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**Montana Community Foundation Announces
Grant Awards to Benefit Social Justice in Montana**

Helena, Mont., November 9, 2017 – Montana Community Foundation, Inc. (MCF) is pleased to announce grant awards totaling \$120,000 benefiting organizations across Montana. Annually, MCF makes grants from the Social Justice Montana Fund. In recent years, the annual grants have totaled approximately \$20,000. This year, the Northwest Area Foundation chose to partner with MCF by donating \$100,000 to MCF for immediate grantmaking for social justice.

Northwest Area Foundation’s region of service includes eight states and 75 Native nations. The grant awarded to MCF supports Northwest Area Foundation’s commitment to helping its priority communities thrive on their own terms. These priority communities include Native Americans, communities of color, refugees and immigrants, and people with low incomes in rural areas.

“These organizations are doing remarkable work in communities across Montana in service to social justice,” said Mary Rutherford, MCF president & CEO. “We are grateful for the generosity and foresight of donors to the Social Justice Montana Fund for establishing a permanent resource dedicated to supporting this cause. The Northwest Area Foundation has been wonderful throughout this process and we are thrilled they chose to partner with MCF in helping carry out this important work.”

Recipients of the Social Justice Montana Fund grant awards were granted the full amount they requested and the additional remaining funds were split equally among all recipients. Recipients include:

- ACLU of Montana \$8,235
- EmpowerMT \$8,235
- Friends Forever Mentoring \$8,235
- HAVEN \$8,235
- Helena Area Habitat for Humanity \$8,235
- Hockaday Museum of Art \$7,735
- Hopa Mountain Foundation \$8,235
- International Rescue Committee, Inc. \$8,235
- Montana Human Rights Network \$8,235
- Montana Racial Equity Project \$6,720
- Montana Women Vote \$8,235
- NACDC Financial Services \$8,235
- Soft Landing Missoula \$6,735
- Thrive \$8,235
- Women's Foundation of Montana \$8,235

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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 approximately \$89 million in assets and administers more than 900 philanthropic funds and planned gifts. MCF's accreditation through the Council on Foundations' National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations ensures MCF complies with the strictest standards in gift administration and grantmaking. Since 1988, MCF has reinvested more than \$41 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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