

Annual Report

2025



MOONLIGHT
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

TO MY FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS,

Dear Moonlight Friends and Supporters,

As the Chair of the Moonlight Community Foundation (MCF), I am delighted to share our annual report and reflect on the incredible achievements we have made together over the past year. At MCF, our vision is to serve as the nonprofit arm of the Moonlight Basin Community, dedicated to connecting local causes with the necessary support to thrive.

As we look toward the future, **I invite those who have not yet joined Headwaters Circle to consider signing up today.** Your support is vital in helping us continue our meaningful contributions to the community and sustain the essential work of our local nonprofits. Together, we can drive lasting change and cultivate a vibrant future for Big Sky.

In 2025, our Headwaters Circle Donors made a significant impact, allowing us to achieve a remarkable milestone of distributing just over \$1 million in grants. These funds have directly benefited our community by addressing critical needs in health care resources, youth scholarships, and workforce housing. We are grateful to the 125 families who have supported the

Headwaters Circle Donor Program since its inception in 2021; your generosity fuels our collective efforts.

This past year, we proudly supported 39 organizations and 51 initiatives, highlighting the power of community collaboration and generosity. Notable recipients include Gallatin River Child Care, Gallatin River Task Force, Big Sky Bandage, Big Sky Food Bank, Be Well Big Sky, and the Big Sky Community Housing Trust, all of which are working tirelessly to enhance the quality of life for residents and workforce in our area. For further insight into our impact, please refer to the 2025 Tree of Giving in this report, which details our grantees and the essential programs they provide.

As always, thank you for your support.
We couldn't do this work without YOU.

With gratitude,



MCF BOARD CHAIR

A huge milestone this year is awarding just over

\$1M

in grants.



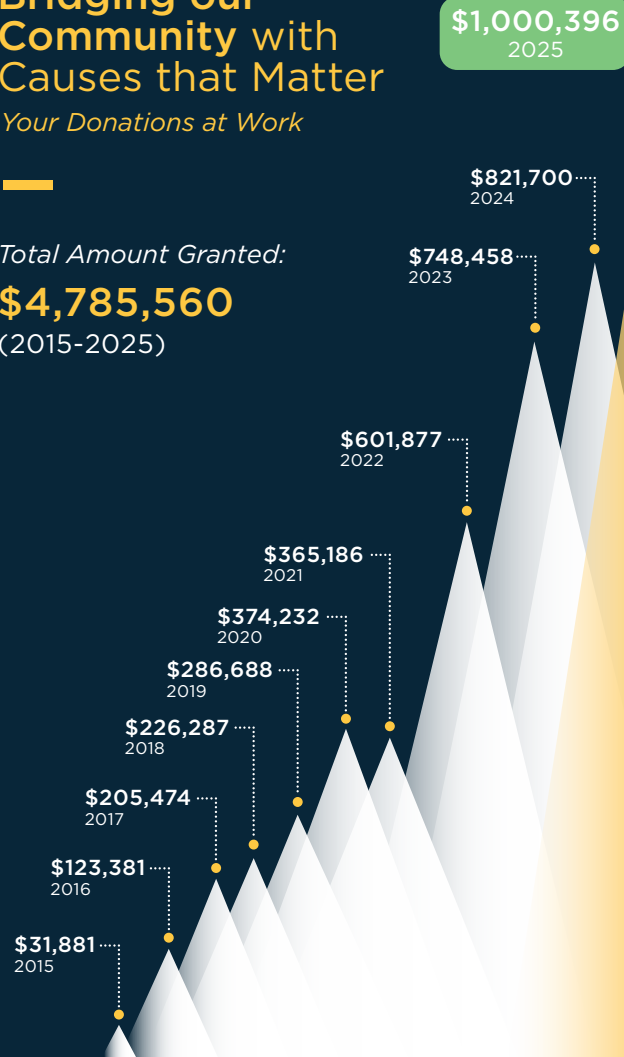
Bridging our Community with Causes that Matter

Your Donations at Work

Total Amount Granted:

\$4,785,560

(2015-2025)



