

**The Aurora Borealis Foundation**

745 S. Main St.

Kalispell, MT 59901-5341

**Type of Grantmaker:** Independent foundation

**IRS Exemption Status:** 501(c)(3)

**Financial Data** (yr. ended 12/31/11): Assets: \$45,942; Total giving: \$22,000

**EIN:** 810522406

**990-PF:** [2012](#) [2011](#) [2010](#) [2009](#) [2008](#) [2007](#) [2006](#) [2005](#) [2004](#) [2003](#) [2002](#) [2001](#) [2001](#)

**Last Updated:** 2/25/2013

**Donor(s)**

Roger Sullivan

Mayre Flowers

**Background**

Established in MT.

**Limitations**

Giving primarily in MT.

**Fields of Interest**

**Subjects**

Community/economic development

Environment

Religion

**Geographic Focus**

Montana

**Types of Support**

General/operating support

**Application Information**

Application form required. Initial approach: Letter

Deadline(s): None

**Officer**

Roger Sullivan, President

**Financial Data**

**Year ended 12/31/11:**

Assets: \$45,942 (market value)

Gifts received: \$25,000

Expenditures: \$22,300

Total giving: \$22,000

Qualifying distributions: \$22,000

Giving activities include:

\$22,000 for 5 grants (high: \$15,000; low: \$1,000)

**Additional Location Information**

County: Flathead

Congressional district: Montana District At-large

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**The Cinnabar Foundation**

P.O. Box 5282

Whitefish, MT 59937

Telephone: (406) 250-9810

Contact: Steve Thompson, Exec. Dir.

URL: [www.cinnabarfoundation.org](http://www.cinnabarfoundation.org)

**Type of Grantmaker:** Independent foundation

**Financial Data** (yr. ended 12/31/12): Assets: \$8,944,618; Total giving: \$362,000

**EIN:** 810415045

**990-PF:** [2012](#) [2011](#) [2010](#) [2009](#) [2008](#) [2007](#) [2006](#) [2005](#) [2004](#) [2003](#) [2002](#) [2001](#)

**Last Updated:** 9/17/2013

**Additional Contact Information**

E-mail for Steve Thompson: [steve@cinnabarfoundation.org](mailto:steve@cinnabarfoundation.org)

**Donor(s)**

*Note: If a donor is deceased, the symbol (‡) follows the name.*

Leonard Sargent‡

Members of the Kelsey family

**Background**

Established in 1983 in MT.

**Limitations**

Giving limited to MT and the Yellowstone area.

**Purpose and Activities**

Giving primarily to promote environmental protection and fish and wildlife conservation in MT and the greater Yellowstone ecosystem.

**Fields of Interest****Subjects**

Animals/wildlife, fisheries

Animals/wildlife, management/technical assistance

Animals/wildlife, preservation/protection

Environment

Environment, natural resources

**Geographic Focus**

Idaho

Montana

Wyoming

**Types of Support**

Conferences/seminars

General/operating support

Land acquisition

Matching/challenge support

Research  
Scholarships--to individuals

**Publications**

Annual report  
Annual report (including application guidelines)  
Multi-year report

**Application Information**

Complete application guidelines available on foundation web site. Application form required. Applicants should submit the following:

1. Statement of problem project will address
2. Brief history of organization and description of its mission

Initial approach: Proposal (no more than 2 pages)

Copies of proposal: 1

Board meeting date(s): Semiannually

Deadline(s): Generally, Mar. 31

Final notification: May 31

**Officers and Directors**

*Note: An asterisk (\*) following an individual's name indicates an officer who is also a trustee or director.*

**Robin Tawney,\*** President

**James Posewitz,\*** Vice President

**Rick Hubbard-Sargent,** Secretary

**Ernest J. Turner,\*** Treasurer

**Member**

**William Madden**

**Staff**

**Number of Staff**

1 part-time professional

**Financial Data**

**Year ended 12/31/12:**

Assets: \$8,944,618 (market value)

Gifts received: \$43,400

Expenditures: \$454,927

Total giving: \$362,000

Qualifying distributions: \$442,067

Giving activities include:

\$362,000 for 116 grants (high: \$10,000; low: \$500)

**Additional Location Information**

County: Flathead

Congressional district: Montana District At-large

**Selected Grants**

The following grants are a representative sample of this grantmaker's funding activity:

\$13,000 to Montana Wildlife Federation, Helena, MT, in 2009. To promote environmental protection and conservation in Montana, payable over 1 year.

\$13,000 to Northern Plains Resource Council, Billings, MT, in 2009. To promote environmental protection and conservation in Montana, payable over 1 year.

\$13,000 to Yaak Valley Forest Council, Troy, MT, in 2009. To promote environmental protection and conservation in Montana, payable over 1 year.

\$12,700 to Montana Environmental Information Center, Helena, MT, in 2009. To promote environmental protection and conservation in Montana, payable over 1 year.

\$12,000 to Nature Conservancy of Montana, Helena, MT, in 2009. To promote environmental protection and conservation in Montana, payable over 1 year.

\$11,000 to Montana State University, Bozeman, MT, in 2009, payable over 1 year.

\$10,000 to Clark Fork Coalition, Missoula, MT, in 2009. To promote environmental protection and conservation in Montana, payable over 1 year.

\$10,000 to Montana Natural History Center, Missoula, MT, in 2009. To promote environmental protection and conservation in Montana, payable over 1 year.

\$10,000 to Pheasants Forever, Lewistown, MT, in 2009. To promote environmental protection and conservation in Montana, payable over 1 year.

\$10,000 to Vital Ground Foundation, Missoula, MT, in 2009. To promote environmental protection and conservation in Montana, payable over 1 year.

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#### **Davis Family Foundation**

8000 Bridger Shadows Rd.

Bozeman, MT 59715

Telephone: (214) 369-1186

Contact: Howard Davis, Tr.

**Type of Grantmaker:** Independent foundation

**Financial Data** (yr. ended 12/31/11): Assets: \$78,609; Total giving: \$7,500

**EIN:** 311589361

**990-PF:** [2011](#) [2010](#) [2009](#) [2008](#) [2007](#) [2006](#) [2005](#) [2004](#) [2003](#) [2002](#) [2001](#)

**Last Updated:** 10/1/2013

#### **Donor(s)**

Howard Davis

#### **Background**

Established in 1998 in TX.

#### **Limitations**

Giving primarily in Washington, DC, Bozeman, MT, and Dallas, TX.

No grants to individuals.

#### **Fields of Interest**

##### **Subjects**

Animals/wildlife

Environment

Human services

#### **Geographic Focus**

District of Columbia  
Montana  
Texas

**Application Information**

Application form required. Initial approach: Letter  
Deadline(s): None

**Trustees**

**Howard Davis**  
**Laurel Davis**  
**Sharon Davis**

**Financial Data**

**Year ended 12/31/11:**

Assets: \$78,609 (market value)  
Gifts received: \$10,000  
Expenditures: \$8,078  
Total giving: \$7,500  
Qualifying distributions: \$7,500  
Giving activities include:  
\$7,500 for 7 grants (high: \$2,000; low: \$500)

**Additional Location Information**

County: Gallatin  
Congressional district: Montana District At-large

**Double F. Foundation**

P.O. Box 3  
Ennis, MT 59729-0003  
Contact: Jon S. Fossel, Pres.

