

COMMUNITY BUILDING PACKAGES

GRANTS FOR CHRISTIAN CHURCHES IN MONTANA

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INTRODUCTION

The Gianforte Family Foundation strongly believes *the local church has a valuable, irreplaceable role to play* in their community. To help increase the capacity of local Christian churches *to reach out beyond the “pews”* with the love of Christ, our foundation is offering grants (up to \$3,300) to be used for *new* outreach and community-building programs that:

- Strengthen Marriages & Families
- Help Individuals Flourish Economically
- Offer Addiction or Trauma Recovery Tools

To be eligible for this grant you must:

1. Be a Christian church operating in the state of Montana
2. Select one of our pre-packaged grant options,
3. Make sure the selected option is a new or expanding program for your church,
4. Follow the application instructions at the bottom of this document,
5. Actively promote this program to your community, not just your congregation.

Before applying for any of the packages below, we encourage you to fully research the program, to **1.** determine if it aligns with your doctrine and ministry philosophy, **2.** understand all potential costs, and **3.** identify future lay leaders of the new program, etc.

Our funding may not cover all costs associated with running a program; in fact, a handful of grant packages are *high-investment* -- meaning your church will need to *dedicate significant time, talent, and/or financial resources* to successfully execute the program. These packages are designated by an *asterisk (*)*.

Our desire is that your church *will continue this program for years to come*, that lives will be transformed within your community, and God will be glorified.

Grant Package Options

STRENGTHENING MARRIAGES & FAMILIES

ALPHA COURSE – Share the Gospel with Your Community

The Alpha Course is an 11-week (with a weekend getaway) or a 15-week (without a weekend getaway) class that creates space for people to bring their friends for a conversation about faith, life, and God. This course is based on a Socratic method of evangelism and prioritizes sharing the Gospel, offering hospitality, freely sharing ideas, and building friendships. Encourage your church members to invite and attend with their friends. Alpha is for everyone but is particularly attractive to those asking the question, "Is there more to life than this?"

Topics Covered: 1. Is there more to life than this? 2. [Who is Jesus?](#) 3. Why did Jesus die? 4. [How can I have faith?](#) 5. Why and how do I pray? 6. Why and how do I read the Bible? 7. How does God guide us? 8. Who is the Holy Spirit? 9. What does the Holy Spirit do? 10. [How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?](#) 11. How can I make the most of the rest of my life? 12. How can I resist evil? 13. Why and how should I tell others? 14. Does God heal today? 15. What about the Church?

Once people from outside your church have attended Alpha, there must be an intentional process of ongoing spiritual formation in place. Many churches have found introducing small groups is an effective way of helping people to move from Alpha into the life of the Church and continue in the development of disciples.

If you are interested in Alpha, you can explore it further at no risk by:

- Visiting alphausa.org
- Watching the videos linked above
- Previewing the free online Alpha classes, including (additional) videos, discussion guides, and leader tips
- Attending a free virtual Alpha leader training (Offered every month)
- Reaching out to regional Alpha representative, Kirk Petersen at kirkpetersen@alphausa.org

Grant Amount: \$1,100

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- Shared Meals
- Childcare
- Weekend Getaway Retreat (encouraged but optional)

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PLACED FOR A PURPOSE – Live Missionally through Neighboring

Placed for a Purpose is a 6-week curriculum that provides a theologically rich framework for neighboring and helps people live missionally where God has placed them. Attendees will leave with a long-term, sustainable vision for the “low and slow” lifestyle of neighboring and practical tools that will help them invest in their communities and build meaningful, gospel-motivated relationships with their fellow image-bearers right next door.

This course will cover the Big Picture of Neighboring, the Posture of Neighboring and the Practice of Neighboring. Topics Covered: 1. Neighboring in God’s Big Redemptive Story 2. Bringing the Great Commandment Home 3. [Seeing Your Neighbor](#) 4. Hospitality: Welcome and Be Welcomed 5. Sacred Ground: Tilling the Soil of Your Neighborhood 6. Gospel-Motivated Conversations. Each of the six lessons is followed by a discussion guide which includes: the purpose of the discussion, a chapter refresher, discussion questions, an occasional suggested assignment, and a neighboring prayer for the week.

