

The Boys & Girls Club of Glacier Country Opioid Prevention & Resistance Program

2026 Montana Opioid Abatement Trust Grants

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Application Form

Region Selection

To collaborate with someone else on this request, click the blue "Collaborate" button in the top-right corner.

Project Name*

The Boys & Girls Club of Glacier Country Opioid Prevention & Resistance Program

You may only select one Abatement Region, if you are applying for funding from more than one region you will need to fill out and submit a separate application for each region.

Select Multi County Abatement Region OR Metro Region*

Select the Multi-County Abatement Region **OR** the Metro Region you are requesting grant funds from. Click [HERE](#) for a detailed map of Multi-County Regions and Metro Regions.

Flathead County Metro Region

Regional Funding Request*

If you are applying to multiple regions, please select all the regions to which you are submitting applications.

N/A

Application Overview

About the Organization/Program*

Give a brief description of the Organization/Program/Project. Include the mission statement and the services provided.

The Boys & Girls Club of Glacier Country (BGC GC), founded in 1999, has been an asset to the communities of the Flathead County. Our Mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us the most, to reach their full potential as productive, responsible, caring citizens. Our organization emphasizes hands on, engaging programs for youth in grades K-8, specifically Columbia Falls & Evergreen (though we have members from all around the Valley) for After School & Summer Care; fostering academic success, social emotional development, and crucial life skills necessary to succeed and thrive. These programs include:

Daily Academic Support

Arts & Crafts

STEM Programs

Workforce Readiness Programs

Social Emotional Development Programs

Healthy & Active Lifestyle Programs

Recreational Programs

Snacks & Meals

In 2025, BGCGC had a total registration of 386 unduplicated members and served 107 on average daily. The clubs provide a safe, welcoming environment for members to attend and receive enriched activities to offset negative influences from the influences they may receive at home or the community. 86% of our club members stated they felt overall physically & emotionally safe in 2025.

What category does the program fit into*

Check the category/categories the program fits into. You may select more than one option.

Click [HERE](#) for a list of approved opioid remediation uses

Prevention

Exhibit E List of Opioid Remediation Uses

Schedule A - select all that apply

G. PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Exhibit E List of Opioid Remediation Uses

Schedule B - select all that apply

G. PREVENT MISUSE OF OPIOIDS

How does the program meet the Opioid Remediation Guidelines*

Provide a detailed explanation of how the program fits into the approved Opioid Remediation Guidelines selected in the above question.

Please be specific

The Boys & Girls Club of Glacier Country's proposed program aligns with the Opioid Remediation Guidelines under Schedule A: Prevention Programs and Schedule B: Prevent Misuse of Opioids by taking a layered, proactive approach to youth prevention.

Schedule A: Prevention Programs

The Club will provide consistent, safe, and engaging opportunities for K-8 youth in the Columbia Falls & Evergreen Club Sites, and monthly teen-focused (JR. High, Grades 6-8) events will reduce isolation, foster connection, and offer healthy alternatives to risky behaviors. Trauma-informed staff, in partnership with community coalitions, will ensure youth feel safe and supported. These regular touchpoints will build resilience, improve decision-making, and strengthen protective factors that lower the risk of substance misuse.

Schedule B: Prevent Misuse of Opioids

Targeted prevention efforts will focus on engaging middle school students through Torch Club, a leadership and service group that will create peer-driven opioid prevention messaging and activities such as poster campaigns, social media outreach, and peer presentations. In collaboration with the Flathead County Health Department and anti substance abuse programming, the Club will establish a peer-to-peer prevention program to Club Members and their families with support, resources, and mentorship for those struggling with opioid misuse and other challenges.

The Club will also incorporate best-practice models, including elements from Boys & Girls of America's evidence-based Positive Actions curriculum and Opioid & Substance Abuse Prevention Program, which fosters social-emotional learning, responsible decision-making, academic success, and community involvement.

By empowering youth through leadership, education, and positive peer engagement, this program addresses root causes of opioid misuse and equips young people with the skills to make healthy, informed choices.

New Program or Existing*

Is the funding intended for a new program or to expand an existing program?

A new program for your region.

Fiscal Information

Requested Amount*

\$60,000.00

Program Budget*

How will the funds be allocated? Attach a detailed line item budget breakdown for the program. If the funds are intended for a multi-year program please specify the amount budgeted for each year.

Montana Opioid Prevention Grant Budget.pdf

Source of Funding*

Does the program currently receive funding from another source? If yes, please explain in detail. (i.e. amount, funding source, etc.)

