BROADWATER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION 2026-2027 GRANT GUIDELINES

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The Broadwater Community Foundation (BCF) provides grants to charitable projects in Broadwater County. BCF has been making grants to the community since 1996 and has donated $387,289.90 locally through Sept. 2026.

ELIBILITY

Projects must:

- √ Be charitable in purpose.
- √ Have able and committed leadership.
- √ Be a 501(c)(3), 509 (a) (1), (2), (3) or (4) nonprofit corporation or a government entity (county, city, school)

Ineligible Projects:

- √ Conferences and workshops.
- √ Planning, research or untested projects.
- √ Partisan or sectarian activities.
- √ Projects that benefit an individual.

ABOUT THE GRANTS

- √ Grant sizes will be approxmately $500 to $3,000.
- √ Grants must be for projects that benefit communities and residents of Broadwater County.
- √ Grant requests are reviewed by the Board of Directors of the Broadwater Community Foundation.
- √ Incomplete applications will not be considered.

PREFERRED PROJECTS Priority will be given to projects that meet the following criteria

- √ Provide a long-term and direct benefit to local residents.
- √ Have support from other community members and/or organizations.
- √ Address important and unmet needs.
- √ Help to build a better and/or thriving community.
- √ Projects have an ongoing, sustainable funding source.
- √ Improve the quality of life for local residents.

MATCHING FUNDS CASH MATCH IS REQUIRED FOR GRANTS

- √ For every five dollars of grant funding applicants must have at least a one dollar CASH match for the project (5:1). Please include some form of evidence of the cash match (letter of commitment or a copy of a donation received).
- √ In-Kind match (committed materials, donated time, etc.) are valuable and show the commitment and importance of the project to the community. Please describe any in-kind match committed to the project.

APPLICATION PACKAGE CHECKLIST Please include the following items in your application

- √ Broadwater Community Foundation Grant Application Cover Sheet.
- √ Project budget.
- √ Copy of your 501(c)(3) or 509(a) 1-4 status (if not a government entity).
- √ Description of cash and in-kind match and evidence that cash and in-kind match are committed to the project.
- √ Roster of board members or project leaders.
- √ A written description of the proposed project, in two pages or less, to include the following:
  1. A detailed description of the proposed project.
  2. Explanation of how the project meets the BCF's funding priorities (see above).
  3. Describe the impact of the project in the community.
  4. Estimate how many people will benefit from this project.

GRANT CYCLE, QUESTIONS & WHERE TO SEND THE APPLICATION

The 2026-2027 Grant Cycle Schedule

Applications Postmarked by:	Decision made by:
January 25	February 25
April 25	May 25
July 25	August 25
October 25	November 25

If you have any questions please contact the BCF Board President, Anna Shearer, at 406-491-2027. Please mail all applications to:

BROADWATER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
PO BOX 371 • Townsend, MT 59644

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BROADWATER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
2026-2027 GRANT APPLICATION COVER SHEET

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Name of Organization: _____

Contact Person & Title: _____ E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____ Web-Site: _____

Organization Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact information is requested in case additional information on the application is needed. Please be sure to include the name of the person to contact with any additional questions we might have.

FUNDING

Grant Amount Requested

($500 minimum request) $_____

Matching Funds* $_____

* Grant requests should have at least a 5:1 match (see guidelines). Projects with larger funding matches are looked upon favorably.

Total Project Cost $_____

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

☐ 501 (c)(3) or a 509 (a) (1), (2), (3) or (4) – Please attach IRS determination letter/proof.

☐ Exempt Governmental Unit

☐ Other Qualifying Entity: _____

WHICH TOWN/COMMUNITY WILL THE GRANT SERVE?

_____

Please include a brief description of your proposed project:

Signature: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____



We ask that successful grantees complete a GRANT REPORT.

They will receive the GRANT REPORT form with their funding check.

Due to the number and types of requests received not all grant requests can be funded. We appreciate your efforts, however, within our community.

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