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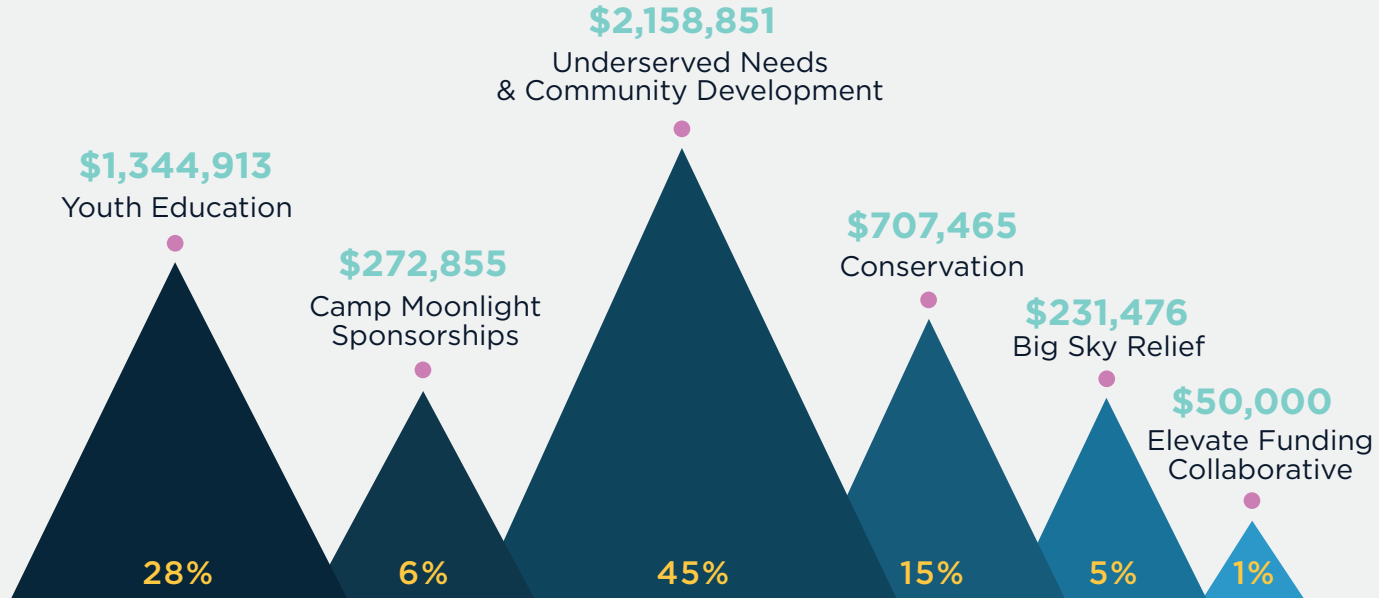
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MCF GRANTING BY PROGRAM (2015-2025)

MCF has granted **\$4,765,560** over the past 11 years



MAKING A GRANT REQUEST IS EASY

MCF has a bi-annual grant cycle.
Grant applications are due on **April 15th** and **October 15th** of each year.

Grant applications are available on our website
MoonlightCommunityFoundation.org

2025

GIVING BY PROGRAM



MCF
GIVING
TREE

2025

TOTAL
\$1,000,396

CONSERVATION INITIATIVE

\$104,140

Big Sky Sustainability Network Organization

- Energy Efficiency & Conservation - Owners Associations & Property Managers
- One Less Car Commuter Incentive
- Expanded Accessibility for Community Composting

\$40,140

Gallatin River Task Force

- Education & Outreach Program
- Gallatin River Restoration - Park Boundary to Covered Wagon

\$35,000

Southwest Montana Mountain Bike Association Big Sky Chapter

Mountain to Meadow Green Trail

\$15,000

Grow Wild

Firewise Landscaping Demonstration Project at the Historic Crail Ranch

\$10,000

Lone Peak Film Institute

Lone Peak Film Festival

\$4,000

UNDERSERVED NEED OF BIG SKY

\$520,729

Be Well Big Sky

- Building Organizational Infrastructure for Sustainable Community Health
- Navigator Network

\$40,000

Bienvenidos a Gallatin Valley

El Centro

\$25,000

Befrienders

Growing Connections Initiative in Big Sky Area

\$7,500

Big Sky Community Food Bank

- Workforce Emergency Food and Social Services
- Workforce Transportation and Wellness Supports
- November, Emergency Supplemental Food Grant