If you are interested in Placed for a Purpose, you can explore it further at no risk by:

- Visiting placedforapurpose.com
- Previewing the free first chapter of Placed for a Purpose, e-books, and neighboring resources online.
- Contacting authors, speakers, and consultants Chris and Elizabeth McKinney for additional information at elizabeth.mckinney@cru.org
- Please Note: limited speaking/consulting slots are available. Please contact Elizabeth McKinney before applying for this grant.

Grant Amount: up to \$3,300

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- Virtual Training on Placed for a Purpose Curriculum for Church Staff and Volunteer Facilitators
- 3-Hour in-person Mini-Conference led by authors Chris and Elizabeth McKinney
- Speaker Fee
- Speaker Flights and Hotel Lodging
- Ongoing Virtual Monthly Neighbor Coaching for Leaders and/or Participants for follow-up and support (6 months)
- Placed for a Purpose Books for Small Groups
- Childcare, Shared Meals, Advertising Stipend

- Gift cards for Class Participants (up to \$250)
- Neighboring Accelerators- Popcorn, Snow Cone, Cotton Candy Machine (choose one) (\$250)

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RELATIONSHIP ATTACHMENT MODEL* (RAM) - Offer a Healthy Relationship Series to All Ages **high-investment (Planning 6-Week Sermon Series)*

The Relationship Attachment Model (RAM) is a 6-week, Church-Wide, Biblically-based Healthy Relationship campaign. RAM provides a relationship GPS for understanding what is happening within a relationship, for evaluating its health, for determining its weaknesses or vulnerabilities, and for knowing how to strengthen, set boundaries, and intentionally run that relationship.

The RAM Series offers a perfect opportunity to pull in members of your community because healthy relationships are a goal of just about everyone. Additionally, this series uniquely uses a common language for all relationships (from elementary age to 100+), making it a valuable tool for everyone in a family group.

If you are interested in the RAM Series, you can explore further at no risk by:

- Visiting ramseries.com
- Watching a [16-minute webinar](#)

Grant Amount: \$1,500

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- Church-Wide RAM Series Kit. This includes: 6 topical sermon scripts, a large 5 ft by 7 ft RAM diagram, video sessions for small groups, samples of all small group materials
- Small-group materials for adults and youth
- Advertising Stipend

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RELATIONAL WISDOM 360 - Create a Culture of Relational Wisdom at Home & Work

Our God is an intensely relational God who calls us to emulate his commitment to relationship. Therefore, it should not surprise us that the Bible contains thousands of passages that teach us how to deepen, protect, and enjoy our relationships with God and the people he has placed in our lives.

Many passages in the Bible go a “full 360.” They start with a focus on God, then teach how we are to manage ourselves and look out for our neighbors, and then close the circle by focusing back on God.

This package includes Peace Sower Team training for 2-6 staff or lay leaders and a six-week small group study curriculum for in-depth conversation, learning, and relationship strengthening.

If you are interested in Relational Wisdom 360, you can explore further at no risk by:

- Visiting rw360.org
- Reading about and implementing [Peace Sower Teams](#)
- Reviewing this [discussion](#) material
- Watching this [video](#) that describes Relational Wisdom
- Contacting Director of Training, Colin Sauskojus at colin@rw360.org or 406-696-8466

Grant Amount: \$2,600

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- Peace Sower Team training for 2-6 individuals from your church
- Peacemaking small group materials
- Advertising, childcare, food stipend for RW360 classes

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RAISING HIGHLY CAPABLE KIDS - Help Parents Engage with their Children

Raising Highly Capable Kids (started by Focus on the Family) is a 13-week evidence-based curriculum designed for **at-risk parents and children**. Parents are taught the 40 building blocks every child needs to grow, mature, and engage in healthy behaviors. During classes, parents share their experiences and desires for their families, which builds and strengthens community within the school, church, and city.

Because the program is values-based and not religious, public schools can host the classes. **Your local church may choose to** 1) offer the class at your church to local parents by networking and advertising OR 2) work with community schools, nonprofits, or other churches to bring the curriculum to a broader community base.

