



## SW MT COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND Phase I AWARDS MADE TO DATE

**Total Awarded: \$517,294**

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**\$7,099 – MIJA Keeping Families Together** – To support Hispanic and undocumented families with transportation needs (getting children to school due to lack of bussing), translation services for people visiting the hospital, food vouchers, temporary shelter for quarantine, isolation and other health/wellbeing shelter needs, immigration and other services to keep children and their parents healthy and safe in regards to the pandemic.

**\$10,865 – Gallatin City-County Health Department** - To provide funding for emergency hotel stays, shelter costs, supplies, and food for those in quarantine.

**\$8,000 – Montana Racial Equity Project** – Second grant award to support unmet needs via their COVID-19 Crisis Fund to distribute emergency funds to Black, Brown, Indigenous, and people of color, LGBTQIA+, persons with disabilities, and undocumented persons who are in financial crisis due to the coronavirus crisis.

**\$25,000 – Bozeman Health Foundation** – To provide telehealth / mental healthcare deliver for Bozeman School students and their families so they may safely receive the behavioral healthcare they need during the pandemic.

**\$20,000 – Gallatin County LOVE Inc.** – To assist individuals and families with basic needs - \$7,500 for supplies delivery, \$7,500 for financial assistance to those hurt by the pandemic, and \$5,000 for vehicle repair.

**\$10,000 – SciGaia** – In partnership with Gallatin County and state childcare advocates, SciGaia utilized these funds to develop, run, analyze, and share the ENHANCE Childcare Survey and website which helped state and local leaders understand the impacts of COVID-19 on the childcare needs of families, the needs of childcare providers, and childcare concerns of schools and businesses. The survey data and educational presentations informed and helped guide state funding decisions that resulted in \$50 million dollars in CARES Act funding released for childcare and Out-of-School-Time care grants by MT Department of Public Health and Human Services in August 2020.

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**\$2,580 – Sweet Pea Festival** (in partnership with Gallatin City-County Health Department) – To promote a mask-wearing awareness campaign including contest for artists to design a mask that will be sold to the public. Proceeds from this fundraiser and awareness campaign will be given to the SWMT COVID-19 Response Fund.

**\$40,000 – Child Care Connections** – To reimburse for \$30,000 for CCC's emergency child care expenses + \$10,000 for supporting child care providers struggling to stay afloat.

**\$15,000 – Gallatin Valley YMCA** – To support summer child care programming for youth and families disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

**\$22,500 – Western Montana Mental Health Center (Gallatin Mental Health Center)** – to provide expanded mental health services brought about by increased caseload due to COVID-19.

**\$1,800 – Cottonwood Day School** – To purchase Zoom Teaching Platform for their teachers and students to facilitate remote teaching and classwork for the special needs student population they serve.

**\$10,000 – Belgrade Community Library** – To purchase online learning resources that will assist community members during the pandemic with employment skills enhancement, English and other language learning, care repairs, Kindergarten readiness, consumer/financial education, and homeschooling/parents as educators resources.

**\$10,000 – Montana Legal Services** – To assure the continuity of emergency civil legal aid to the Bozeman area's low-wage workers and families living in poverty by providing legal information and services to enforce their rights during this disaster, such as providing legal information or representation to prevent evictions or to protect stimulus checks from illegal garnishment.

**\$3,500 – Special Olympics of Montana** – To provide virtual educational, health, and nutritional programming for their athletes until it has been determined they can safely provide these services one-on-one.

**\$8,000 – SLAM – Support Local Artists & Musicians** – To provide emergency financial assistance to those suffering from income loss during COVID.

**\$2,500 – Heart of the Valley** – To cover costs for social distancing and cleaning protocols for summer camps.

**\$2,500 – Befrienders Bozeman** – To provide support in promoting intergenerational friendships and mental wellbeing for seniors.

**\$2,000 – Big Sky Youth Empowerment** – to provide technical assistance and hardware to provide mentoring sessions for the teens they serve virtually instead of in person.

