

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY

OPPORTUNITIES

The Billings Community Foundation & Yellowstone County United Way

These funders occasionally provide grants for projects supporting the following causes:

- Education
- Human Needs
- Arts and Culture
- Animal Welfare
- Natural and Environmental Resources
- Economic Development
- City of Billings Bricks & Mortar

Grants will range from \$2,500 to \$5,000. Submissions for these funding causes must be submitted through the Billings Community Foundation annual grant cycle priority categories. Applications open June 1 – June 28

Link: <https://billingscommunityfoundation.org/response-fund>

1776 Foundation

The 1776 Foundation seeks to improve government and politics by working to inform and equip the people of Montana to better evaluate policy options that uphold traditional American values, historic civil liberties, the Montana Constitution and the Constitution of the United States of America.

The 1776 Foundation is proud to support like-minded organizations with funding for programs that are in line with our mission. If you are a Montana nonprofit organization that needs funding for a project or program we happily accept grant applications at any time. Our Grant Committee meets once per quarter to consider all grant requests.

Link: <https://1776foundation.us/programs/grants/>

First Interstate Bank – Centennial Youth Foundation

Any group or agency in Yellowstone County serving youth (ages 18 and under) eligible. Applications must be completed on, or before, July 15, 2020. The trustees will review each application and awards will be made in September. The grants will be used to enhance athletic, cultural, educational, and social service activities as well as make special projects possible.

Link: https://www.firstinterstatebank.com/campaigns/centennial_youth_foundation.php

STATE OF MONTANA

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The Montana Business Stabilization Grant

This program will provide working capital for Montana-owned small businesses with 50 or fewer employees that have sustained a loss of revenue due to COVID 19. Current funding available is \$50 million, the maximum award amount per business is **\$10,000**.

Link: <https://www.covidreliefmt.org/submit>

*Questions can be answered with the State Department of Commerce 1-800-755-6672

The Montana Innovation Grant Program

Intended to help companies scale up, improve capabilities, or drive expanded distribution of products or services developed in response to COVID-19. Non-profit and for-profit businesses of less than 150 employees with primary operations in Montana that have created an innovative product or service intended to directly confront the COVID-19 emergency can apply for grants of up to **\$25,000**. Current funding available is \$5 million.

Link: <https://www.covidreliefmt.org/submit>

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Montana Food & Agriculture Adaptability Program

grants are available to food and agriculture businesses to help increase community resilience amid the COVID-19 pandemic and other economic disruptions. Examples of eligible projects include those focused on accessing new markets, projects which strengthen and expand local food systems, and other business adaptations that decrease food and agricultural waste. Current funding available is \$500,000, with a maximum grant award of **\$10,000**.

Link: <https://www.covidreliefmt.org/submit>

*Questions can be answered with the State Department of Commerce 1-800-755-6672 and/or by email to mtaap@mt.gov

Emergency Housing Assistance Program

Emergency Housing Assistance program will provide rent, security deposit, mortgage payment, and/or hazard insurance assistance as-needed for Montanans who have lost a job or substantial income loss as a result of COVID-19. Initial payments may include up to three months assistance where the eligible household can demonstrate arrears for April and May, with continuable inability to make their June payment. Montana Housing will pay the difference between 30 percent of the household's current gross monthly income and their eligible housing assistance costs, **up to \$2,000 a month**. Household income limits range from \$75,000-\$125,000 based on family size. Montanans receiving other forms of housing assistance are not eligible. Total funding available is \$50 million.

Link: <https://www.covidreliefmt.org/submit>

*Questions can be answered with the State Department of Commerce 1-800-761-6264

Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services, Public Health Grants

Available to local and tribal health departments and urban tribal clinics to help in the response to COVID-19 and to meet the needs of their communities. Each organization is eligible to apply for funding. Current funding available is \$5 million.

Link: <https://www.covidreliefmt.org/submit>

*Questions can be answered with the State Department of Commerce 1-888-333-0461 DPHHS.MT.GOV

Stay Connected Grants

Ranging from \$500-\$2,000 per applicant are available to reduce social isolation among Montana's seniors. Eligible applicants include area agencies on aging, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and tribal elder services. Grant funds can be used to fund technologies and other efforts to encourage physically distant forms of social interaction for elderly Montanans during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Current funding available is \$400,000.

<https://www.covidreliefmt.org/submit>

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Food Bank & Food Pantry Assistance

Up to \$50,000 per applicant are available to increase food security for Montanans hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible applicants include community organizations providing food assistance to Montanans with limited resources, food banks, food pantries, community cupboards, and entities with infrastructures already in place to begin new food distribution programs. Current funding available is \$2 million.

Link: <https://www.covidreliefmt.org/submit>

*Questions can be answered with the State Department of Commerce 1-888-333-0461 DPHHS.MT.GOV

Social Services Nonprofit Grants

Up to \$10,000 per applicant are available for nonprofit organizations impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency to retain existing programs and services, employees, or organizational viability for provision of future services and operations. Eligible applicants are registered, Montana-based social service nonprofits that were operating prior to February 15, 2020. Current funding available is \$10 million.

Link: <https://www.covidreliefmt.org/submit>

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Telework Assistance Grants

Up to \$1,000 per individual will go towards purchasing equipment to assist Montanans with disabilities access telework equipment. DPHHS will partner with a local non-profit organization to assess and support assistive technology needs of individuals with disabilities during COVID-19. This assistance will help ensure people with disabilities have the equipment needed to adapt to the change in working environment due to COVID-19. Current funding available is \$650,000.

