be submitted by April 7, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. Only online applications will be accepted and can be accessed here: <https://bit.ly/wfmapplyforfunding>.

Applications will be considered by the WFM Advisory Committee and applicants will be notified of their funding status by May 17, 2025.

WFM Funding Objectives:

Objective 1: Expand Women's Access to Essential Resources and Healthcare

We support organizations that remove barriers to financial stability and overall well-being by:

- Expanding access to safe housing, nutritious food, economic support, and community safety for women and their families.
- Providing education, resources, and advocacy for women's health and healing, including reproductive, maternal, mental health, and gender-affirming care.
- Advancing policies and increasing public investment in services that help women and promote long-term stability.

*Additional information for community-based victim services programs below.

Objective 2: Support Women in Building Long-Term Economic Security

We fund organizations that help women increase their income and build financial security by:

- Improving sector wages and working conditions within women-dominated occupations (i.e. childcare, home helpers, doulas and birthworkers), and organization-specific efforts for current grantees.
- Providing training, tools, and resources for women to start their own businesses.
- Helping women gain new skills to secure better-paying jobs with good benefits.

Objective 3: Strengthen Women's Participation, Leadership, and Advocacy

We invest in organizations that cultivate inclusive leadership for women to lead and drive change by:

- Supporting leadership development programs that honor cultural knowledge, lived experience, and community-driven solutions.
- Providing education and training programs tailored to women and girls across different backgrounds, identities, and experiences.
- Building capacity for women to engage in advocacy and policy change in their communities.

* **WFM and Community-Based Victim Services Support:** WFM's funds for community-based victims services programs addressing gender-based violence will be general operating funds. WFM aims to enhance capacity in areas where federal grants are restricted, including prevention/education, policy advocacy, and direct cash assistance to survivors. WFM will prioritize support for community-based victim services programs in low-capacity counties, based on the Headwaters Economic Community Capacity Map:

<https://headwaterseconomics.org/equity/rural-capacity-map/>

Funding Type:

- General operating support: Unrestricted funds that support the organization's overall mission.
 - These funds are awarded to organizations whose overall work intentionally and specifically supports women and/or girls. General operating funding is also awarded to organizations whose overall work addresses issues that disproportionately impact women and/or girls that can make a strong connection to addressing the unique barriers to economic security faced by women.
- Project-specific support: Funds that are designated to a specific project carried out by the organization. Can include staff costs related to the project.
 - These funds are awarded to and restricted to projects and activities that are targeted to benefit women and girls within an organization who has a broader mission. Fiscally sponsored organizations should submit project-specific requests.

Ineligible Projects:

- ♦ Religious, partisan, or sectarian programs or projects.
- ♦ One-time events, such as celebrations or social gatherings that are not part of longer-term goals.

Reporting:

A project report will be due within one year of receiving funds. Reports must be received before additional grants are made.

Questions:

WFM encourages prospective applicants to reach out with any questions or if you need support with your application. We are here to help and ensure you have the information and resources you need to apply. Please don't hesitate to contact us!

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