Grant funding is intended for the creation or expansion of opioid prevention, treatment, and recovery projects. The money is **NOT** meant to replace or supplant existing funding.

The Boys & Girls Club of Glacier Country does not currently receive dedicated funding for the specific elements outlined in this proposal. While our annual operating budget of \$590,000 is supported by private foundations, individual donors, and special events, those funds sustain broader programming and do not cover the staffing or activities central to this prevention-focused initiative.

This proposal to the Montana Opioid Abatement Trust seeks \$60,000 to launch a new effort aimed at increasing daily participation among middle and high school youth through intentional, engaging activities

that build strong relationships and protective factors against substance misuse, along with weekly teen nights, staff professional development, and program supplies.

In 2026, \$6,500 of grant funds will support non-compensation expenses: \$2,000 for consumable program supplies, \$2,000 for weekly teen night expenses, and \$2,500 for professional development. The remaining \$53,500 will be allocated to staffing, including \$50,000 for wages and benefits for our current Youth Development Staff (7 part time staff) and Two Unit Directors (2 Full Time Staff) and \$3,000 for Benefits of these staff.

Staff are the heart of our prevention strategy. Dedicated, trauma-informed professionals cultivate trust, guide important conversations, and design intentional programming that encourages youth to participate in both fun and educational activities—including critical opioid prevention initiatives.

This project is NOT a continuation or expansion of existing programming; it is a new, targeted prevention effort that will only be possible with this funding. By strategically investing in K-8 staffing and activities, who are trauma-informed, the Club will strengthen protective factors, increase positive engagement, and equip youth with the skills to make lifelong healthy choices

Do you have a Fiscal Agent*

No

Program Abstract

Program Description*

Describe the objectives of this project. Provide a detailed overview of the program, including its purpose, priorities & objectives, and intended results.

The Boys & Girls Club of Glacier Country (BGCGC), in partnership with Flathead County Public Health, proposes a new prevention-focused initiative to reduce current and future opioid misuse among Columbia Falls & Evergreen Students. This project is rooted in the work of local community coalitions and is designed to increase youth engagement, strengthen protective factors, and embed trusted adults and prevention strategies into regular youth experiences and, inform and educate members and their families of the damage by opioid abuse, but to also help families who struggle with opioid abuse to obtain resources.

The initiative aligns with Montana’s Opioid Remediation Guidelines under Schedule A (Prevention Programs) and Schedule B (Prevent Misuse of Opioids) by providing structured programming, mentorship, and mental health supports that reduce risk behaviors and build resilience.

Project Priorities

- Deliver intentional, age-appropriate daily and weekly experiences that deepen relationships and support wellness.
- Incorporate the Positive Actions curriculum, BGCA's Opioid & Substance Use Prevention curriculum, and mentoring to promote emotional regulation, goal-setting, and substance refusal skills.
- Collaborate with coalition partners to offer mental health support, peer leadership, and evidence-based prevention messaging.

Program Components

- Middle School Nights: One monthly event with meals, social connection, and embedded content from local partners focused on wellness and prevention. Working with our partners, we will provide on-site behavioral health support and help youth develop coping skills that reduce long-term substance use risk.

- Family Engagement Activities: Quarterly events focused on life skills, mental wellness, and prevention strategies tailored to Families.

Prevention Programming

- Integrate Positive Actions lessons into daily and event-based programming with a focus on drug prevention and decision-making.
- Launch a Torch Club (Grades 6-8) to empower youth to design and lead peer-based prevention efforts.
- Launch a Peer-to-Peer initiative, Hope Squad, to train members to support peers experiencing substance-related or emotional challenges.

Intended Results

- Serve at least 200 youth in the Flathead County
- Increase teen participation and retention in Club programming.
- Improve protective factors, emotional regulation, and decision-making skills.
- Reduce risk for opioid misuse and other substance use behaviors.
- Strengthen school and community collaboration around prevention.
- Empower youth as leaders in peer-based prevention efforts.

Grant funding will support the staffing, prevention curriculum delivery, program supplies, Teen Night expenses, and professional development. Nearly 90% of the project budget is allocated to staffing, with the remaining 10% dedicated to consumables and staff training. Additional resources will be sought to support ancillary needs such as transportation and expanded outreach.

Specific Goals*

Describe the primary goals your program seeks to achieve. For each goal, explain how the program intends to accomplish it.

The Boys & Girls Club of Glacier Country (BGCGC) will implement a layered, youth-centered opioid prevention strategy rooted in trusted relationships, intentional engagement, and consistent support. The program's specific goals are:

1. Increase Engagement Among Flathead County

Staff will focus on building positive relationships, offering safe alternatives to risky behavior, and supporting youth with consistent mentorship during a time when they are most vulnerable to negative influences.