\$46,660

Big Sky Community Organization

- Camp Big Sky Yurt
- Community Connection Through Recreation

\$96,320

Big Sky Rotary Foundation

- Big Sky Bandage
- Community Support Group Funding

\$47,500

Big Sky Community Housing Trust

Rent Local Incentive Program

\$80,000

Eagle Mount Bozeman

Big Sky Snowsports Program

\$7,500

Family Promise of Gallatin Valley

Family Homeless Prevention & Stabilization

\$7,500

Friends of Montana Shakespear in the Parks

- 2026 Big Sky Educational Residencies
- 2025 Big Sky Performance

\$4,500

Lone Peak High School

*Athletic Program****

\$20,000

Projecto Salud

Medical Bus Sponsorship

\$1,000

Roots Family

Roots Rainy Collaborative

Blossom Mom Big Sky

\$5,000

Warren Miller Performing Arts Center

The 2025/26 Season at WMPAC

\$9,000

World Language Initiative

Big Sky Community Language Learning Program

\$20,000

Arts Council of Big Sky

ArtVenture Program

\$15,000

Big Sky Football Club

Scholarship and Accessibility Project

\$12,000

Big Sky School District

Local Foods and Sustainability Project

\$18,000

Bozeman Symphony

The Symphony in Schools: Big Sky

\$5,000

Gallatin River Child Care

Big Sky Infant and Toddler Care Program

\$15,000

HATCH

Global Voices in Big Sky

\$10,000

Lee Poole Scholarships

Ennis & Lone Peak High Schools

\$14,000

MT64 Hockey Association

Equipment Grant

\$10,000

\$1,000

Special Olympics

Participant Prizes

\$3,249

Wellness in Action

Affordable Counseling Program

\$100,000

YOUTH ED INITIATIVE

\$ 375,527

Big Brothers

Big Sisters of Big Sky Country

Big Sky Program

\$10,000

Big Sky School Parent Teacher Organization

Big Sky PTO Cost of Living Allowance

\$113,800

Big Sky Ski Education Foundation (BSSEF)

Athlete Team Jackets Sponsorship • Scholarship Program

\$20,000

Camp Moonlight Sponsorships

Sponsorships for Local Families

\$35,450

Greater Gallatin United Way

kidsLINK Out of School Program in Big Sky

\$20,000

Jack Creek Preserve

Youth Conservation Education

\$4,777

Morningstar Learning Center

Sustainable Operations through Equitable Wages

\$70,000

Opera Montana

Wheels of Harmony

\$2,500

\$1,000,396

AWARDED IN 2025

GALLATIN RIVER TASK FORCE



The Gallatin River Task Force (GRTF) is a nonprofit dedicated to protecting and restoring the ecological health of the Gallatin River watershed in Southwest Montana through science-based programs, community engagement, and advocacy.

Their core program areas include:

Water Monitoring: Collecting and analyzing water quality and streamflow data across the Upper Gallatin watershed to track river health, identify pollution sources, and guide restoration efforts.

River Restoration: Designing and implementing projects to enhance water quality, improve fish and wildlife habitat, and stabilize streambanks, including restoring recreation access points, enhancing wetlands, and improving floodplain connections.

Water Conservation: Running the "Big Sky Water Conservation Program" to promote efficient water use among residents and businesses through rebates for water-efficient fixtures and collaborations on drought planning and management.

Advocacy & Outreach: Inspiring community stewardship by educating the public on water issues, advocating for improved wastewater management, supporting legislation for permanent river protections, and organizing community events like the annual river cleanup.

The Task Force's mission is to ensure a clean, healthy, and resilient Gallatin River for future generations while balancing conservation with public access for recreation and community growth. In 2025, they were awarded a \$35,000 grant for their Education and Outreach Program and Park Boundary to Covered Wagon Ranch Restoration Project.



Restoration work and improved public access on the Park Boundary to Covered Wagon Ranch Project.

BIG SKY COMMUNITY HOUSING TRUST



Big Sky Community Housing Trust (BSCHT) provides affordable and stable homes for residents in our community. Addressing the area’s housing shortage through a dual approach, BSCHT “reclaims” existing housing and constructs new units.

Key Programs for Existing Housing:

Rent Local: This program offers cash incentives to homeowners who convert vacation or short-term rentals into stable, long-term rentals. It also provides tenant-matching services and lease templates.

Good Deeds: The Good Deeds program offers up to 20% of a home’s appraised value to buyers who agree to a permanent deed restriction requiring full-time local workforce occupancy. BSCHT provides buyers with funding at closing to use as their down payment. Since the funds are not a loan, BSCHT does not require repayment.

New Development Initiatives:

MeadowView Condominiums: Completed in 2021, this project features 52 permanently affordable homes for local workers using a Community Land Trust model, with a 2% yearly appreciation cap.

