

Criteria & Application Procedures

The Sample Foundation makes grants to tax-exempt organizations in the areas of **Health:** Proposals specifically directed toward the physical or mental health of those economically challenged; **Social Welfare:** Activities benefiting disadvantaged or vulnerable individuals and populations impacted by poverty, lack of access to services, unemployment and other contributing factors; **Capital Expenses:** These are NOT day-to-day operating costs. They are funds used to buy assets that have a useful life of more than one year. In addition to buildings, examples of capital purchases include office equipment and furniture, computers, vehicles necessary for delivery of services, medical equipment and HVAC systems.

Capital campaigns will only be funded after substantial community investment is demonstrated. The Foundation does not fund operating expenses (such as rent or mortgage payments, payroll, utilities, administrative salaries, membership dues, subscriptions, accounting, legal services, insurance, office supplies, printing, mailing, advertising and promotion), scholarships, duplication of services, the arts, and organizations that attempt to influence legislation or intervene in any political campaign, or religious groups that proselytize by providing printed material, signage and programs that advocate a religious belief or require participation in religious activities.

Applications will be accepted when submitted online using the formal application form at www.samplefoundation.org. Please contact us if online access is unavailable or questions regarding an application.

We encourage applicants to seek co-funding as this shows both effort and local commitment to the process.

Applications must include a letter signed by the chief executive officer and the president of the board, a budget for the specific project, a balance sheet of assets and liabilities, and a list of board members. The Foundation requires all applicants to have a current 501C(3) status as described by the IRS code and a current 990 form available for review.

Applications are reviewed once a year.
The application deadline is August 1st.
Late applications will not be accepted.



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2017 Report

Application Deadline:
August 1st



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The Sample Foundation, Inc., was incorporated on November 1, 1954, in Collier County, Florida, as a tax-exempt private foundation as defined in Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Sample Foundation was established by John Glen Sample and Helen S. Sample to promote broad philanthropic objectives through grants and investments in the areas of health, social welfare, and services to the disadvantaged.

With the deaths of the founders, the principal office of the Foundation was relocated in 1977 to Billings, Montana, where it continues to operate under the direction of members of the Sample family.

Generally, grants are limited to the areas within the state of Montana and Collier County, Florida.