**Type of Grantmaker:** Operating foundation

**Financial Data** (yr. ended 9/30/12): Assets: \$117,343; Total giving: \$272,500

**EIN:** 202751477

**990-PF:** [2012](#) [2011](#) [2010](#) [2009](#) [2008](#) [2007](#) [2006](#)

**Last Updated:** 8/29/2013

**Donor(s)**

Jon S. Fossell  
Jack Creek Reserve Foundation

**Background**

Established in MT.

**Limitations**

Giving primarily in MT.

**Fields of Interest**

**Subjects**

Animals/wildlife

Education  
Environment  
Health care  
Hospitals (general)

**Geographic Focus**

Montana

**Application Information**

Application form required. Initial approach: Request application form  
Deadline(s): None

**Officers**

**Jon S. Fossel**, President  
**Dorothy M. Fossel**, Treasurer  
**Alde Feskanin**, Executive Director

**Directors**

**Becky V. Fossel**  
**Steven L. Fossel**

**Financial Data**

**Year ended 9/30/12:**

Assets: \$117,343 (market value)  
Expenditures: \$279,324  
Total giving: \$272,500  
Qualifying distributions: \$279,324  
Giving activities include:  
\$272,500 for 7 grants (high: \$150,000; low: \$250)

**Additional Location Information**

County: Madison  
Congressional district: Montana District At-large

**O. P. and W. E. Edwards Foundation, Inc.**

c/o Jo Ann Eder  
P.O. Box 2445  
Red Lodge, MT 59068-2445  
Telephone: (406) 446-1077  
Contact: Jo Anne Eder, Pres.; Amy Moore, Foundation Mgr.  
Fax: (406) 446-1363  
E-mail: [info@opweedwards.org](mailto:info@opweedwards.org)  
URL: [opweedwards.org](http://opweedwards.org)

**Type of Grantmaker**

Independent foundation

**Additional Descriptor:** Family foundation

**Financial Data** (yr. ended 8/31/12): Assets: \$34,719,590; Total giving: \$3,169,168

**EIN:** 136100965

**990-PF:** [2012](#) [2011](#) [2010](#) [2009](#) [2008](#) [2007](#) [2006](#) [2005](#) [2004](#) [2003](#) [2002](#) [2001](#)

**E-Grant Reporter**

**Last Updated:** 5/30/2013

### **Additional Contact Information**

E-mail address of Amy Moore, Foundation Mgr., for specific grant questions: amoore@opweedwards.org

### **Online Communications**

#### **Grants List**

### **Donor(s)**

*Note: If a donor is deceased, the symbol (‡) follows the name.*

William E. Edwards‡

J.N. Edwards‡

Harriet E. Gamper

David E. Gamper‡

Jo Ann Eder

### **Economic Crisis Information**

New policies implemented for the economic crisis include: 1) Revert to more sustainable granting levels (similar to grantmaking levels between 2004 and 2006); 2) For each organization, the foundation will not approve more than one grant per year for the same project/purpose; 3) Because of the foundation's emphasis on site visits, the foundation has a geographical focus where it awards grants. With some exceptions, this area includes MT, NY, and VT, and organizations working in Indian country; The foundation will not generally award grants over 20 percent of an organization's operating revenue excluding in-kind contributions; 5) Grants made to organizations that are new to the foundation will be smaller and include more reporting until a better relationship is established. The foundation is also making Early Childhood Care and Education a priority in its grantmaking. To this end, the foundation makes grants to non-profit organizations for general, program or scholarship support of their work with low-income, at-risk, underserved youth and children. The foundation may provide limited support for quality improvement, capacity building and advocacy for these organizations either directly or through intermediaries. The foundation's focus remains on non-profit child care centers, pre-schools and out of school organizations with limited support for school-centered programs, non-profit schools and young adult transitional programs. The foundation has special interest in helping Native American children, youth and their families, especially those in the Dakotas, ID, MT and WY.

### **Background**

Incorporated in 1962 in NY.

### **Limitations**

Giving primarily in MT, NY, and VT; limited funding in, ND, Minneapolis, MN, OR, SD, and the Northwest. No grants to individuals, or for capital grants.

### **Purpose and Activities**

Major interest in programs helping economically disadvantaged young people become able to survive and thrive on their own, with preference to smaller, comprehensive programs that are integral parts of their communities' networks of services.

### **Program Area(s)**

The grantmaker has identified the following area(s) of interest:

#### **Arts Fund**

Support for programs that seek to inspire creative expression in people of all ages, abilities, and income through their connections and exchanges with artists and their artistic activities. This is an un-endowed, pass-through discretionary fund. Grants from this fund are suggested by the trustee.

#### **Environmental Fund**

Support for programs that seek to protect, promote and foster a love for the environment, especially through education. This is an un-endowed, pass-through discretionary fund. Grants from this fund are suggested by the trustee.

**General Fund**

This fund supports organizations that help provide a bridge to a life of greater opportunity to low-income, at-risk, underserved youth and children. The foundation believes that these children deserve assistance that is holistic and long lasting. This assistance should address significant factors that impede success in education and in life.

**Sky and Earth Fund**

The focus is on programs that support, promote and foster a love for science, especially astronomy, as well as programs that work to ensure affordable housing for generations to come. This is an un-endowed, pass-through discretionary fund. Grants from this fund are suggested by the trustee.

**Fields of Interest****Subjects**

Astronomy  
Children/youth, services  
Community/economic development  
Education  
Family services  
Human services  
Performing arts  
Visual arts  
Youth development

**Population Groups**

Children/youth  
Economically disadvantaged  
Indigenous peoples  
Infants/toddlers  
Native Americans/American Indians  
Young adults  
Youth

**Geographic Focus**

Minnesota  
Montana  
New York  
North Dakota  
South Dakota  
Vermont

**Types of Support**

Continuing support  
Emergency funds  
General/operating support  
Management development/capacity building  
Matching/challenge support  
Program-related investments/loans  
Program development  
Scholarship funds  
Seed money

**Publications**

Application guidelines

Grants list

IRS Form 990 or 990-PF printed copy available upon request

### **Application Information**

Unsolicited full proposals not considered. The foundation requests proposals from organizations about which the trustees are personally and directly knowledgeable. See foundation web site for details. Application form required. Initial

approach: See foundation web site for instructions and guidelines

Board meeting date(s): As required

### **Officers and Trustees**

*Note: An asterisk (\*) following an individual's name indicates an officer who is also a trustee or director.*

**Jo Ann Eder,\*** President

**Gisela Gamper,\*** Vice President

**Mark D. Eder,\*** Secretary

**Yogeeta Gamper,\*** Treasurer

**Jessica Dunbar**

**Christopher E. Gamper**

**Harriet E. Gamper**

### **Staff**

**Number of Staff**

1 part-time support

### **Memberships**

**Regional Associations of Grantmakers**

Philanthropy Northwest

**Affinity Groups**

Association of Small Foundations

Grantmakers for Children, Youth and Families

Mission Investors Exchange

Native Americans in Philanthropy

**Associations and Other Philanthropic Organizations**

Council on Foundations

Montana Nonprofit Association

### **Financial Data**

**Year ended 8/31/12:**

Assets: \$34,719,590 (market value)

