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Grants Available to Benefit Blaine County

Helena, Mont., August 16, 2016 – The Montana Community Foundation (MCF) announces the opening of a grant cycle on Friday, August 19 to benefit communities and/or residents of Blaine County. Grants will be made from the Blaine County Community Foundation Fund, established at the Montana Community Foundation by Warren Ross in 1997. Financial support for this grant program also comes from the Ross 87 Ranch Endowment Fund, also established by Warren Ross.

Applicants must be either a 501(c)(3) nonprofit or an exempt governmental unit. Grants will range in size from \$1,000 to \$3,000 and only one application is allowed per organization. Grants must be used for projects benefiting communities or residents in Blaine County, but 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. Ineligible projects include conferences and workshops, planning, research or untested projects, partisan or sectarian activities.

Grant requests are reviewed by the Montana Community Foundation's Grants & Scholarships Committee. The grant process is competitive and incomplete applications will not be considered. Grant applications will be accepted beginning Friday, August 19, 2016 and the application deadline is Friday, September 16, 2016.

To apply for a grant from the Montana Community Foundation, access our online application at www.mtcf.org/grants. Only online applications will be accepted. For questions please contact MCF Operations & Grants Manager Jessica Stewart-Kuntz at (406) 441-4950 or jessica@mtcf.org.

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About Montana Community Foundation

Montana Community Foundation's (MCF) mission is to cultivate a culture of giving so Montana communities can flourish. Founded in 1988, MCF manages more than \$80 million in assets and administers more than 900 philanthropic funds and planned gifts. Since 1988, MCF has reinvested more than \$37 million in Montana through grants to charitable organizations and causes across the state. MCF serves as a center for philanthropy in Montana, working with donors, charitable organizations and communities to provide simple and effective ways to give back to Montana.

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