



## FY25 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION MILL LEVY

**Purpose:** the Mill Levy was approved by Missoula voters in 2008 for the purpose of supporting prevention programs in Missoula County that help grow healthy youth and families and reduce the negative consequences and high costs of substance abuse.

**Eligibility:** Non-profit and government agencies that provide underage substance abuse prevention services in one or more of the following ways:

- A **coalition** that coordinates prevention efforts and community members to prevent substance abuse and its negative impacts on the citizens of Missoula County;
- Community **education** about the risks and costs of abusing alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs;
- **Supervised non-school activities** that give young people alternatives to drug use and opportunities for positive youth development; and
- **Early intervention** to help youth and families address alcohol, tobacco, and other drug problems.

## FY25 REQUESTS AND REVIEW COMMITTEE FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Agency	Requested	Final Recommendations
Missoula Public Health	\$111,000	\$111,000 *
Friends of the Children - Western MT	\$20,000	\$20,000
Mountain Home Montana EmpowerMT	\$14,624 \$15,000	\$14,624 \$14,753
All Nations Health Center	\$124,447	\$84,447
Boys & Girls Club	\$40,137	\$25,000
Big Brother Big Sisters	\$25,235	\$15,000
WMMHC - Project Success	\$252,471	\$73,028
Missoula Parks and Rec	\$5,000	\$ -
3% Contingency	\$11,068	\$11,068
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$607,914</b>	<b>\$368,920</b>

### Review Committee Members:

- Juanita Vero, Missoula County Commissioner
- Elisha Buchholz, Missoula County Equity Coordinator
- Mary Parrish, CIT Research & Evaluation Analyst, City of Missoula
- Nicole Mitchell, Executive Director, Jeannette Rankin Peace Center

## Service Provider Synopsis

- **Missoula Public Health**  
The Substance Use Disorder Prevention Program coordinates coalitions and programs with diverse community partners, schools, parents, elected officials, and youth to prevent/reduce substance use disorders and other potential harms related to the use of substances.
- **Friends of the Children – Western MT**  
Provides long-term, trauma-informed professional mentoring services to youth having the highest risk factors for substance abuse. This includes support at home, school and in the community to enhance protective factors and reduce risk factors.
- **Mountain Home Montana**  
The Drop-in Community Education Center (CEC) functions as wrap around care which works at stabilizing families in crisis while providing recovery resources meant to promote financial sustainability and independence.
- **EmpowerMT**  
The Youth Leadership Pathways Program creates safe spaces that focus on well-being, meaning, belonging, and purpose for all youth in Missoula County.
- **All Nations Health Center**  
The Youth Program focuses on culturally appropriate suicide prevention, substance use prevention, and youth empowerment for middle school and high school Native American youth.
- **Boys & Girls Club**  
The Emotional Wellness program focuses on building the social-emotional skills that serve as protective factors in youth and support them in avoiding risk behavior.
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters**  
Provides one-to-one mentoring relationships between youth and a mentor, which offer young people the opportunity to establish meaningful relationships with responsible and caring adults who can provide guidance, support, and encouragement.
- **Western Montana Mental Health Center – Project Success**  
Project SUCCESS (Schools Using Coordinated Community Efforts to Strengthen Students) provides school-based prevention and early intervention activities in Missoula County high schools. Project Success is designed to prevent and reduce substance use among students 12 to 18 years of age.