Gifts received: \$850,000

Expenditures: \$4,649,119

Total giving: \$3,169,168

Qualifying distributions: \$3,207,721

Giving activities include:

\$3,169,168 for 127 grants (high: \$118,000; low: \$1,000)

**Estimated financial data for year ending 8/31/13:**

Assets: \$34,000,000

Grants: \$2,000,000

### **Additional Location Information**

County: Carbon

Metropolitan area: Billings, MT

Congressional district: Montana District At-large

### **Selected Grants**

The following grants are a representative sample of this grantmaker's funding activity:

\$177,000 to United Methodist Church of Leipsic, Leipsic, OH, in 2012. For grant of which \$118,000 - 10% thereof to be paid to the Defiance District Office of the United Methodist Church to be used toward college scholarships for pre-ministerial students, 5% thereof to the Caring and Sharing Group, and the balance to be distributed in such Christian Mission projects as the Outreach Committee, and \$59,000 for Church's Christian Education and Music Programs, payable over 1 year.

\$150,000 to Hopa Mountain, Bozeman, MT, in 2012. For Strengthening the Circle, payable over 1 year.

\$140,000 to Vermont Community Foundation, Middlebury, VT, in 2012. For Edwards Foundation Preschool Scholarships, payable over 1 year.

\$118,000 to Life Enriching Communities Foundation, Loveland, OH, in 2012. For Benevolent Care Fund for health care residents requiring financial assistance, payable over 1 year.

\$118,000 to Wesley Services Organization, Cincinnati, OH, in 2012. To improve the lives of so many seniors and disabled in the Cincinnati area with your wide range of programs, payable over 1 year.

\$60,000 to Center for Creative Education, Kingston, NY, in 2012. For after-school arts programs for at-risk and low-income children and youth in Kingston, NY, payable over 1 year.

\$55,000 to Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Cheyenne Nation, Lame Deer, MT, in 2012. For Directions Native American Scholarships, payable over 1 year.

\$55,000 to Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Cheyenne Nation, Lame Deer, MT, in 2012. For general support, payable over 1 year.

\$50,000 to Vermont Community Foundation, Middlebury, VT, in 2012. For Vermont Community Foundation Birth to Three, payable over 1 year.

\$40,000 to Southside Family Nurturing Center, Minneapolis, MN, in 2012. For general operating support, payable over 1 year.

\$35,000 to Vermont Community Foundation, Middlebury, VT, in 2012. For Vermont Community Preschool Collaborative, payable over 1 year.

\$30,000 to Farmworker Housing Development Corporation, Woodburn, OR, in 2012. For educational programs for farmworker children and youth, payable over 1 year.

\$25,000 to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lake County and the Flathead Reservation, Ronan, MT, in 2012. For Native American Mentoring Project, payable over 1 year.

\$25,000 to Hopa Mountain, Bozeman, MT, in 2012. For program support, payable over 1 year.

\$25,000 to Hopa Mountain, Bozeman, MT, in 2012. To implement Indigenous Scholars of Promise Program, payable over 1 year.

\$25,000 to Vermont Community Loan Fund, Montpelier, VT, in 2012. For Project SUCCESS, payable over 1 year.

\$20,000 to Flagship Program, Missoula, MT, in 2012. For The Flagship Program at Lowell Elementary School, payable over 1 year.

\$20,000 to Friends of Green Chimneys, Brewster, NY, in 2012. For Green Chimneys Promise Program, payable over 1 year.

\$20,000 to Manaia, Livingston, MT, in 2012. For general support, payable over 1 year.

\$20,000 to Thrive, Inc., Bozeman, MT, in 2012. For Partnership Project Child Care Scholarships, payable over 1 year.

\$15,000 to Center for Creative Education, Kingston, NY, in 2012. For David Hykes - Harmonic Presence, payable over 1 year.

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### **The High Stakes Foundation**

(formerly Montana Good Works Foundation)

P.O. Box 96

Arlee, MT 59821-0096

Telephone: (406) 726-2030

Contact: Mary Stranahan, Dir.

URL: [www.highstakesfoundation.org](http://www.highstakesfoundation.org)

**Type of Grantmaker:** Independent foundation

**Financial Data** (yr. ended 12/31/11): Assets: \$2,017,708; Total giving: \$511,250

**EIN:** 205815274

**990-PF:** [2011](#) [2010](#) [2009](#) [2008](#) [2007](#)

**Last Updated:** 6/6/2013

**Donor(s)**

Mary Stranahan

Mary Stranahan Trust

**Background**

Established in 2007 in MT.

**Limitations**

Giving primarily in MT.

**Fields of Interest**

**Subjects**

Animals/wildlife, preservation/protection

Environmental education

Environment, natural resources

Human services

Social sciences, public policy

**Geographic Focus**

Montana

**Application Information**

Application form required. Initial approach: Request proposal

Deadline(s): None

**Officers**

**Dawn McGee**, President and Secretary

**Cherie Garcelon**, Fin. Manager and Program Officer

**Directors**

**Joel Solomon**

**Mary Stranhan**

**Molly Stranhan**

**Financial Data**

**Year ended 12/31/11:**

Assets: \$2,017,708 (market value)

Expenditures: \$660,860

Total giving: \$511,250

Qualifying distributions: \$640,172

Giving activities include:

\$511,250 for 43 grants (high: \$30,000; low: \$2,000)

**Additional Location Information**

County: Lake

Congressional district: Montana District At-large

**Lewis and Clark County Community Foundation**

P.O. Box 92

Helena, MT 59624

Telephone: (406) 459-8748

Contact: Judith Johnston, Foundation Admin.; For grants: Heidi Goettel, Secy.

E-mail: [admin@lccfoundation.org](mailto:admin@lccfoundation.org)

URL: [www.lccfoundation.org](http://www.lccfoundation.org)

**Type of Grantmaker:** Community foundation

**Additional Descriptor:** Geographic affiliate of a community foundation

**EIN:** 810536902

**990:** [2011](#) [2010](#) [2009](#) [2008](#) [2007](#) [2006](#) [2005](#) [2004](#) [2003](#) [2002](#)

**Last Updated:** 11/5/2012

**Additional Contact Information**

Grant Application E-mail: [hgoettel@crowleyfleck.com](mailto:hgoettel@crowleyfleck.com)

**Affiliated Organizations**

Geographic Affiliate Fund of

Montana Community Foundation

**Background**

Established in 1994 in MT; a regional affiliate of the Montana Community Foundation.

**Limitations**

Giving primarily in Lewis and Clark County, MT.

**Purpose and Activities**

The foundation provides financial support to quality charitable projects benefitting Lewis and Clark County, MT and its residents.