RiverView Apartments: Completed in 2024, this development will provide 25 income-restricted rental apartments for qualifying households.

Cold Smoke Neighborhood: A future project recently approved by local voters, plans to offer 125 ownership homes and 264 rental apartments, housing approximately 1,000 residents, utilizing both rental and CLT models for long-term affordability.



Through these initiatives, BSCHT ensures that those who serve the community—such as hospital, school, and resort employees—can afford to live in Big Sky. In 2025, BSCHT received \$80,000 for their Rent Local Program.

MORNINGSTAR LEARNING CENTER



Morningstar Learning Center (MLC) provides affordable, full-time, year-round licensed childcare and early education for children aged 3 months to 5 years.

Core Services:

Childcare and Early Education: MLC creates a safe and enriching environment with a developmentally appropriate curriculum, operating year-round with a minimum enrollment of four days per week.

Support for Working Families: As the only full-time licensed childcare provider in Big Sky, MLC supports over 30 local businesses by enabling parents to work.

Tuition Assistance: To address Big Sky's high cost of living, MLC offers a need-based Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) funded through grants and donations, ensuring services remain affordable for families.

Community Resources: MLC connects families with various supportive resources, enhancing the overall well-being of the Big Sky community from planning through parenthood.

Teacher Investment: The center invests in staff development through continuing education, benefits, and improved wages and housing opportunities to retain dedicated educators.



This year, MLC received \$70,000 for operations and its tuition assistance program, benefiting not only MLC families and their children but also strengthening Big Sky's broader workforce and economy.

“Because of you”

“MCF’s support was vital in providing 77 local children with hands-on, place-based conservation education, an experience we believe is essential to fostering a lifelong connection to the natural world.”

**- Abigail King,
Jack Creek Preserve Executive Director**

“Thanks to MCF support, Bienvenidos is learning how to better serve the community and workforce in Big Sky—expanding from navigation to leadership, wellness, and workforce programs.”

**- Vanessa Zamora,
Bienvenidos Executive Director**

“We are deeply grateful to the Moonlight Community Foundation for providing the funding that enabled us to purchase a high-quality yurt for the new Community Campus. This investment represents an essential step toward bringing this vital project to life, ensuring local families can enjoy these new amenities as soon as possible.”

**- Sara Marino,
Big Sky Community Organization Development Manager**

“Without MCF’s commitment to our Local and Sustainable Foods Project, our school kids would not have access to all of the amazing, fresh, local, and organic produce.”

**- Lindsie Feldner,
Big Sky School District Food Service Director**

“MCF’s funding united SWMMBA, Terra Flow, and the local biking community to build four new miles of trail—pivotal to completing phase one this summer. Thank you, MCF, for supporting Big Sky trails!”

**- Hannah Richardson,
SWMMBA Big Sky Chapter Board Member**

“We are so grateful to be able to provide additional support to the Big Sky workforce, thanks to MCF funding. Providing transportation support is essential, meaningful and provides hope for our people.”

**- Sarah Gaither Bivins,
Big Sky Community Food Bank Manager**

“Addressing mental health challenges is a priority for Big Sky, and MCF is a key funding partner with WIA to provide lower-cost counseling, support by community health workers, and scholarships.”

**- Allison Bradac,
Wellness in Action Executive Director**

“MCF’s investment in GGUW’s kidsLINK Out-of-School Initiative helps families and the local workforce thrive. Supporting summer camps and after-school programs builds a brighter future for Big Sky.”

**- Sylvia Drain,
Greater Gallatin United Way Director of Donor Engagement**

“Thanks to the Moonlight Community Foundation, WMPAC had the extraordinary opportunity to differentiate incredible programming and artistry across many different cultures and segments of our community.”

**- John Zirkle,
Warren Miller Performing Arts Center Executive Director**

OUR YEAR

IN PHOTOS







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Thank you to the **308 families**
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\$1.6M in 2025

Check out this years
MCF Impact video:



2026

SAVE THE DATES

SPRING SOCIAL

Sunday, March 22ND

MCF TRAILS DAY

Monday, July 6TH

SHOOTOUT

DINNER: Sunday, June 28TH

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Monday, June 29TH

SHOOT FOR THE MOON

Friday, July 10TH

MCF 6TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday, August 2ND



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MoonlightCommunityFoundation.org

Vision

Bridging Moonlight
Community to
Causes that Matter

Mission

Supporting initiatives for youth
education, conservation, and
under-served needs benefiting
the Big Sky Community

causes that matter.