

# Healthy Montana Communities Initiative

**SUPPORTING COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELL-BEING BY ADDRESSING FOOD,  
HOUSING, AND OTHER BASIC NEEDS**

The Healthy Montana Communities Initiative supports communities in developing safe, affordable housing, improving access to nutritious, locally produced foods, and planning resilient local solutions to address other needs essential to community health and well-being. Through our work with partners across the state and a review of community health assessments and county-level data, we know that these are leading health-related needs in many Montana communities.

Communities understand their needs best. For this reason, through the Healthy Montana Communities Initiative we develop close partnerships with communities to learn about their specific needs and support them in identifying promising strategies, partnerships, and financing to address them.

We prioritize work with rural communities in recognition of the fact that they have traditionally been underserved in these areas and face unique barriers to addressing these needs.

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## Our Approach

We provide grants, technical assistance, and low-interest loans to support communities in planning and developing economically viable projects. Because we can only meet a small fraction of the needs in our state, we emphasize planning investments that help communities bring together new partners to design and finance the development of new projects.

In selecting projects to support, we consider the community's need, its readiness for the project, the feasibility of the proposed programming, and the resources that can be leveraged.

**All funding is by invitation only – we do not accept unsolicited proposals.**

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