**Fields of Interest**

**Subjects**

Arts

Economic development

Education

Environment, natural resources

Health care

Historic preservation/historical societies

Human services  
Youth development

**Geographic Focus**

Montana

**Publications**

Application guidelines

**Application Information**

2012 Granting Cycle Complete. Visit web site for 2013 cycle. Application form required. Applicants should submit the following:

1. Signature and title of chief executive officer
2. Name, address and phone number of organization
3. Copy of IRS Determination Letter
4. Copy of most recent annual report/audited financial statement/990
5. Listing of board of directors, trustees, officers and other key people and their affiliations
6. Detailed description of project and amount of funding requested
7. Contact person
8. Listing of additional sources and amount of support

**Officers and Directors**

*Note: An asterisk (\*) following an individual's name indicates an officer who is also a trustee or director.*

**Frank Cote,\*** President

**Marcy McLean,\*** Vice President

**Heidi Goettel,\*** Secretary

**Lisa Bullock,** Treasurer

**Judith M. Johnson,** Foundation Admin.

**Steve Browning**

**Bridgitt Erickson**

**Aimee Grmoljez**

**Sarah Howe-Cobb**

**Jason B. Jewett**

**Julie Johnson**

**Christine Odegard**

**Memberships**

**Associations and Other Philanthropic Organizations**

Council on Foundations

**Additional Location Information**

County: Lewis and Clark

Congressional district: Montana District At-large

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**Mineral County Community Foundation**

P.O. Box 93

Superior, MT 59872-0093

Telephone: (406) 822-5000

Contact: Liz Gupton

E-mail: [lizgupton@blackfoot.net](mailto:lizgupton@blackfoot.net)

URL: [community.mtcf.org/netcommunity/mineral](http://community.mtcf.org/netcommunity/mineral)

**Type of Grantmaker:** Community foundation

**Additional Descriptor:** Geographic affiliate of a community foundation

**Last Updated:** 10/25/2013

**Affiliated Organizations**

Geographic Affiliate Fund of

Montana Community Foundation

**Background**

Established in 1994 in MT; a regional affiliate of the Montana Community Foundation.

**Limitations**

Giving primarily in Mineral County, MT.

**Purpose and Activities**

The foundation promotes ecologically and economically sustainable development of human and natural resources to improve the social and economic wellness of the communities of Mineral County, MT.

**Fields of Interest**

**Subjects**

Community/economic development

Environment

Human services

**Geographic Focus**

Montana

**Application Information**

Visit foundation Web site for grant information. Maximum grant size is \$500. Application form required. Applicants should submit the following:

1. Name, address and phone number of organization
2. Contact person
3. Listing of board of directors, trustees, officers and other key people and their affiliations
4. Detailed description of project and amount of funding requested
5. Copy of current year's organizational budget and/or project budget
6. Statement of problem project will address
7. Listing of additional sources and amount of support
8. Signature and title of chief executive officer

Initial approach: Contact foundation

Deadline(s): Nov. 30

Final notification: Early Jan.

**Officers and Board Members**

*Note: An asterisk (\*) following an individual's name indicates an officer who is also a trustee or director.*

**Glenn Koepke,\*** President

**Bruce Berry,\*** Vice President

**Liz Gupton,\*** Secretary

**Ann Rauvola Bailey,\*** Treasurer

**Herman Berneking**

**Dan Faller**

**Seven Hobbs**

**Additional Location Information**

County: Mineral

Congressional district: Montana District At-large

**Missoula Community Foundation**

P.O. Box 1968

Missoula, MT 59806

Telephone: (406) 552-7347

Contact: Meredith Printz, Exec. Dir.

E-mail: [info@missoulacommunityfoundation.org](mailto:info@missoulacommunityfoundation.org)

URL: [www.missoulacommunityfoundation.org](http://www.missoulacommunityfoundation.org)

**Type of Grantmaker:** Community foundation

**Additional Descriptor:** Geographic affiliate of a community foundation

**EIN:** 810539830

**990:** [2011](#) [2010](#) [2009](#) [2008](#) [2007](#) [2006](#) [2005](#) [2005](#)

**Last Updated:** 11/5/2012

**Affiliated Organizations**

Geographic Affiliate Fund of

[Montana Community Foundation](#)

**Background**

Established in 2001 in MT; a regional affiliate of the Montana Community Foundation.

**Limitations**

Giving primarily in Granite, Mineral, Ravalli and Missoula counties, MT.

No support for sectarian or religious organizations whose principal activity is for the benefit of their own members or adherents.

No grants to individuals, or for endowment funds, loans, debt retirement, or replacement of operational deficits.

**Purpose and Activities**

The Missoula Community Foundation is dedicated to preserving and enhancing the unique characteristics of Missoula, MT.

### **Fields of Interest**

#### **Subjects**

Arts  
Economic development  
Education  
Environment  
Health care  
Human services

### **Geographic Focus**

Montana

### **Publications**

Application guidelines

### **Application Information**

Visit foundation Web site for application form and guidelines. Application form required. Applicants should submit the following:

1. Results expected from proposed grant
2. Qualifications of key personnel
3. Name, address and phone number of organization
4. Copy of IRS Determination Letter
5. How project's results will be evaluated or measured
6. Listing of board of directors, trustees, officers and other key people and their affiliations
7. Detailed description of project and amount of funding requested
8. Contact person
9. Copy of current year's organizational budget and/or project budget

Initial approach: Submit application form and attachments

Deadline(s): June 1

Final notification: Aug. 15

### **Officers and Directors**

*Note: An asterisk (\*) following an individual's name indicates an officer who is also a trustee or director.*

**Dale Woolhiser,\*** President

**Patsy O'Keefe,\*** Vice President

**Naomi Lichtenberg,\*** Secretary

**Norm Williamson,\*** Treasurer

**Meredith Printz,** Executive Director

**Nick Jones**

**Tracy Lopez**

### **Memberships**

**Associations and Other Philanthropic Organizations**

Council on Foundations

### **Additional Location Information**

County: Missoula  
 Metropolitan area: Missoula, MT  
 Congressional district: Montana District At-large

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**Montana Community Foundation**

1 N. Last Chance Gulch, Ste. 1  
 Helena, MT 59624-1145  
 Telephone: (406) 443-8313  
 Fax: (406) 442-0482  
 E-mail: [info@mtcf.org](mailto:info@mtcf.org)  
 URL: [www.mtcf.org](http://www.mtcf.org)

**Type of Grantmaker:** Community foundation

**Financial Data** (yr. ended 6/30/12): Assets: \$59,658,108; Total giving: \$2,567,904

**EIN:** 810450150

**990:** [2012](#) [2011](#) [2010](#) [2009](#) [2008](#) [2007](#) [2006](#) [2005](#) [2004](#) [2003](#) [2002](#)

**Last Updated:** 7/12/2013

**Additional Contact Information**

Mailing address: P.O. box 1145, Helena, MT 59624-1145

**Online Communications**

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**Affiliated Organizations**

Geographic Affiliate Funds

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[Broadwater Community Foundation](#)  
[Butte-Silver Bow Community Foundation](#)  
[Carter County Community Foundation](#)  
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[Hill County Community Foundation](#)  
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[Lincoln County Community Foundation](#)  
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Prairie Benefits

Red Lodge Area Community Foundation

Richland County Community Foundation

Roberts Community Foundation

Rocky Mountain Front Community Foundation

Ruby Valley Foundation

Seeley Lake Community Foundation

Stevensville Community Foundation

Sunburst Community Foundation

Three Mile, Lone Rock Community Foundation

Tobacco County Community Foundation

Valley County Community Foundation

**Background**

Incorporated in 1988 in MT.