**\$1,000 – Belgrade Community Library** – To mail books and other entertainment to patrons. The Library is closed to the public until further notice to slow the spread of COVID-19 in the county. However, since schools are closed and many other sources of entertainment have shut down the library is seeing a demand for materials for both educational and entertainment purposes.

**\$3,000 – Belgrade Senior Center** – Critical services for seniors - most recently providing increased meals on wheels home deliveries to seniors needing food.

**\$20,000 – Community Health Partners** – To provide phones and minutes to vulnerable customers when no other option to access services is available. Additionally, to support patients with additional emergency social supports such as rent payments, medication copays, toiletries and essentials, and transportation throughout this economic crisis.

**\$10,000 – Bridgercare** – Funding to ensure that losses in appointments, insurance reimbursements, and accounts receivable will not affect their ability to provide free and subsidized health services to everyone who needs them.

**\$5,000 – Cancer Support Community** – To adapt all programs and support groups for people living with a cancer diagnosis and their families to a virtual platform. Programs were added as well as Zoom licenses to accommodate the increased need as well as additional audio/visual equipment to expand their reach.

**\$4,500 – Mental Health of America - Montana** – To meet the increasing demand, Recovery Line hours and days were extended to help support those that previously were able to access face-to-face group meetings, especially those that have been impacted with the "shelter in place."

**\$2,500 – St. Catherine Family Healthcare Clinic** – To provide free, low-cost services and routine health care and supply anyone in need with diapers, wipes, formula, baby furniture, and some clothing.

**\$20,000 – Help Center** – Continued support of crisis lines, which includes resource information and referral services, emotional support, advocacy, and crisis and suicide intervention. And, also to help with lost revenue from forced closing of SACKS Thrift Store due to COVID-19.

**\$15,000 – Family Promise of Gallatin Valley** – Supplies for families currently in Transitional and Graduate Support Programs and providing rental assistance to families in danger of losing their homes.

**\$50,000 – HRDC** – For temporary shelter, aiding in leasing, staffing, and supplies cost and rental assistance and case management programs, to assist and support the continuously rising unemployed sector in our community and observable effects unemployment has on being able to attain and retain housing.

**\$2,500 – Intermountain Deaconess Children's Service** – Expanding teletherapy platforms in order to continue providing mental health services to clients in Gallatin County.

**\$6,000 – Salvation Army** – To cover food costs associated with continuing the community breakfast, sack lunch program, and the grocery voucher program.

**\$2,000 – Bozeman School District** – To help offset meal delivery costs to get breakfast and lunch meals to low-income students in the Bozeman School District that did not have transportation to access these meals at pick-up locations.

**\$10,000 – The HRDC Warming Center** – To ensure that HRDC can continue day shelter operations for homeless community members, which includes providing showers, laundry, food, and other hygiene services to those experiencing homelessness through May 15th.

**\$10,000 – REACH, Inc.** – To implement the protocols for keeping our clients safe, purchase computers for the clients to use at their homes so they can have more contact and communication with their families and purchase as many supplies as we could access to follow the recommendations of the Gallatin County Health Department.

**\$20,000 – HAVEN** – For shelter, support services, and HAVEN's general operating funds to meet shifting and increased survivor needs based on COVID-19 impacts.

**\$10,000 – MT Racial Equity Project** – For their COVID-19 Crisis Fund to distribute emergency funds to Black, Brown, Indigenous, and people of color, LGBTQIA+, persons with disabilities, and undocumented persons who are in financial crisis due to the coronavirus crisis.

**\$10,000 – Greater Impact** – To meet the new needs of the community affected by COVID-19, including deliveries of necessities – groceries, formula, cleaning supplies, etc., house and vehicle repairs, financial assistance, and other needs as they are identified.

**\$5,000 – Gallatin Development Corporation DBA Prospera Business Network** – To assist business owners and non-profits with pivoting their businesses and applying for federal and state loans and grants.

**\$1400 – Gallatin County Health Department Home Visiting Program** – Funding for purchasing supplies and materials for 130 kits for families with small children to be distributed by Healthy Gallatin Home Visiting nurses and social workers to quarantined and isolated families.

**\$750 – Montana Science Center** – To print 3D masks, headbands, and other PPE equipment, as needed and requested, by many healthcare providers and health care nonprofits that need additional equipment.

