

Children's Trust Fund (CTF)



Grant Proposals

All grant proposals should focus on prevention of child abuse and neglect and should equal \$5,000. Proposals will be reviewed by the MT CTF board of directors. If you have questions, you may contact MacKenzie Forbis at 444-3002.

All grant proposals must be submitted by 10/3/2025

The award period will be 10/1/2025-9/30/2026.

Grant Funding Priorities

- ❖ Community Awareness pertaining to the prevention of child abuse and neglect.
- ❖ Increasing protective factors and decreasing risk factors for child abuse and neglect.

Organization Overview

Purpose

The Montana Children's Trust Fund strategically supports initiatives to effectively strengthen Montana's families and keep children safe from abuse and neglect.

Vision

Our Montana children, ages birth to 18 years:

- ❖ Are born into and raised in safe, stable, nurturing environments; and
- ❖ Have parents who have confidence in their parenting skills, and who know where to go for help.

Top priorities for Montana's Children's Trust Fund:

- ❖ Funding effective, primary prevention programs in local communities throughout Montana and enhancing communities' capacity to prevent child abuse and neglect by allocating CTF funds annually for primary and secondary child abuse and neglect prevention programs to community-based organizations;
- ❖ Support public education (such as conferences, workshops, and seminars) that increases participants' knowledge and understanding of child abuse and neglect prevention, and strengthening families and communities; and
- ❖ Increase positive parenting skills that ensure the health, safety and well-being of children.

Grant Application Guidelines

The Montana Children's Trust Fund will consider the following in awarding grants:

1. Six vendors will be awarded funding. Grant award will be \$5,000.
2. Grants will only be awarded to recognized non-profit or other tax-exempt organizations.
3. Grants will be awarded only for projects that do not require continual funding from the Montana Children's Trust Fund.
4. Other factors influencing grant funding will be:
 - a. Purpose and need should be detailed, thoroughly articulated in the proposal, and aligned with CTF priorities;
 - b. Target population must be aligned with CTF target populations which include:
 - i. Montana Children ages 0-18
 - ii. racial and ethnic minorities
 - iii. children and adults with disabilities
 - iv. fathers
 - v. teen parents
 - vi. families experiencing homelessness and those at risk of homelessness
 - vii. unaccompanied homeless youth
 - viii. adult former victims of domestic violence or child abuse and neglect
 - ix. members of other underserved or underrepresented groups
 - c. Procedure and accountability to be followed;
 - d. Whether the Montana Children's Trust Fund is the only contributor to the proposed project;
 - e. How the balance of necessary funding is being raised; and
 - f. How the organization will report back to the Montana Children's Trust Fund on the project.
5. Return a completed proposal using the free and secure [Montana File Transfer Service](#). Within Montana File Transfer Service, send to mackenzie.forbis@mt.gov.

- ❖ The Montana Children's Trust Fund may request more information in order to make funding decisions.
- ❖ If funding is granted, the Montana Children's Trust Fund logo must be used on all public awareness, including but not limited to flyers, public service announcements, press releases, and social media related to the funded project.

Grant Application

Please complete the Montana Children's Trust Fund's grant application below. Submit this proposal using the free and secure [Montana File Transfer Service](#). Send to mackenzie.forbis@mt.gov and include **IMPORTANT Grant Proposal** in the subject line. You may call MacKenzie at 444-3002 if you have any questions.

Be sure to read all instructions.

Answer each question individually in the order listed. Do not delete the question. USE all templates provided.

Incomplete proposals and proposals not submitted in the format requested will not be evaluated.

Project Name: _____

Organization: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Counties Served: _____

Project Overview

Be as concise as possible. Answer each question individually in the order listed. Do not delete the question.

1. Describe the project.

2. Describe the need for the project in your community using local data.

3. What is the target population for this project?

4. Projected Numbers to Be Served by Project:

Population	#	Population	#	Population	#
Children		Parents/caregivers		Families	
Children w/disabilities		Parents/caregivers with disabilities		Professionals	

5. State your plan and timeline for this project.

6. What are the outcomes and indicators for this project?

7. How will you measure and evaluate the success of this project? How will the organization report back to the Montana Children's Trust Fund on the project?

8. Is the Montana Children's Trust Fund the only source of funding for this project?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No", how is the balance of necessary funding being raised?

9. What resources do you have already (staff, space, experience, etc.) that will enable you to provide services as you intend.

10. Are you collaborating with other organizations? How so?

11. Please attach a list of your Board of Directors, if applicable. If not applicable, please indicate that below.

12. Provide a line item Project Budget. Use the template provided on the next page.

13. Attach proof of 501 (c) 3 status.

Projected Budget

<u>Expense</u>	<u>CTF Funds Requested</u>	<u>Funds from other sources</u>
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
Total cost of project	\$	
Amount from other sources**	\$	
Total CTF Costs	\$ 5,000.00	

**List sources and amounts of non-CTF funding used (attach additional page if necessary)

<u>Source:</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>In-kind</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
Total other sources of funding:	\$	\$	\$