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Grants Available to Benefit Social Justice in Montana

Helena, Mont., July 24, 2017 – The Montana Community Foundation (MCF) announces the opening of a grant cycle to benefit projects promoting social justice in Montana. Grants will be made from the Social Justice Montana Fund, established at MCF in 1997 with a challenge grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation that was matched by donations from Montanans across the state.

Applicants must be either a 501(c)(3) nonprofit or an exempt governmental unit. Grants will range in size from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Only one application is allowed per organization.

Successful grantees will have the following characteristics:

- Promote social justice in Montana.
- Work to understand and address the root causes of the issues, not just the symptoms.
- Sees itself as part of a larger movement for social change, and works towards strengthening that movement.
- Preference will be given to projects that engage Montana's youth in the work of social justice.

Eligible projects must provide a direct benefit to Montana residents, be sustainable, and address important, unmet needs. Ineligible projects include partisan or sectarian activities.

Grant requests are reviewed by the MCF Grants & Scholarships Committee. The grant process is competitive; incomplete applications will not be considered. Grant applications will be accepted Aug. 7 – Sept. 8, 2017.

To apply for a grant, access the online application at mtcf.org/grants. Only online applications will be accepted. For questions, please contact MCF Director of Operations & Grants 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 approximately \$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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