**Limitations**

Giving limited to MT.

No support for religious purposes.

No grants for annual or capital campaigns, endowment funds, or generally for debt retirement.

**Purpose and Activities**

The foundation seeks to cultivate a culture of giving so Montana communities can flourish.

**Fields of Interest**

**Subjects**

Arts

Economic development

Education

Environment, natural resources

Human services

**Population Groups**

Adults, women

Girls

LGBTQ

Minorities

Native Americans/American Indians

Young adults, female

**Geographic Focus**

Montana

**Types of Support**

Continuing support

Emergency funds

Employee-related scholarships

Scholarships--to individuals

**Publications**

Financial statement

Newsletter

**Application Information**

Visit foundation web site for Application Cover Sheet and application guidelines. Application form required. Initial approach: Submit Application Cover Sheet with proposal

Board meeting date(s): 3 times per year

**Officers and Directors**

*Note: An asterisk (\*) following an individual's name indicates an officer who is also a trustee or director.*

**Dan Clark,\*** Chairperson

**Brian Patrick,\*** Vice-Chairperson

**Mary Craige,\*** Secretary

**Emily Kovarik,\*** Chief Financial Officer

**Dale Woolhiser,\*** Treasurer

**Jeff Bretherton**

**Mike Gustafson**

**Stacey Mueller**

**Cynthia R. Woods**

**Staff**

**Number of Staff**

5 full-time professional

2 full-time support

1 part-time support

**Key Staff**

*Note: Does not include officers.*

**Jenny Baglien,** Acct.

**Cathy Cooney,** Program Director

**Jen Euell,** Program Director

**Memberships**

**Affinity Groups**

Women's Funding Network

**Associations and Other Philanthropic Organizations**

Council on Foundations

Montana Nonprofit Association

**Financial Data**

**Year ended 6/30/12:**

Assets: \$59,658,108 (market value)

Gifts received: \$2,956,696

Expenditures: \$4,674,299

Total giving: \$2,567,904

Giving activities include:

\$2,567,904 for 120 grants (high: \$112,720)

**Additional Location Information**

County: Lewis and Clark

Congressional district: Montana District At-large

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**Montana Preservation Alliance**

120 Reeder's Alley  
Helena, MT 59601-6200  
Telephone: (406) 457-2822  
Contact: Chere Jiusto, Exec. Dir.  
Fax: (406) 457-2824  
E-mail: [info@preservemontana.org](mailto:info@preservemontana.org)  
URL: [www.preservemontana.org](http://www.preservemontana.org)

**Type of Grantmaker:** Public charity

**Additional Descriptor:** Organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public

**Financial Data** (yr. ended 12/31/11): Assets: \$173,998

**EIN:** 363559965

**990:** [2011](#) [2010](#) [2009](#) [2008](#) [2007](#) [2006](#) [2005](#) [2004](#) [2004](#) [2003](#) [2002](#)

**Last Updated:** 2/27/2013

**Additional Contact Information**

E-Mail for Chere Jiusto : [chere@preservemontana.org](mailto:chere@preservemontana.org)

**Background**

Established in MT.

**Limitations**

Giving limited to MT.

**Purpose and Activities**

The alliance champions the preservation of Montana's historic places and cultural heritage through education, advocacy, and outreach activities.

**Program Area(s)**

The grantmaker has identified the following area(s) of interest:

**Endangered Properties Grants**

Grants of \$5,000 to \$25,000 are available to owners of historically-significant industrial buildings and structures to assist in the stabilization, repair, and preservation of some of the most important and threatened buildings and structures in Montana.

**Fields of Interest****Subjects**

Education  
Environment  
Historic preservation/historical societies  
Housing/shelter, expense aid  
Housing/shelter, repairs

**Geographic Focus**

Montana

**Officers and Board Members**

*Note: An asterisk (\*) following an individual's name indicates an officer who is also a trustee or director.*

**James R. McDonald,\*** President

Affiliation(s):

*A&E Architects, P.C., Principal Architect and Partner*

**Cindy Kittredge,\*** Vice President

Affiliation(s):

*Montana State University - Great Falls, Director, Creative Arts Enterprise*

**Melisa Kaiser-Synness,\*** Secretary

Affiliation(s):

*Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies in Helena, Director*

**Mara-Gai Katz,\*** Treasurer

**Chere Jiusto,** Executive Director

**Kris Komar**

**Milo McLeod**

**Stephanie Ambrose Tubbs**

Affiliation(s):

*The Lewis and Clark Companion: An Encyclopedic Guide to the Voyage of Discovery., Co-Author*

**Gayle Shanahan**

Affiliation(s):

*The Russell Country Tourism Board, Member*

**Don Sorenson**

Affiliation(s):

*The Russell Country Tourism Board, Member*

### **Financial Data**

**Year ended 12/31/11:**

Revenue: \$385,599

Assets: \$173,998 (market value)

Gifts received: \$381,232

Expenditures: \$272,203

### **Additional Location Information**

County: Lewis and Clark

Congressional district: Montana District At-large

### **Montana Trout Foundation**

1001 Oak St., Rm.206

Bozeman, MT 59715

Contact: Gordon Haugen

**Type of Grantmaker:** Independent foundation

**IRS Exemption Status:** 501(c)(3)

**Financial Data** (yr. ended 12/31/09): Assets: \$278,741; Total giving: \$4,800

**EIN:** 810367488

**990-PF:** [2009](#) [2008](#) [2007](#) [2006](#) [2005](#) [2004](#) [2003](#) [2002](#) [2001](#)

**Last Updated:** 7/3/2012

**Background**

Re-classified in 2000 in MT as a private foundation.

**Limitations**

Giving primarily in MT.

**Fields of Interest**

**Subjects**

Animals/wildlife, fisheries

Environment, natural resources

**Geographic Focus**

Montana

**Application Information**

Initial approach: Letter

Deadline(s): None

**Officers**

**David Thompson**, President

**Kent Kasting**, Secretary

**George Schram**, Treasurer

**Financial Data**

**Year ended 12/31/09:**

Assets: \$278,741 (market value)

Gifts received: \$1,400

Expenditures: \$6,344

Total giving: \$4,800

Qualifying distributions: \$4,800

Giving activities include:

\$4,800 for 3 grants (high: \$1,800; low: \$1,500)

**Additional Location Information**

County: Gallatin

Congressional district: Montana District At-large

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**Musselshell Valley Community Foundation**

P.O. Box 713

Roundup, MT 59072

Telephone: (406) 323-1771

Contact: Bill Milton, Chair.

