

COMMUNITY SUPPORT FORM

Blackfoot Telecommunications Group proudly supports events and causes that benefit the communities we serve. **Major event requests should be submitted for consideration six months prior to the event.** Smaller sponsorships may be considered in a shorter time frame.

To help expedite your application, please provide any support materials from previous years, as well as proof of non-profit status, mission statement, program overview, Board of Directors and staff list.

ELIGIBILITY

To be considered, your organization must satisfy the following:

1. Be a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, a civic organization, school, or group.
2. Serve the needs of people in the communities Blackfoot serves: Alberton; Arlee; Avon; Charlo; Clinton; Condon; Dixon; Drummond; Elliston; Haugan; Helmville; Maxville; Missoula; Noxon; Ovando; Philipsburg; Plains/Paradise; Potomac; St. Regis; Seeley Lake; St. Ignatius; Superior; and Thompson Falls.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT CRITERIA

Blackfoot's areas of interest for support include:

- Arts and culture
- Education
- Sports and recreation
- Community service activities
- Wellness and healthy families
- Fundraisers that benefit your broader community

Blackfoot takes the following criteria into consideration when selecting support requests:

- Events that make a difference in the communities we serve.
- Events that do not compromise Blackfoot's reputation or discriminate with regard to race, color, national origin, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, qualified disability, marital status or veteran status
- Opportunities to reach a public audience to promote Blackfoot's brand, products and services.
- Affordability of the event to the general public. Blackfoot typically sponsors events with tickets less than \$50. Full disclosure of confirmed participating sponsors and at what level.

Requests to fund the following are likely to be denied:

- Religious and/or church-sponsored activities.
- Voter registration.
- Political lobbying activities or other political purposes.
- Religious or charter schools.
- Individuals for any purpose.
- Private foundations.

Due to regulatory constraints, Blackfoot is unable to donate services, including telecommunications and data services.

In consideration for event sponsorship, Blackfoot Telecommunications Group requests the following:

1. Agreement of Confidentiality – The specific terms and conditions of sponsorship agreements are confidential. They shall not be made available to any third party without prior written consent from Blackfoot.
2. First Right of Refusal – Event organizers agree to offer Blackfoot the first right of refusal for the next event sponsorship.
3. Right to Promote Sponsorship – Blackfoot appreciates the opportunity to support your event. We may opt to promote the sponsorship and/or event on our website, Facebook page, YouTube channel, customer statements and/or printed collateral. We may also request to take photos and/or video footage to capture the event.

Please complete the Community Support Form and return to Marilee Klautd via mail, fax or email:

Blackfoot Telecommunications Group

Attn: Marilee Klautd

1221 North Russell Street

Missoula, Montana 59808

Fax: 406-532-5077

Email: communitysupport@blackfoot.com



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COMMUNITY SUPPORT APPLICATION

Cash Donation Event Sponsorship In-Kind Support (bottled water, auction item or event promotional items)

FORM A: Requests under \$250 cash or for in-kind support please complete Form A only.

FORM B: Requests for cash or event sponsorships above \$250 please complete Form A and Form B.

FORM A

Organization Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

What is the purpose of your request? _____

Event Date(s): _____ Time: _____

Location: _____

What is the amount requested and the date funds are needed: _____

Check payable to: _____

How will the donation be used? _____

How will Blackfoot be recognized for its support? _____



FORM B

Describe your event: _____

Expected attendance: _____

Is this a fundraiser? YES NO Is this open to the public? YES NO

Who directly benefits from the donation requested? _____

Will this donation be matched with other funds or sponsors (what level)? _____

What are the sponsorship benefits (i.e. banners, website, print or verbal recognition)? _____

Deadline for sponsorship commitment: _____

How do you plan to advertise your event? _____

As an event sponsor, Blackfoot may consider capturing the event. Would you be willing to sign an event coverage waiver to allow us to video or photograph the event? YES NO
Blackfoot may be able to help promote your event via social media.

Is your organization or event on Facebook? YES NO

What is the name of you Facebook page? _____

Do you have a website? URL: _____

Blackfoot Telecommunications Group and Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative reserve the right to deny any request or honor a partial amount of the request without stating any reasons.

Signature: _____ Date: _____