

Hill County Community Foundation lists grant recipients

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Press release

The Hill County Community Foundation has announced 12 grant recipients for the 2018 grant cycle.

The HCCF 2018 grant cycle was very competitive with 16 applications for funding submitted to the committee.

This year's grantees include the Artitudes Art Gallery, the Havre Main Street Group, District 4 Human Resources Development Council/ Community Garden, Jolly Janes of Gildford, Havre/Hill County Historic Preservation Commission, Recycle Hi-Line, Montana Actors' Theatre, Brother Van's SOS Program, the Havre Softball Association, Montana State University-Northern Multicultural Center, Shakespeare in the Park and the Rudyard Historical Society/Depot Museum.

Each grantee was awarded for their respective projects in one of three HCCF focus areas: basic human needs, arts and culture and community beautification.

Artitudes Art Gallery, in partnership with Bear Paw Development Corp., will use their award to install track lighting in their Atrium art gallery.

Van Orsdel SOS Program will be stocking their pantry which provides emergency food and supplies to community members in need.

Havre Main Street, also in partnership with Bear Paw Development, will be purchasing materials and supplies for a downtown mural, and the Havre Softball Association grant is designated for the purchase of a new picnic table at their complex.

District 4 HRDC will be using their award to help fund a mainline and drip watering system for the Community Garden.

Jolly Janes of Gildford, in partnership with Bear Paw Development, is using their funds for an Art in the Park Summer Program.

MSU-N Multicultural Center, in partnership with the MSU-N Foundation, will put funding toward a Hispanic Heritage Celebration.

The Recycle Hi-Line grant will help fund recycling storage bins and trailer repairs.

Montana Actors' Theatre will designate their award toward paying for camp supplies for its 2019 Summer Youth Program.

Rudyard Historical Society/ Rudyard Depot Museum will be using its award toward the design and printing costs of a new brochure.

Shakespeare in the Park, in partnership with the Montana State University Foundation, will use grant funds to help sponsor a summer production on the Northern campus.

The Havre/Hill County Historic Preservation Commission, in partnership with the Fort Assiniboine Preservation Association, will be using their grant funds for a historic mural project in downtown Havre.

HCCF is an affiliate of the Montana Community Foundation, whose mission is to cultivate a culture of giving to empower Montana communities to flourish. As a community foundation, HCCF helps Hill County through the power of permanently endowed funds. HCCF accepts donations and awards the annual interest of the endowment fund to local projects as grants. HCCF provides valuable dollars for projects that may otherwise go unfunded. HCCF awarded a combined \$7,200 to projects this year, thanks in part to community support of the HCCF Spring for the Arts event in which proceeds are designated specifically for the HCCF annual grant cycle.

As the fiscal year comes to a close, HCCF seeks donations from the public to grow the HCCF endowment. As the endowment grows, more money will be reinvested into the Hill County community. All of the 2018 grant applicants were deserving, and HCCF hopes to be able to fund even more projects next year.

People with inquiries about donations or grants can email or call Pam Veis 406-390-4947.

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