E-mail: [bill\\_milton@hotmail.com](mailto:bill_milton@hotmail.com)

URL: [www.roundup-mt.net](http://www.roundup-mt.net)

**Type of Grantmaker:** Community foundation

**Additional Descriptor:** Geographic affiliate of a community foundation

**EIN:** 810512493

**990:** [2012](#) [2011](#) [2010](#) [2009](#) [2008](#) [2007](#) [2006](#) [2005](#) [2004](#) [2003](#) [2002](#)

**Last Updated:** 11/6/2012

**Affiliated Organizations**

Geographic Affiliate Fund of

Montana Community Foundation

**Background**

Established in 1996 in MT; a regional affiliate of the Montana Community Foundation.

**Limitations**

Giving primarily in Musselshell Valley Region, MT.

**Purpose and Activities**

The foundation is dedicated to enhancing the vitality of communities in the Musselshell River Valley of central Montana.

**Fields of Interest**

**Subjects**

Arts

Community/economic development

Education

Environment

Recreation

Youth development

**Geographic Focus**

Montana

**Officers and Board Members**

*Note: An asterisk (\*) following an individual's name indicates an officer who is also a trustee or director.*

**Bill Milton,\*** Chairperson

**Kelly Gebhardt,\*** Vice-Chairperson

**Wilbur Wood,\*** Secretary

Affiliation(s):

*Rocky Mountain College, Writer, Editor and Adjunct Professor*

**Jay Newell,\*** Treasurer

**Lissa Beatty**

Affiliation(s):

*Lavina School Community Association, President*

**Karen Erdie**

Affiliation(s):

*Agency on Aging, Director, Area II*

**Linda Picchioni**

Affiliation(s):

*Musselshell Valley Historical Museum, Board Member*

**Monty Sealey**

Affiliation(s):

*Central Montana RC&D, Inc, Executive Director*

**Dwane Snook**

Affiliation(s):

*Homes on the Range, Board Member*

*Youth Center, Board Member*

*Ridge Riders, Board Member*

*Custer Country-State Tourism, Board Member*

*RIDE, Co-Chairperson*

*Bull Mountain Volunteer Fire Department Association, President*

**Additional Location Information**

County: Musselshell

Congressional district: Montana District At-large

**PPL Montana Corporate Giving Program**

303 N. Broadway, Ste. 400

Billings, MT 59101-1255

Telephone: (406) 237-6914

Fax: (406) 237-6901

E-mail: [LRPerry@pplweb.com](mailto:LRPerry@pplweb.com)

URL: [www.pplmontana.com/community/a+good+neighbor.htm](http://www.pplmontana.com/community/a+good+neighbor.htm)

**Type of Grantmaker:** Corporate giving program

**Last Updated:** 9/12/2013

**Additional Contact Information**

Application address for scholarships: Lisa Perry, Scholarship Coord., 303 N. Broadway, Ste. 400, Billings, MT 59101; tel.: (406) 237-6914; fax: (406) 237-6901; e-mail: [lrperry@pplweb.com](mailto:lrperry@pplweb.com).

**Limitations**

Giving limited to areas of company operations in MT.

No support for religious or national health organizations, cities, counties, or government agencies, political action or legislative advocacy groups, or individual 4-H clubs, FFA clubs, or Boy Scout troops.

No grants to individuals (except for scholarships), or for travel expenses for conferences and symposiums, general endowment funds, operational expenses for tax-supported groups, sponsorships, auctions, dinners, tickets, or advertising.

**Purpose and Activities**

PPL Montana makes charitable contributions to nonprofit organizations involved with education, the environment, and economic development. Support is limited to areas of company operations in Montana.

**Program Area(s)**

The grantmaker has identified the following area(s) of interest:

**PPL Montana Family Scholarship Program**

The PPL Montana Family Scholarship Program provides scholarships for graduating high school students who are the

children of permanent PPL Montana employees, retirees, or deceased employees. PPL Montana will award four \$1,000 Family Scholarships for the 2013-2014 academic year. Each scholarship, payable to an accredited college, technical school or university of the student's choice, is for one year of undergraduate study.

### **Fields of Interest**

#### **Subjects**

Big Brothers/Big Sisters  
Cancer  
Children/youth, services  
Community/economic development  
Education  
Environment  
Food banks  
Housing/shelter  
Recreation  
YM/YWCAs & YM/YWHAs

### **Geographic Focus**

Montana

### **Types of Support**

Employee-related scholarships  
Employee volunteer services  
General/operating support  
Sponsorships

### **Publications**

Application guidelines

### **Application Information**

PPL Montana provides funding of \$1,000 to \$10,000, and gives priority to programs that can demonstrate matching funds. Application form required. Applicants should submit the following:

1. Population served
2. Name, address and phone number of organization
3. Copy of IRS Determination Letter
4. Brief history of organization and description of its mission
5. Copy of most recent annual report/audited financial statement/990
6. How project's results will be evaluated or measured
7. Listing of board of directors, trustees, officers and other key people and their affiliations
8. Detailed description of project and amount of funding requested
9. Contact person
10. Copy of current year's organizational budget and/or project budget
11. Listing of additional sources and amount of support

Initial approach: Download application and mail completed form

Deadline(s): Mar. 31 for scholarships

Final notification: Apr. 30 for scholarships

### **Memberships**

#### **Regional Associations of Grantmakers**

Philanthropy Northwest

**Additional Location Information**

County: Yellowstone

Metropolitan area: Billings, MT

Congressional district: Montana District At-large

**Roberts Family Memorial Fund**

P.O. Box 526

Great Falls, MT 59403-0526

Telephone: (406) 452-6095

Contact: William B. Roberts, Tr.

**Type of Grantmaker:** Independent foundation

**Financial Data** (yr. ended 12/31/09): Assets: \$443,883; Total giving: \$23,250

**EIN:** 816050100

**990-PF:** [2010](#) [2009](#) [2008](#) [2007](#) [2006](#) [2005](#) [2004](#) [2003](#) [2002](#) [2001](#)

**Last Updated:** 5/29/2012

**Additional Contact Information**

Application address: P.O. Box 2126, Great Falls, MT 59403

**Background**

Established in MT.

**Limitations**

Giving primarily in Cascade County, MT.

**Fields of Interest**

**Subjects**

Animal welfare

Environment, natural resources

Housing/shelter

Human services

Media, radio

Media, television

Performing arts, orchestras

**Geographic Focus**

Montana

**Types of Support**

General/operating support

**Application Information**

Initial approach: Letter

Deadline(s): None

**Trustees**

**William B. Roberts**

**Gorham Swanberg**

**Financial Data**

**Year ended 12/31/09:**

Assets: \$443,883 (market value)

Expenditures: \$31,187

Total giving: \$23,250

Qualifying distributions: \$23,250

Giving activities include:

\$23,250 for grants

**Additional Location Information**

County: Cascade

Metropolitan area: Great Falls, MT

Congressional district: Montana District At-large

**Ruby Valley Foundation**

P.O. Box 746

Sheridan, MT 59749

Contact: Jerry Aaker, Chair.