Apply: If you are interested in applying, please email vrinfo@mt.gov with your name and contact information.

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Community Development Block Grants

Affordable Housing Development & Rehabilitation

- Application Deadline: September 15, 2020
- Grant Ceiling \$450,000 – No Match Required
- <https://comdev.mt.gov/Programs/CDBG/Housing/ApplicationForms>

Community & Public Facilities

- Application Deadline: September 15, 2020
- Grant Ceiling \$450,000 – 25% Match Required
- <https://comdev.mt.gov/Programs/CDBG/Facilities/ApplicationForms>

FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Community Development Block Grants Public Works & Economic Adjustment Assistance (EDA)

No submission deadline

Award ceiling \$30,000,000 – Award floor \$100,000

Eligible – City/County Governments, non-profits, higher education institutions

Grants and cooperative agreements made under these programs are designed to leverage existing regional assets and support the implementation of economic development strategies that advance new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities. EDA provides strategic investments on a competitive-merit-basis to support economic development, foster job creation, and attract private investment in economically distressed areas of the United States. If you are interested in applying for a project of national impact/scope under the CARES Act; please inquire at RNTA@eda.gov.

Community Development Block Grants Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grants (USDA)

Application Deadline: July 13, 2020

Award ceiling \$1,00,000 – Award floor \$50,000

Eligible – City/County Governments, non-profits, higher education institutions, small businesses, Independent school districts, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Special district governments

DLT grant funds support the use of telecommunications-enabled information, audio and video equipment, and related advanced technologies by students, teachers, medical professionals, and rural residents. These grants are intended to increase rural access to education, training, and health care resources that are otherwise unavailable or limited in scope.

USDA - Urban Agriculture and Innovation Production

Application Deadline: July 6, 2020

Award ceiling \$500,000 – Award floor \$100,000

Eligible – City/County Governments, non-profits, school districts, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Special district governments. Any school that serves any of the grades kindergarten through grade 12 are also eligible to apply

UAIP supports the development of urban agriculture and innovative production activities by funding Planning Projects (PP) and Implementation Projects (IP) led by nonprofit organizations, local or Tribal governments, and schools that serve any of the grades K-12 in areas of the United States. PPs and IPs should target a single or multiple urban areas, suburbs, or urban clusters in the United States where access to fresh foods is limited or unavailable and should include one or more partner organizations to achieve project goals within the target area(s).

OTHER GOOD GRANT RESOURCES/FUNDS

Links

- <https://rd.usda.gov/coronavirus>
- [Rotary International](#)
- [FEMA](#)
- [The Otto Bremer Trust Community Benefit Financial Company Emergency Fund](#)

International Association for Volunteer Effort: COVID-19 Response Fund

Application Deadline: No Deadline

Award Ceiling: \$500

Eligible: Nonprofits / "Volunteering Organization for an impact-orientated project focused on COVID-19"

To limit the burden on nonprofits, there is no formal application at this time. Instead we are asking interested organizations to fill out a short form providing basic information about your organization and work to address the basic needs of vulnerable populations impacted by the pandemic.

Grant Request Form: <https://www.iave.org/covid19/response-fund/grant-request-form/>

Inclusive Growth and Recovery Challenge

Application Deadline: July 17, 2020

Award Ceiling: 10k to 10M

Eligible: Non-profits, for profits, entrepreneurs, governments. – *Entries must have charitable purpose*

The Challenge is an open call for breakthrough ideas that harness the power of data science to help people and communities thrive, especially in the wake of COVID-19's economic impact. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to, jobs of tomorrow—leave no worker behind; access to capital—leave no entrepreneur behind; and cities and towns—leave no place behind.

<https://www.data.org/challenge/>

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Emergency Response for the Health Care System

Application Deadline: June 12, 2020

Award Ceiling: 10k to 10M

Eligible: Providers, Government, Public Health Community Organizations

The Emergency Response for the Healthcare System Innovation Challenge poses the question, "Can you create a digital tool supporting the healthcare system during a large-scale health crisis (pandemic, natural disaster, or other public health emergency)?" Digital tools can assist the healthcare community as it adapts to quickly changing circumstances and needs by addressing multiple categories: capacity management, clinical integration, communication, data exchange, mental health tools for providers, population health, preparedness, resource management, and data analytics, tracking, and visualization.

https://health2con-paxfp.formstack.com/forms/rwif_emergencysystem_phasei

<https://www.healthsystemcrisisresponse.com/>

GRANT SEARCH PLATFORM

Community Development Block Grants Public Works & Economic Adjustment Assistance (EDA)

Link: <https://grantstation.com/GrantStation-Insider/05-14-2020>

- Here you'll find the updated coronavirus grant funding opportunities for nonprofits, small businesses, journalists, and artists, updated each business day and listed by deadline date.

** Same website your Big Sky EDA Community Development Team uses!

SBA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Link:

<https://yceconomicrecovery.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/SBA-Coronavirus-Loans-Comparison-040720.pdf>

Review a loan comparison chart of the Paycheck Protection Program, Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL), EIDL Forgiveness/Advance, SBA Express Bridge Loan, and SBA Small Business Debt Relief Program provided by your Small Business Development Team below. Includes eligibility, interest rates, term details, etc.