2. Deliver Monthly Teen Programming to Reinforce Positive Habits

Teens will have access to one evening event per month. Each event will include a meal, structured activities, and embedded content from local partners such as Flathead County Public Health. These gatherings will combine fun with trusted adult guidance and relevant prevention messaging.

3. Expand the Daily Club Experience to Serve Older Youth

As trust grows through special events and outreach, teens needing additional support will be invited to participate in daily Club activities. These experiences will provide older youth with a consistent place to belong, fostering stronger decision-making skills, emotional regulation, and a sense of purpose.

5. Integrate Positive Actions Curriculum Throughout All Programming

BGCGC will implement the Positive Actions curriculum and BGCA's Opioid & Substance Abuse Prevention into daily programming, teen events, and mentoring activities. This evidence-based program builds critical skills in emotional regulation, empathy, self-respect, and goal setting which are all shown to reduce the risk of substance misuse. Curriculum-based lessons will be reinforced by partner-led sessions and real-world application.

Through this layered, collaborative approach, youth will receive consistent exposure to prevention tools, trusted adult guidance, and peer-led messaging that collectively build resilience, strengthen protective factors, and reduce the likelihood of opioid misuse.

Evaluation Method*

Please explain in detail how you will gauge the effectiveness and overall impact of the program. What specific evaluation methods, tools, or metrics will you use to measure success.

The proposed Boys & Girls Club Opioid Prevention & Engagement Project will be embedded across multiple layers of programming designed for Flathead County youth. While its reach will be broad, spanning daily activities, special events, and peer-led efforts, we will evaluate the program's effectiveness using clear, measurable strategies focused on engagement, connection, and prevention outcomes.

1. Increased and Frequent Youth Participation

We will track participation using our electronic member management system to measure how often middle and high school students engage with the Club. Data will include attendance at daily programming, special events (such as Middle School and Family Engagement Nights), and prevention activities. Our goal is to see a measurable increase in frequent teen participation over the course of the year, especially among youth who previously attended infrequently or not at all.

2. Sense of Belonging and Adult Relationships

To assess connection to caring adults and emotional safety, we will administer the National Youth Outcome Survey (NYOS), a standardized Boys & Girls Clubs of America tool. This survey is given annually to Club members in grades 3–12 and measures social-emotional indicators including feeling safe, supported, and known by staff, all factors shown to build protective buffers against substance misuse.

3. Prevention Knowledge and Behavior Change

To evaluate attitudes toward opioids and related risk behaviors, BGCGC will collaborate with Carbon County Public Health to develop a customized teen survey. Based on elements from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), the survey will be administered annually and will measure prevention awareness, perceived harm, behavioral intentions, and any self-reported substance use. Responses will be anonymous to ensure honest feedback.

4. Peer-to-Peer Impact Tracking

As part of the Peer-to-Peer initiative, participants will complete pre- and post-training reflections to assess their readiness and confidence to support others. We will also collect qualitative feedback from teens receiving peer support to evaluate the model's effectiveness in promoting connection and early intervention. Together, these evaluation methods will provide a layered understanding of the program's reach and impact, allowing us to adjust and strengthen the project over time.

Data Source*

What data or evidence will you collect to show you are meeting your program goals? What specific information, metrics and documentation will you provide to demonstrate the program objectives have been achieved.

Frequent Member Participation

To measure progress toward our goal of increasing regular engagement among Flathead County youth, we will utilize our electronic member management system. This system records daily attendance and generates monthly reports, allowing us to monitor participation trends and track which youth are engaging most frequently. We will analyze attendance at daily programming and monthly events like Middle School and Family Engagement Nights to assess growth in overall reach and retention of older members.

Adult Connections & Sense of Belonging

To evaluate the development of meaningful relationships between youth and trusted adults, we will administer the National Youth Outcome Survey (NYOS), a standardized tool provided by Boys & Girls Clubs of America. This annual survey is given to members in grades 3–12 and includes key questions about emotional safety, staff support, and overall connection to the Club. By comparing year-over-year data, we will assess whether expanded staffing and increased opportunities for older youth have resulted in stronger feelings of belonging—an essential protective factor against risky behavior, including substance misuse.

Prevention Knowledge and Youth-Led Influence

In partnership with Flathead County Public Health, we will create and administer a prevention-focused survey to K-8 Youth. The tool will assess understanding of opioid-related risks, attitudes toward substance use, and confidence in making healthy decisions. Anonymous responses will help us measure the reach and effectiveness of prevention messaging embedded throughout Club experiences.