Providing meals and childcare will help make attending this class easier for the high-risk families you want to serve.

If you are interested in Raising Highly Capable Kids, you can explore further at no risk by:

- Visiting rezilientkidz.com
- Reading their [FAQs](#)
- Understanding [program impact](#) results
- Watching a [video](#)
- Contacting RHCK certified trainer Tiffany Lawler with [Promise686 Montana](#) at tlawler@promise686.org

Grant Amount: up to \$2,200

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- Leader Training for Church volunteers (3 hours)
- Leader's Guides and USB Materials, Participant Guides, Taking 40 Assets Home Books, Conversation Wheels
 - (Promise686 is offering these items free for early adopters. Check with them regarding availability before purchasing.)
- Childcare, Shared Meals, Advertising Stipend

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KIDS HOPE USA – Build Life-Changing Relationships One at a Time

Does your church want to build life-changing relationships one at a time? Research shows that one of the most valuable assets that a child can be given is a healthy relationship with an adult. The most abundant resource in every church is the capacity for its members to share love. Person to person. With no agenda and no expectations.

[Kids Hope USA](#) has developed a proven, life-changing program through church-school partnerships that train and equip mentors to reach kids in public schools who are in need of caring, reliable, one-on-one relationships. Kids Hope provides churches with training and ongoing support. Additionally, Kids Hope will help your church gain entrance into a public school.

If you are interested in Kids Hope USA, you can explore further at no risk by:

- Visiting kidshopeusa.org
- Watching a [video](#) from Kids Hope Founder (bring your tissues)
- Watching a Church promotion [video](#) or Reading through a [brochure](#)
- Start a conversation about your church or school potentially partnering with Kids Hope USA. Connect with Kara Nguyen at knguyen@kidshopeusa.org

Grant Amount: \$1,350

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- Year 1 Affiliate Costs
- Implementation Fee (Year 1 only)
- Year-End Student, Parent, Mentor, School Party
- Mentor T-Shirts

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TRAIL LIFE USA – Engage Boys in Christ-Centered Adventure, Character Development, and Leadership

Too many boys are turning to virtual worlds of television, video games, digital media, and the internet to find realms they can conquer and areas where they can excel.

Trail Life USA is where boys thrive! Adults are equipped to lead a program in a structured outdoor environment where boys are engaged in real-world challenges and experience camping, hiking, and fishing; they develop skills in riflery, archery, and canoeing; and learn character and leadership in a practical hands-on manner that is naturally engaging. Troops are for grades kindergarten through college.

If you are interested in Trail Life USA, you can explore further at no risk by:

- [Finding out more](#) about Trail Life
- Watching an [introductory video](#)
- Reviewing a [Sample Handbook](#)
- Contacting Dennis Conte, a regional Trail Life representative, to learn more at dconte@icloud.com

Grant Amount: \$1,200

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- Trail Life Learner Conference for Leaders (optional)
- Chartering Process and Welcome Kit
- Kick-Off Event and Advertising to the general public
- Outdoor Adventure purchases

HELPING INDIVIDUALS FLOURISH ECONOMICALLY

CROWN FINANCIAL – Help Folks Flourish Economically with MoneyLife

MoneyLife is a 10-week course designed to help individuals move toward financial freedom by letting God's truth transform their financial thinking and behavior.

The *MoneyLife* finance study is designed to help participants overcome financial challenges and gain a life of meaning and purpose. This highly relational biblical financial study is intended to create interaction among group members that will foster mutual support and accountability for the entire group. The relational focus of this course makes it an ideal program to offer your non-churched community! The study provides solutions for both the symptoms and the root cause of financial problems. The curriculum combines solid Biblical teaching, powerful online tools, and hands-on practical experiences.

If you are interested in MoneyLife, you can explore further at no risk by:

- [Finding out more](#) about Crown Financial (formerly Larry Burkett's Financial Ministries)
- Watching an [introductory video](#)
- Listening to an episode of Crown's [radio broadcast](#)

Grant Amount: \$1,200

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- [Facilitator Training](#) by Chuck Bentley
- Online Curriculum for 16 OR [Printed Workbooks](#) for 11 students
- Advertising, Childcare, Snack or Shared Meal Stipend

OFFERING ADDICTION OR TRAUMA RECOVERY TOOLS

CELEBRATE RECOVERY* – Provide a Safe Community for Recovery **high investment program (long-term 12-Step Program)*

Celebrate Recovery (CR) is a Christ-Centered, 12-step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain, or addiction of any kind. Celebrate Recovery is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling a person's life. CR can be started in a small group environment and move toward a large group format with worship nights over time.