**\$10,000 – Bozeman Senior Center** – To purchase raw food and supplies to continue serving 300 meals-on-wheels daily in four sites which include Bozeman, Manhattan, Three Forks, and West Yellowstone. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the demand for meals-on-wheels has increased dramatically due to the inability to continue congregate meals at the Center.

**\$10,000 – Thrive** – To provide short-term emergency assistance to families through no contact drop-offs of supplies such as formula, diapers, sanitary products, food, and children's activities; and gift cards. Also to provide crucial mental health support through phone, email, and video conferencing.

**\$5,000 – Child Care Connections** – To address the needs of families struggling with child care costs by administered emergency scholarships directly to families. Families would go through a short, formal application process, where they would explain their needs and how the scholarship would help them maintain their current slot in child care, parents' jobs, housing, or medical needs.

**\$2,000 – ZoeCare** – To purchase diapers and wipes for families who are not ZoeCare patients. They currently run a small diaper bank for ZoeCare patients for the first six months after giving birth. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, they want to expand the program to include women from the greater Gallatin Valley area who are not ZoeCare patients by working with the Gallatin County Health Department and Love INC.

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**\$80,300 specifically for organizations w/budgets < \$500,000**

**\*\$4,000 – ASPEN** – Abuse Support & Prevention Education Network – Survivors and victims of domestic & sexual violence, rural populations, low income.

**\*\$5,000 – Befrienders Bozeman** – To provide support in promoting intergenerational friendships and mental wellbeing for seniors.

**\*\$2,000 – Belgrade Community Coalition** – Building cohesion and opportunities for connection, health, and wellbeing for the Belgrade community.

**\*\$4,000 – Belgrade Senior Center** – Critical services for seniors - most recently providing increased meals on wheels home deliveries to seniors needing food.

**\*\$3,000 – Bozeman Dharma Center** – Offering mindfulness and mental health workshops for first responders, educators, health and human services, and others serving on the front lines of COVID-19 response.

**\*\$2,800 – CASA GAL of Gallatin County** – To provide well-trained, effective volunteer CASA/Guardians ad Litem advocate for abused and neglected children in the 18th Judicial Court System.

**\*\$5,000 – Compassion Project** – Build community resilience by teaching art and compassion practices to teachers, other adults, and children in our community.

**\*\$2,000 – D.R.E.A.M. Bozeman** – To extend services to 55 families that are homeschooling children with Down syndrome due to Covid19. This population is particularly susceptible to respiratory infections and transitions are particularly difficult.

**\*\$5,000 – Family Promise of Gallatin Valley** – Providing wrap-around supports (shelter, food, life, and job coaching) for families who are homeless - getting them back on their feet.

**\*\$10,000 – Farm to School of Park County** – For emergency food program – made necessary by Covid-19 to help feed about 500 hungry school children every weekday in Livingston, MT.

**\*\$4,000 – Friends of Bozeman Veteran’s Court** – To maintain service offerings to eligible veterans.

**\*\$5,000 – Friends of the Community (Livingston)** – To provide immediate assistance to vulnerable citizens.

**\*\$2,500 – MT Association for the Blind – Bozeman Chapter** – To serve blind and low-vision individuals including Senior Citizens.

**\*\$2,000 – Montana Mindfulness Project** – Providing services to children, teachers, parents, rural citizens, healthcare workers, and patients.

**\*\$4,000 – Roots Family Collaborative** – Providing essential support for mothers and families as they birth and raise newborns & kids during the disruptions they face during the pandemic.

**\*\$3,000 – Suffer Out Loud** – Providing dynamic mental health and suicide prevention support.

**\*\$4,000 – Verge Theater** – Supporting mental health and wellbeing of inmates at Gallatin County Detention Center through innovative prison theater programming.

**\*\$5,000 – Women in Action** – Supporting virtual options for mental health and addiction counseling in the Big Sky area.

**\*\$8,000 – W. Yellowstone Community Help Fund** – Providing food, emergency supplies, and other needs for vulnerable residents in West Yellowstone.

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