E-mail: [mtaakers@3rivers.net](mailto:mtaakers@3rivers.net)

URL: [community.mtcf.org/rubyvalley](http://community.mtcf.org/rubyvalley)

**Type of Grantmaker:** Community foundation

**Additional Descriptor:** Geographic affiliate of a community foundation

**Last Updated:** 10/9/2013

**Affiliated Organizations**

Geographic Affiliate Fund of

Montana Community Foundation

**Background**

Established in 2011 in MT.

**Limitations**

Giving primarily in the Ruby Valley area, MT.

**Fields of Interest**

**Subjects**

Aging, centers/services

Arts

Education

Environment

Health care

Nutrition

Recreation

**Geographic Focus**

Montana

**Application Information**

Initial approach: Submit application

Deadline(s): None

**Officers and Board Members**

*Note: An asterisk (\*) following an individual's name indicates an officer who is also a trustee or director.*

**Jerry Aaker,\*** Chairperson

**Tony Simonsen,\*** Vice-Chairperson

**Frank Ford,\*** Treasurer

**Sandra Baril**

**Larry Best**

**Natalie Hagen**

**Additional Location Information**

County: Madison

Congressional district: Montana District At-large

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**Seeley Lake Community Foundation**

P.O. Box 25

Seeley Lake, MT 59868

Telephone: (410) 210-2898

E-mail: [email@seeleylakecommunityfoundation.org](mailto:email@seeleylakecommunityfoundation.org)

URL: [www.seeleylakecommunityfoundation.org](http://www.seeleylakecommunityfoundation.org)

**Type of Grantmaker:** Community foundation

**Additional Descriptor:** Geographic affiliate of a community foundation

**EIN:** 311711576

**990:** [2012](#) [2011](#) [2010](#) [2009](#) [2008](#) [2007](#) [2007](#) [2006](#) [2005](#) [2004](#) [2003](#) [2002](#) [2001](#) [2000](#)

**Last Updated:** 10/26/2013

**Affiliated Organizations**

Geographic Affiliate Fund of

Montana Community Foundation

**Background**

Established in 2000 in MT; a regional affiliate of the Montana Community Foundation.

**Limitations**

Giving primarily in Seeley Lake, MT.

No support for sectarian or religious organizations whose principal activity is for the benefit of their own members or adherents.

No grants to individuals, or for endowment funds, loans, debt retirement, or to replace operational deficits.

**Purpose and Activities**

The Seeley Lake Community Foundation is dedicated to improving the social, economic, cultural, environmental, artistic, educational and recreational well-being of the residents of Seeley Lake, MT.

**Fields of Interest****Subjects**

Arts  
Community/economic development  
Education  
Environment  
Human services

**Geographic Focus**

Montana

**Application Information**

Grants will be awarded in amounts of \$100 to \$2,500, based on the availability of funds for the year. Visit foundation Web site for application form and guidelines. Application form required. Applicants should submit the following:

1. Copy of IRS Determination Letter
2. How project's results will be evaluated or measured
3. Listing of board of directors, trustees, officers and other key people and their affiliations
4. Detailed description of project and amount of funding requested
5. Copy of current year's organizational budget and/or project budget
6. Name, address and phone number of organization
7. Contact person

Initial approach: Mail or e-mail application form and attachments

Copies of proposal: 3

Deadline(s): Jan. 31 and June 30

**Officers and Directors**

*Note: An asterisk (\*) following an individual's name indicates an officer who is also a trustee or director.*

**Mark Williams,\*** President

**Addrien Marx,\*** Secretary

**Loren Rose,\*** Treasurer

**Lee Boman**

**Scott Kennedy**

**Stan Nicholson**

**Dick Seale**

**Klaus Von Stutterheim**

**Kevin Wetherell**

**Additional Location Information**

County: Missoula

Metropolitan area: Missoula, MT

Congressional district: Montana District At-large

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**Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation, Inc.**

(formerly Dennis R. Washington Foundation, Inc.)

P.O. Box 16630

Missoula, MT 59808-6630

Telephone: (406) 523-1300

Contact: Mike Halligan, Exec. Dir.

URL: [www.dpwfoundation.org](http://www.dpwfoundation.org)

**Type of Grantmaker:** Company-sponsored foundation

**Financial Data** (yr. ended 12/31/11): Assets: \$436,814,858; Total giving: \$20,388,792

**EIN:** 363606913

**990-PF:** [2011](#) [2010](#) [2009](#) [2008](#) [2007](#) [2006](#) [2005](#) [2004](#) [2003](#) [2002](#) [2001](#)

**Last Updated:** 8/5/2013

### **Online Communications**

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### **Donor(s)**

Dennis & Phyllis Washington

Washington Corporations

Montana Rail Link, Inc.

Montana Resources, L.L.P

Dennis Washington

Phyllis J. Washington

Modern Machinery, Inc.

### **Background**

Established in 1988 in MT.

### **Limitations**

Giving primarily in areas of company operations, with emphasis on MT.

No support for discriminatory organizations, sectarian or religious organizations not of direct benefit to the entire community, veterans' or fraternal organizations not of direct benefit to the entire community, private or public foundations, or political action or legislative advocacy groups.

No grants to individuals (except for scholarships), or for debt reduction, general operating support, travel expenses or trips, endowments, sponsorships including auctions, dinners, tickets, advertising, or annual fundraising events, curriculum development for educational institutions, or motor vehicle or other transportation equipment purchases; generally, no grants for capital campaigns; no loans.

### **Purpose and Activities**

The foundation supports organizations involved with arts and culture, education, health, human services, and community services, and awards college scholarships and fellowships. Special emphasis is directed toward programs designed to provide a direct service to economically and socially disadvantaged youth and their families, at-risk or troubled youth, and individuals with special needs.

### **Program Area(s)**

The grantmaker has identified the following area(s) of interest:

#### **Arts and Culture**

The foundation supports programs designed to bring people together from all walks of life to share their creative talents, intellects, passions, customs, and bold initiatives to explore new ways of doing things, with emphasis on theatre, art, and music.

**Community Service**

The foundation supports programs designed to promote community service and organizations that fortify the connection between community service and the common interest to do more for the places we call home.

**Dennis and Phyllis Washington Native American Graduate Fellowship**

The foundation awards a graduate fellowship of up to \$10,000 to a member of a Montana Native American Tribe who is accepted into a Master's or Doctoral Degree program at the Graduate School of The University of Montana or Montana State University. The program is administered by the graduate school admissions office at Montana State University and The University of Montana.

**Dennis R. Washington Achievement Scholarship**

The foundation annually awards scholarships of up to \$30,000 for up to 3 years to State and National Horatio Alger Scholar Alumni who have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity and who is working towards a post-graduate degree in education.

**Education**

The foundation supports programs designed to reach children through early childhood education, after-school learning, post-secondary scholarships, and graduate fellowships that help young people get the start they deserve.

**Health and Human Services**

The foundation supports programs designed to ensure access to basic healthcare services to the most vulnerable members of the community. Special emphasis is directed toward groups that provide physical or psychological care for those in need; and experiential programs that offer disabled or disadvantaged people the chance to do something they may not have otherwise.