Youth Leadership Outcomes

To evaluate the impact of the new Torch Club and Peer-to-Peer mentoring initiative, we will collect feedback from youth leaders and their peers. This will include self-reflections, peer input, and staff observations regarding leadership growth, communication skills, and influence on peer behavior. This data will help us understand the program's success in empowering youth to take active roles in prevention efforts.

These combined data sources will provide a well-rounded picture of how we're achieving our goals and where we can continue to grow.

Awareness*

How do you plan to create awareness of this program? Briefly describe what action the program plans to take to create awareness in the community.

The Boys & Girls Club of Glacier Country will use a multi-channel outreach strategy to raise awareness of its expanded opioid prevention and youth engagement efforts. Our goal is to ensure families, partners, and the broader community understand the importance and impact of this initiative.

We will regularly feature program highlights on our Club's Facebook page, including photos, videos, and testimonials from participating youth. Posts will showcase special events such as Middle School and Family Engagement Nights, youth prevention projects, and key moments from our Torch Club and Peer-to-Peer mentoring initiatives. These updates will spotlight the program's positive impact while helping families stay informed and engaged.

The Club will also include dedicated sections on the prevention program in its biannual electronic newsletter distributed to Club families. These updates may feature youth spotlights, success stories, partner involvement, and progress toward program goals.

In addition, we will use our printed newsletter which is mailed twice a year to supporters, donors, and partners to provide broader visibility into the program. We'll highlight youth leadership, community collaborations, and data-driven results that illustrate how this work is making a meaningful difference in the lives of Flathead County Youth.

Finally, BGCGC staff will work directly with the Columbia Falls and Evergreen School Districts and community partners to share upcoming events and encourage participation, ensuring that program opportunities are widely known and accessible.

Additional Documents

Tax Exempt Organization*

By clicking this box you are confirming the applying organization is a tax exempt organization.

Yes

Tax Exempt Determination Letter*

Please upload a copy of the Organization 501(C)(3) Tax Exempt Determination Letter.

IRS Letter.pdf

Use this section to upload or explain any additional information regarding the program/organization. ie. a detailed budget projection, program/organization history, etc.

Upload #1

BGC Trifold Reduced.pdf

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Annual Appeal Reduced.pdf

Upload #3

Additional Information

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

- Montana Opioid Prevention Grant Budget.pdf
- IRS Letter.pdf
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Line Item	Amount
Consumable Program Supplies	\$2,000
Monthly Teen Focused Events	\$2,000
Professional Development	\$2,500
Staffing (Salaries & Benifits)	\$53,500
Total:	\$60,000



Montana Department of Revenue



Don Hoffman
Acting Director

Judy Martz
Governor

September 22, 2004

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GLACIER COUNTRY, INC.
PO BOX 7475
KALISPELL, MT 59904

Re: Nonprofit Tax Exempt Status for BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GLACIER
COUNTRY, INC.

Dear Taxpayer:

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Please feel free to contact our office at (406) 444-7390, if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Donna Morris, Auditor
Business Income Tax Division
P. O. Box 5805
Helena, MT 59604-5805

Don Hoffman
Acting Director

September 22, 2004

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **DEC 18 2000**

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF GLACIER
COUNTRY INC
C/O ALAN SEMPFF
PO BOX 7475
KALISPELL, MT 59904

Employer Identification Number:
81-0531133

DEIN:

17053325013010

Contact Person:

MARK G PEARCE

ID# 31181

Contact Telephone Number:

(877) 829-5500

Accounting Period Ending:

December 31

Foundation Status Classification:

509 (a) (1)

Advance Ruling Period Begins:

March 7, 2000

Advance Ruling Period Ends:

December 31, 2004

Addendum Applies:

No

Dear Applicant:

Based on information you supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c) (3).

Because you are a newly created organization, we are not now making a final determination of your foundation status under section 509(a) of the Code. However, we have determined that you can reasonably expect to be a publicly supported organization described in sections 509(a) (1) and 170 (b) (1) (A) (vi).

Accordingly, during an advance ruling period you will be treated as a publicly supported organization, and not as a private foundation. This advance ruling period begins and ends on the dates shown above.

Within 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period, you must send us the information needed to determine whether you have met the requirements of the applicable support test during the advance ruling period. If you establish that you have been a publicly supported organization, we will classify you as a section 509(a) (1) or 509(a) (2) organization as long as you continue to meet the requirements of the applicable support test. If you do not meet the public support requirements during the advance ruling period, we will classify you as a private foundation for future periods. Also, if we classify you as a private foundation, we will treat you as a private foundation from your beginning date for purposes of section 507(d) and 4940.

