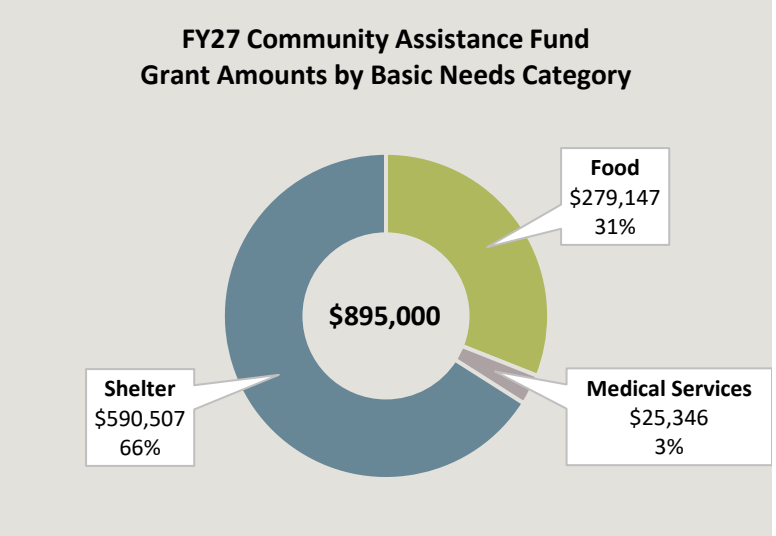
Community Assistance Fund (CAF)
Recommended Grant Awards by Basic Needs Categories
Fiscal Year 2027

Purpose: The Community Assistance Fund (CAF) is levied by the Board of County Commissioners to provide human services and establish a safety net or continuum of services for at-risk and vulnerable populations to meet basic human needs of Food, Medical Services, Shelter, and Emergency Transportation. For fiscal year 2027, a citizen review committee recommends that 19 community-oriented programs receive grant awards totaling $895,000 to support these basic human services.



Persons Served: Recipients of these human services include infants and toddlers, neglected and abused youth, K-12 students and families facing food insecurity, homeless individuals and families, domestic violence survivors, and older and/or disabled citizens needing food and transport to medical appointments.

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CAF Category and Grantee	Project Title	Grant Amount
Food ($279,147 = 31%)		
Farm Connect Montana	Healthy Food Access and Double SNAP Dollars	$35,055
Garden City Harvest	Neighborhood Farms and Community Gardens	$40,000
Missoula Aging Services	Home-Delivered Meal Program	$40,000
Missoula Food Bank	Kids EmPower Pack Program	$75,000
Missoula Food Bank	Satellite Pantry Distribution	$85,000
Watsons Children Shelter	Food for Emergency Children's Shelter	$4,092
Medical Services ($25,346 = 3%)		
Seeley Lake Community Foundation	Seeley Lake Area Medical Shuttle	$25,346
Shelter ($590,507 = 66%)		
Crosswinds Recovery	Recovery Housing Access, Stabilization, and Transition Services	$59,280
Homeword	Financial/Homebuyer Education	$24,784
Missoula Interfaith Collaborative	Housing Advocate Network- Prevention	$10,000
Missoula Public Health	Community Health Workers Program	$69,861
Mountain Home Montana	Supportive Housing Program for Young Mothers and their Children	$17,748
Poverello Center	Homeless Outreach Team	$34,494
Poverello Center	Medical Respite Coordinated Care Services	$42,122
Salvation Army	Winter Rental Assistance	$40,000
United Way of Missoula County	Missoula County Housing Solutions Fund	$105,000
Youth Homes	Birnbaum Home Therapeutic Youth Shelter Program	$26,000
YWCA Missoula	Emergency Shelter and Support for Unhoused Families	$93,540
YWCA Missoula	Pathways Domestic Violence Shelter	$67,678