



Jefferson Valley Community Foundation
PO Box 144
Whitehall, MT 59759

Jefferson Valley Community Foundation 2025 GRANT GUIDELINES

**Grant checks will be presented November 5, 2025
Celebrate with us at the Community Center at 7 p.m.**

The Jefferson Valley Community Foundation provides grants to charitable projects within the Highschool District of Whitehall Public School. The Foundation has been providing grant opportunities since 2001 and has given away nearly \$250,000 to approximately 55 different local charities.

Eligibility: Projects *must* meet the following restrictions due to our 501(c)3 status:

- ☐ Be charitable in purpose
- ☐ Have able and committed leadership
- ☐ Grants must be used for projects benefiting our community within the Whitehall High School District
- ☐ Provide long-term, direct benefits to local residents
- ☐ Projects have a ongoing, sustainable funding source
- ☐ If the organization has received a previous grant and has not completed the grant report, the organization will not be eligible for further grant funds
- ☐ Detail how you/or your project will provide recognition to the Jefferson Valley Community Foundation and the awarded grant

Ineligible Projects:

- ☐ Conferences and workshops
- ☐ Planning, research or untested projects
- ☐ Partisan or sectarian activities
- ☐ Routine maintenance or operations

About the Grants

- ☐ Grant sizes will be approximately \$200 to \$2,500 and will be based on current fund availability
- ☐ Barrick Golden Sunlight Mine grant is an additional, separate \$2,500 grant which follows the same guidelines and timeframe as the Foundation grants
- ☐ Star Youth Fund will only be for projects benefiting youth
- ☐ Grant requests are reviewed by the Board of Directors of the Jefferson Valley Community Foundation. All grants will be evaluated using same guidelines.
- ☐ Incomplete applications will not be considered

Preferred Projects: Priority will be given to projects that meet the following criteria:

- ☐ Enjoy support from community members
- ☐ Address important, unmet needs
- ☐ Improve the quality of life for local residents
- ☐ Build a thriving community



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Cash Match: Cash match is required for the grants

- ☐ For every five dollars of grant funding, applicants must have at least one dollar of matching funds for the project. Cash must be either pledged or in-hand. Please include some form of evidence of cash match such as a letter of commitment or a copy of a donation received.
- ☐ *In-kind match does not count as a part of the cash matching funds.* In-kind match refers to such items as committed materials, real estate, building, donated time or other good or service and is valuable and shows the importance of the project to the community. Please describe any in-kind match committed to the project.

Where to Send the Application

- ☐ Application packages must be **received** by 4:30 p.m. on October 8, 2025.
- ☐ Deliver **TWO** copies of the package (stapled is fine) to the **Whitehall Community Library** or mail to: *Jefferson Valley Community Foundation
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2025 Grant Cycle Schedule

Date

October 8, 2025

Action

Applications due by 4:30 p.m.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

November 5, 2025

**Grant checks presented at Short & Sweet
Community Center at 7 p.m.**

For Additional Information

For questions, please contact any board member or Jeannie Ferriss at jferriss@mtlib.org.

For more information about the Jefferson Valley Community Foundation, please check our website at:
<https://www.jeffersonvalleycf.com/>.