**Helen B. Miller Horatio Alger Scholarship**

The foundation awards college scholarships to students who attend Montana State University, demonstrate financial need, and demonstrate the ability to overcome adversity in their young lives. The program is administered by Montana State University.

**Horatio Alger Montana Undergraduate Scholarship Program**

The foundation annually awards 50 \$10,000 college scholarships to Montana high school seniors planning to attend The University of Montana, The University of Montana-Western, The University of Montana-Missoula College of Technology, Helena College of Technology of the University of Montana, or Montana Tech of the University of Montana. The scholarship was expanded to include Montana State University and its affiliate campuses.

**Washington Companies Employee Family Scholarship Program**

The foundation awards college scholarships of up to \$8,000 to children or spouses of employees who are attending an accredited university, college, vocational technical school, community college of technology, or trade school. Employees must work full-time within an eligible Washington Company.

**Fields of Interest****Subjects**

Arts  
Athletics/sports, Special Olympics  
Community/economic development  
Dental care  
Education  
Education, early childhood education  
Education, services  
Food banks  
Health care  
Higher education  
Human services  
Performing arts, music  
Performing arts, theater  
Recreation, parks/playgrounds  
Scholarships/financial aid

Youth development

**Population Groups**

Children

Children/youth

Disabilities, people with

Economically disadvantaged

Homeless

Infants/toddlers

Native Americans/American Indians

Physically disabled

Youth

**Geographic Focus**

Montana

**Types of Support**

Annual campaigns

Building/renovation

Continuing support

Employee-related scholarships

Fellowships

Matching/challenge support

Program development

Scholarship funds

Scholarships--to individuals

**Publications**

Application guidelines

Program policy statement

**Application Information**

Organizations receiving support are asked to submit a post-grant evaluation. An interview may be required for graduate level scholarships. Application form required. Applicants should submit the following:

1. Copy of IRS Determination Letter
2. Copy of most recent annual report/audited financial statement/990
3. Detailed description of project and amount of funding requested
4. Copy of current year's organizational budget and/or project budget

Initial approach: Complete online application form

Board meeting date(s): Quarterly

Deadline(s): None; Jan. 15 to Apr. 1 for Dennis R. Washington Achievement Scholarship; Apr. 15 for Horatio Alger Montana Undergraduate Scholarship Program (apply directly to Horatio Alger Association via their website)

Final notification: 90 days

Additional information: Requests for scholarships should include transcripts, GPA, letters of recommendation, and an essay.

**Officers and Directors**

*Note: An asterisk (\*) following an individual's name indicates an officer who is also a trustee or director.*

**Phyllis J. Washington**,\* Chairperson

**Lawrence R. Simkins**, President

## Affiliation(s):

*Washington Corporations, President and Chief Executive Officer*

**Mike Halligan**, Executive Director

**William H. Brodsky**

**Rolin Erickson**

**Brian T. Sheridan**

**Staff****Number of Staff**

1 full-time professional

**Memberships****Regional Associations of Grantmakers**

Philanthropy Northwest

**Financial Data****Year ended 12/31/11:**

Assets: \$436,814,858 (market value)

Gifts received: \$78,134,276

Expenditures: \$21,653,216

Total giving: \$20,388,792

Qualifying distributions: \$20,942,995

Giving activities include:

\$20,388,792 for 291 grants (high: \$10,000,000; low: \$500)

**Estimated financial data for year ending 12/31/12:**

Assets: \$499,418,327

Grants: \$3,764,769

**Additional Location Information**

County: Missoula

Metropolitan area: Missoula, MT

Congressional district: Montana District At-large

**Selected Grants**

The following grants are a representative sample of this grantmaker's funding activity:

\$16,000,000 to Washington Family Ranch, Antelope, OR, in 2010. For program support, payable over 1 year.

\$10,000,000 to Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Alexandria, VA, in 2011. For Dennis R.

Washington Achievement Scholarship, payable over 1 year.

\$2,095,000 to University of Montana Foundation, Missoula, MT, in 2010. For program support, payable over 1 year.

\$1,600,000 to Washington Family Ranch, Antelope, OR, in 2011. For program support, payable over 1 year.

\$1,400,000 to Washington Family Ranch, Antelope, OR, in 2011. For program support, payable over 1 year.

\$1,100,000 to Washington Family Ranch, Antelope, OR, in 2011. For program support, payable over 1 year.

\$1,000,000 to Washington Family Ranch, Antelope, OR, in 2011. For program support, payable over 1 year.

\$100,000 to Montana Tech Foundation, Butte, MT, in 2011. For Frank and Ann Gilmore University Relations Center, payable over 1 year.

\$50,000 to Missoula County High Schools, Missoula, MT, in 2010. For program support, payable over 1 year.

\$50,000 to Missoula County Public Schools, Missoula, MT, in 2011. For Graduation Matters donation, payable over 1 year.

\$37,000 to Special Olympics Montana, Great Falls, MT, in 2010. For program support, payable over 1 year.

\$31,456 to University of Montana Foundation, Missoula, MT, in 2011. For Presidential Scholarship fund, payable over 1 year.  
\$25,000 to Butte Archives, Friends of the, Butte, MT, in 2010. For program support, payable over 1 year.  
\$20,000 to Polson School District, Polson, MT, in 2010. For program support, payable over 1 year.  
\$15,000 to Childrens Oncology Camp Foundation, Missoula, MT, in 2011, payable over 1 year.  
\$15,000 to Childrens Oncology Camp Foundation, Missoula, MT, in 2010. For program support, payable over 1 year.  
\$10,000 to Box Elder School District, Box Elder, MT, in 2011. For 21st century afterschool program, payable over 1 year.  
\$10,000 to Maroon Athletic Center, Butte, MT, in 2010. For program support, payable over 1 year.  
\$10,000 to Missoula Law Enforcement Youth Camp, Missoula, MT, in 2010. For program support, payable over 1 year.  
\$5,500 to Education Foundation for Billings Public Schools, Billings, MT, in 2010. For program support, payable over 1 year.

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### **Wilson Family Foundation**

1015 Eastman Dr.

Bigfork, MT 59911-6544

**Type of Grantmaker:** Operating foundation

**IRS Exemption Status:** 501(c)(3)

**Financial Data** (yr. ended 6/30/11): Assets: \$0; Total giving: \$1,433

**EIN:** 911874341

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### **Donor(s)**

Lawrence R. Wilson

### **Background**

Established in 1999 in PA.

### **Limitations**

Giving primarily in NM and MT.

No grants to individuals.

### **Fields of Interest**

#### **Subjects**

Animal welfare

Environment, natural resources

United Ways and Federated Giving Programs

### **Geographic Focus**

Montana

New Mexico

### **Types of Support**

General/operating support

### **Officer**

Lawrence R. Wilson, President

### **Financial Data**

**Year ended 6/30/11:**

Assets: \$0 (market value)

Expenditures: \$1,733

Total giving: \$1,433

Qualifying distributions: \$1,733

Giving activities include:

\$1,433 for 1 grant

**Additional Location Information**

County: Flathead

Congressional district: Montana District At-large

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