CR can be taken by anyone struggling with: alcohol/drug addiction, sexual addiction, gambling addiction, physical-sexual-emotional abuse, codependency, eating disorders, and anger.

If you are interested in Celebrate Recovery, you can explore further at no risk by:

- Visiting celebraterecovery.com
- Watching an [introduction video](#), embedded on our website
- Reaching out to the area [representative](#)
- Attending [leadership training](#) (not required)

Grant Amount: \$2,500

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- [Start-up Leader Kit](#)
- [Participant's Guide](#) Set Volumes 1-4 for 19
- Advertising, Childcare, Snack or Shared Meal Stipend

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THE GENESIS PROCESS – Offer a Biblical & Neurochemically Informed Recovery Curriculum **high investment program*

The Genesis Process is a Biblical and neurochemical curriculum and set of tools that helps participants identify areas of brokenness, gain new understanding of their self-destructive behavior, and then move toward healing. It is the goal of The Genesis Process and programs to be intimately involved in furthering the Great Commission through the successful restoration of broken lives. Genesis Change Groups can help those who are willing to address anxiety, anger, alcohol, drug or food abuse, a negative, critical attitude, or spiritual stagnation.

If you are interested in Genesis Process, you can explore further at no risk by:

- Visiting genesisprocess.org
- Watching this [video](#)

Grant Amount: \$1,600

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- Online "Counselor" [Training](#) for 1 Leader
- 8-Month Change Group Video Subscription
- 1 Facilitator Guidebook
- 22 Student Workbooks
- Advertising, Childcare, Snack or Shared Meal Stipend

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REBOOT RECOVERY – Serve Veterans, First-Responders, or the General Public Dealing with Trauma

REBOOT Recovery helps people overcome trauma so they can embrace a brighter future. They do this through their faith-based, outcomes-driven trauma healing courses. The courses provide a unique blend of clinical insight and Christian Faith-based support. REBOOT courses are safe, private, and peer-led. Churches offer participants childcare and a pre-discussion meal on a weekly basis to remove barriers to entry for families seeking help. Churches can choose to offer one of three classes. REBOOT Combat Recovery (military), REBOOT First Responders, and Trauma REBOOT (for the general public).

If trauma is our personal intersection with the brokenness of the world, recovery is our personal intersection with the redemptive heart of God. REBOOT teaches participants to engage in a balanced, three-dimensional approach to trauma healing addressing the physical, psychological, and spiritual. Participants learn to apply Biblical principles that address the causes and symptoms of Post-traumatic Stress and other mental health conditions resulting from trauma.

If you are interested in REBOOT Recovery, you can explore further at no risk by:

- Visiting rebootrecovery.com
- Reading about the [Leader Pass](#)
- Reviewing a [Sample Lesson](#)
- Watching this [video](#)

Grant Amount: \$1,500

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- Overcome Academy for Church Staff and Volunteers
 - Leader Pass
 - Curriculum for 15 Participants w/ Leader Pass
 - Advertising, Childcare, Snack or Shared Meal Stipend
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THE REFUGE MINISTRIES* – Create a Safe Space for Domestic Abuse Survivors **high investment program (long-term support group model)*

The Refuge Ministries is a weekly support group that extends God's grace to survivors of domestic abuse. God calls his people to protect the oppressed. The Refuge combines mentoring and group support to help women understand abuse biblically, achieve safety, find healing in Christ, and learn how to

establish new patterns. The Refuge Ministries also offers [Turning Point](#), an intervention program for abusive men, and [Refuge Kids](#), a place where children can find healing from the abuse they witness and experience within their parents' relationship.