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2017 Contributions

Alternative Vision Training, <i>Great Falls</i>	\$10,000	Missoula Art Museum,* <i>Missoula</i>	\$1,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Yellowstone County, <i>Billings</i>	\$2,700	Missoula Family YMCA, <i>Missoula</i>	\$3,600
Billings Public Schools, <i>Billings</i>	\$15,000	Missoula Interfaith Collaborative, <i>Missoula</i>	\$10,000
Billings Symphony Society,* <i>Billings</i>	\$2,000	Montana Audubon,* <i>Billings</i>	\$3,000
Blue Mountain Clinic,* <i>Missoula</i>	\$1,000	Montana Innocence Project,* <i>Missoula</i>	\$1,000
Boys & Girls Club of Carbon County, <i>Red Lodge</i>	\$1,500	Montana Legal Services Association, <i>Helena</i>	\$7,000
Boys & Girls Club of Dawson County, <i>Glendive</i>	\$3,600	Montana Nature Conservancy,* <i>Helena</i>	\$2,000
Boys & Girls Club of Flathead Reservation and Lake County,* <i>Ronan</i>	\$7,000	Montana Nonprofit Association,* <i>Helena</i>	\$15,000
Boys & Girls Club of Northern Cheyenne, <i>Lame Deer</i>	\$6,300	Montana Outdoor Science School (MOSS), <i>Bozeman</i>	\$1,200
Boys & Girls Club of Richland County, <i>Sidney</i>	\$14,000	Mountain Home Montana, <i>Missoula</i>	\$4,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of Yellowstone County, <i>Billings</i>	\$15,000	Naples Community Hospital,* <i>Naples, FL</i>	\$1,000
Camp Mak-A-Dream,* <i>Missoula</i>	\$19,900	Outdoors for All,* <i>Seattle, WA</i>	\$3,000
Camp Sunshine,* <i>Decatur, GA</i>	\$1,000	Partnership for Children, <i>Missoula</i>	\$10,470
CASA of Lake County,* <i>Polson</i>	\$3,000	Powder River First Responders, <i>Boyes</i>	\$1,000
CASA of Park and Sweet Grass Counties, <i>Livingston</i>	\$1,200	Quality Life Concepts, <i>Great Falls</i>	\$10,300
DEBRA,* <i>New York, NY</i>	\$200	Rape Crisis Center,* <i>Madison, WI</i>	\$1,000
Eagle Mount,* <i>Bozeman</i>	\$1,000	Reach, Inc.,* <i>Bozeman</i>	\$4,200
Easter Seals Of Washington,* <i>Index, WA</i>	\$3,000	Rocky Mountain College SAS,* <i>Billings</i>	\$3,500
Eastern Montana CASA GAL Inc., <i>Miles City</i>	\$13,500	Ronald McDonald House of Charities,* <i>Missoula</i>	\$3,000
Emma's House,* <i>Hamilton</i>	\$1,000	Ronald McDonald House of Eastern Montana, <i>Billings</i>	\$16,500
Family Services,* <i>Billings</i>	\$6,000	SAFE Harbor,* <i>Ronan</i>	\$10,000
Florence Crittenton Home & Services, <i>Helena</i>	\$10,000	South Central Montana Regional Mental Health Center, <i>Billings</i>	\$10,000
Fountain Valley School,* <i>Colorado Springs, CO</i>	\$2,500	St. Joseph Hospital,* <i>Polson</i>	\$3,000
Friends Forever Mentoring, <i>Polson</i>	\$4,100	The Bridge Foundation, <i>Billings</i>	\$1,000
Friends of Heybrook Ridge,* <i>Index, WA</i>	\$2,000	The Livingston Food Pantry of Park County, <i>Livingston</i>	\$25,000
Fun Time Early Childhood Academy, <i>Naples, FL</i>	\$10,000	Thrive, Inc, <i>Bozeman</i>	\$6,400
Garnet Preservation Association,* <i>Missoula</i>	\$1,000	Toole County Health Foundation, <i>Shelby</i>	\$4,500
Gold Bar Firefighter Association,* <i>Gold Bar, WA</i> ..	\$5,000	Trevor Day School,* <i>New York, NY</i>	\$200
Guadalupe, <i>Immokalee, FL</i>	\$10,000	United Way Of Collier County,* <i>Naples, FL</i>	\$1,000
HAVEN, <i>Bozeman</i>	\$2,000	United Way of Houston,* <i>Houston, TX</i>	\$100
Holy Rosary Healthcare Foundation, <i>Miles City</i>	\$4,500	United Way of Yellowstone County, <i>Billings</i>	\$12,500
Immokalee Child Care Center, <i>Immokalee, FL</i>	\$6,000	University of Montana Excellence Fund,* <i>Missoula</i>	\$1,500
Institute for Peace Studies, <i>Billings</i>	\$3,000	WaterWorks Art Museum,* <i>Miles City</i>	\$6,000
Lake County Community Housing Organization, <i>Ronan</i>	\$3,500	Watson Children's Shelter,* <i>Missoula</i>	\$6,000
Mission Valley Aquatic Center,* <i>Polson</i>	\$1,000	Yellowstone Forever,* <i>Bozeman</i>	\$2,500
Missoula Aging Services,* <i>Missoula</i>	\$3,600	Yellowstone Public Radio,* <i>Billings</i>	\$2,000
		YRPA,* <i>Billings</i>	\$2,000
		YWCA Missoula, <i>Missoula</i>	\$4,700
		TOTAL 2017 GRANTS	\$396,270

*We set aside a portion of our grant-making each year for some Directors to give in a discretionary way. These grants may fall outside of our mission.