Grantors and contributors may rely on our determination that you are not a private foundation until 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period. If you send us the required information within the 90 days, grantors and

Letter 1045 (DO/CG)

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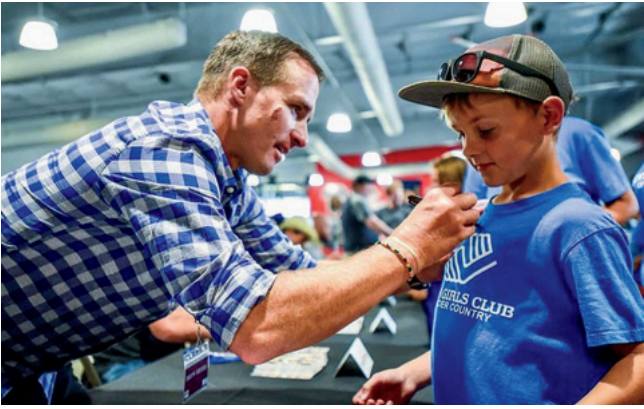
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Pictured: Drew Brees signs the shirt of a club member at a World's Gym Event

Positive Year-Over-Year Member Experiences: 2019-2025

Club Experience: + 12%

Club Members have a overall positive experience at Club

Feeling Safe: + 43%

Club Members feel safe at our clubs

Emotionally Safe: + 37%

Club Members feel Emotionally Safe at our clubs

Physically Safe: + 24%

Club Members feel physically safe at our clubs.



Pictured: STEM in the Summer!

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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF GLACIER COUNTRY**



Pictured: Glacier Range Riders Mascots take a picture with our club members

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About The Boys & Girls Clubs of Glacier Country:

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Glacier Country has been in the Flathead Valley for over 20 years serving youth between the ages of Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. With the primary location being in Columbia Falls and extending its reach across the valley into Evergreen. Between the two locations, over 100 youth are served every day after-school.



Pictured: Members enjoying the playground.



Our Sites:

Columbia Falls K-8:

540 4th Ave W
Columbia Falls

Evergreen K-8:

315 E Evergreen Dr.
Kalispell

Our Core Programs



Pictured: Jr. High members serving the local community

S.T.E.M.:

Hands on activities in science, technology, engineering, and math.

Academic Success:

Ensuring our members finish their homework and meet state testing and academic standards with homework help, computer-based programming, reading and literacy help.

Character and Leadership

Development:

Done through community service and serving fellow youth members.



Pictured: Flathead ATF does a presentation on weapon safety and careers

The Arts:

Engaging creativity through hands-on activities in arts, crafts, and music.

Healthy and Active Lifestyles:

Teaching our youth about the importance of physical & mental well being through nutritional value, Social Emotional Development, and physical activity.

Workforce/Career Development:

Education on careers through school or trades with tied-in lessons from all other programs and special presentations.



Pictured: Arts & Crafts with a local club member



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF GLACIER COUNTRY

We were there for **468 members this year** who needed a safe place to go and attended our afterschool and summer programs. We served over **7500 meals** to our members and provided **30 different enrichment opportunities.**

But they still need YOUR help.



over 65% of our families receive scholarship assistance.



34% of our families are single parent households



40% of our families qualify for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program

Now more than ever, kids need the Boys and Girls Club. 86% of our Glacier Country members told us they feel overall safe in the clubhouse compared to outside the Club in 2025.

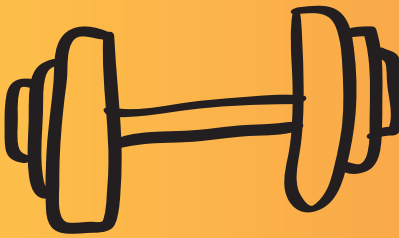




Your gifts allows high quality programs and mentorship after school.



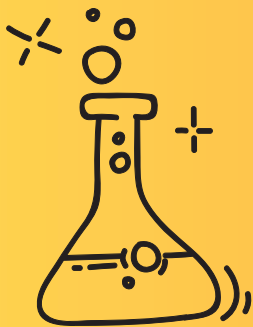
Academic Success & Education



Health & Wellness



Social Emotional Development



STEM



Workforce Readiness



Crucial Life Skills

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Our local kids need YOU now more than ever. Give to be a difference maker in a child's life by scanning the QR Code or visit our website for other ways to give!

