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Due to publication deadlines, sponsorships made after Oct. 1, 2026 appear in the 2027 publication.

$387,289.90 Total BCF Funds Donated to the Community From 1996 to 2026



A group from Big Sky Big Leadership making improvements on the McCarthy Park concession stand with funds from BCF.

In 2026, the Broadwater Community Foundation (BCF) granted **$12,600** to local non-profit organizations within the county plus **$13,000** in student scholarships, making the total grant/scholarship donations **$25,600**. The grants helped local organizations with projects that benefit our community and its residents.

This year, BCF awarded a $1,300 grant to Townsend Schools to help update and improve the school's sound system. The system is used for graduation ceremonies, winter and spring concerts, theater productions, and numerous other school and community events.

The Broadwater County Sheriff's Office received a $3,000 grant to help purchase laptops equipped with updated operating systems, supporting the office's technology needs to continue serving the residents of Broadwater County.

The Broadwater Community Theatre was awarded $1,500 to help cover the cost of bringing Missoula Children's Theatre to Townsend Schools. Following a week of practices and rehearsals, local students performed *Hercules* in March, providing a memorable theater experience for young performers and community members alike.

A $2,800 grant was awarded to the Broadwater County 4-H Leaders Council to purchase foldable bleachers for the 4-H building at the fairgrounds. The new bleachers will replace the existing wooden risers and provide improved seating for future events and fair project displays.

Through the STOKE program, BCF awarded a $500 grant to the Big Sky Big Leadership group for a community improvement project at McCarthy Park. The group improved the concession stands by installing an electric baseboard heater, a ceiling register, and an insulated exterior door. These upgrades will help make the concession stands and restrooms more comfortable and accessible for families attending spring, summer, and fall sporting events.

Broadwater High School Track and Field received a $3,000 grant to help improve the school's jumping pits, addressing safety concerns with the existing facilities and providing a safer environment for student-athletes.

Finally, the Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce received a $500 grant to help support Shakespeare in the Park's production of *The Merchant of Venice*.



Right: Shakespeare in the Park

2026 Donations Reach $26,129

The Broadwater Community Foundation (BCF) received **$26,129** in donations in 2026 and the board wanted to thank all the donors for their generous contributions this past year. These donations came through sponsorships, legacy giving, memorials, light of love gifts and other direct donations.

From the many generous donations throughout the years, and the interest earned on the endowment funds, the funds since 1995 have increased to over **$1,070,000.** A percentage of the interest is used each year in local grants and student scholarships. The remaining interest is reinvested into the endowment so it will continue to grow, providing funds to serve our community for years to come. Thank you!



Above: BCF Board Member John Rains presents funds to Broadwater County Sheriff's Office to aid in the purchase of new laptops for deputies.

Scan QR code for a grant application!

2026 Broadwater High School Scholarship Recipients

The Broadwater Community Foundation (BCF) has a history of providing scholarships for Broadwater High School graduating seniors. In the application process, students explain how their involvement in community service activities and projects made them a well-rounded person and how they would encourage others to volunteer for community service. In 2026 the foundation granted **$13,000** in scholarships to eleven graduating seniors. Trace Giomi's scholarship included additional funding from the Ray Doig scholarship funds which are managed by the foundation. Since 1997, BCF has granted 136 college bound students **$127,500** in scholarships. Instructions for scholarship applications for this year's seniors can be found to the right!



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IMPORTANT NOTICE to Parents & BHS Seniors

Every year, the Broadwater Community Foundation (BCF) offers scholarships on a competitive basis to Broadwater High School (BHS) graduating seniors interested in attending college. Students can receive between $500 and $3,500 to help with their educational expenses. The application process can easily be completed online beginning January 1, 2027.

To apply, visit the Montana Community Foundation (MCF) Scholarship Portal to create an account and log in. Once logged in, click the "Apply" button located at the top of your screen within the red banner. Here, you will be able to enter the access code for either BCF scholarship in the field labeled "Enter Access Code." The Broadwater Community Foundation Scholarship access code is 27BWCF. The Ray Doig Memorial Scholarship access code is 27DOIG.

For more information on either scholarship, please visit our Scholarship Directory. Note that you may also complete the MCF Eligibility Quiz to be matched with other MCF scholarship opportunities. The Eligibility Quiz can be found on your dashboard screen when you first log into the Scholarship Portal.

Completed applications must be submitted by 11:59 PM on March 31, 2027. For further information contact the high school counselor or MCF Scholarships staff at scholarships@mtcf.org or (406) 262-7711.

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BCF MISSION STATEMENT

The Broadwater Community Foundation builds a community endowment fund that develops resources to enhance the quality of life and shape the future of Broadwater County.