If you are interested in The Refuge Ministries, you can explore further at no risk by:

- Visiting refugeministries.com
- Listening to Refuge [teachings](#) on domestic abuse
- Reading [Statement of Faith](#) and [Core Values](#)
- Reviewing [Mentor](#) and [Refuge Director](#) Volunteer Job Descriptions
- Contacting Kelly Dehnert kcdehnert@gmail.com

Grant Amount: \$2,500

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- Leader Training
- Leader Training Manual
- Leader Manual
- 6 Student Workbooks
- Advertising and Childcare Stipend

Costs Not Covered by Grant:

- Staff and Volunteer Time
- Dedicated Cell Phone for Emergency Calls
- Travel, Lodging, and Food for 3-Day Training
- Above and Beyond Student Workbooks

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PURE DESIRE MINISTRIES* – Offer Hope to Those Experiencing Unwanted Sexual Behavior & Betrayal Trauma **high investment program (long-term support group model)*

Pure Desire Ministries helps churches provide spiritual, emotional, relational, and psychological understanding and tools to individuals of all ages who are experiencing unwanted sexual behavior (including pornography) or marital betrayal. Materials are certified by the International Institute for Trauma and Addiction Professionals (IITAP) and designed by pastors for church use.

If you are interested in Pure Desires, you can explore further at no risk by:

- Visiting puredesire.org
- Watch a sneak peek of the [first leader training](#) video
- Watch this [interview with Josh McDowell](#) and Pure Desire

- Watch this [interview with Jay Stringer](#) (Psycho-therapist, pastor, and author of [Unwanted](#)) and Pure Desire
- Watch this video on [7 Tips as You Begin Healing from Betrayal](#)
- [Schedule a call](#) with Immanuel Garraway, Pure Desire's Church Relations Specialist

Grant Amount: \$2,200

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- [Church Individual Membership](#) (\$149/per year)
 - Includes training for up to 4 leaders
 - Access to Sexual Integrity 101 an introductory 8-week course. This video course is meant to be an introduction to sexual addiction groups and recovery.
 - Discounts on product purchases.
- [Sexual Integrity 101 Workbooks](#) (\$200/10 workbooks)
- After completing the 101 Class choose 1 or 2 from the following courses. Curriculum costs vary. The average course length is approximately 9-10 months with optimal group sizes between 4-6 participants.
 - [Conquer Series](#): For men with sex/porn addiction. Meant to follow the 101 course. The video series is highly recommended but not available through Pure Desire. Click on the link for purchasing information.
 - [Seven Pillars of Freedom](#): For men with sex/porn addiction issues. Often used after the Conquer Series. Can be used directly after the 101 class.
 - [Hope for Men](#): For men who have been hurt by a wife's addiction.
 - [Unraveled](#): For women who struggle with love, sex, and relationship issues.
 - [Betrayal & Beyond](#): For women who have been hurt by a husband's addiction
 - Childcare, Food, and Advertising Stipend (up to \$750)

Churches looking to expand their leadership team to 5+ leaders may request funding for the following. The total grant request may not exceed \$2,200.

- [Church Sign-Up Fee](#) (\$250 – 1x fee)
- Church Membership Fee (\$600 for 12 months, includes Leader Training)
- Curriculum for Pure Desire courses
- Additional Childcare, Food, and Advertising Stipend (\$300)

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GriefShare - Minister to Those Facing a Loss

There is no "right" way to grieve. GriefShare helps churches start a safe, welcoming support group where people can begin to understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group,

participants will discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, they'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

If you are interested in GriefShare, you can explore further at no risk by:

- Visiting <https://www.griefshare.org/>
- Watching this trailer [video](#)
- Watching this [video](#) by and for pastors

Grant Amount: \$1,500

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- GriefShare Bundle (videos, leader and participant workbooks, online training access, promotional resources, free leader coaching, class tracking tools, bonus online videos)
- Advertising, Childcare, Snack or Shared Meal Stipend

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Go to <https://gianfortefoundation.org/>
2. Click on the "Apply" link in the navigation bar
3. Click "Grant Application Log-in"
4. Click the "Create a New Account" button
5. Fill out all of your account information
6. Select the Church Outreach application option
7. Fill out our "[Contact Us](#)" form if you have any questions