



COMMUNITY SUPPORT FORM

Criteria, Application & Submission Details

Blackfoot Telecommunications Group proudly sponsors and supports events and causes annually that benefit communities in Missoula and throughout the rural communities we serve. Major event sponsorship requests should be submitted for consideration six months prior to the event. Smaller sponsorships may be considered in a shorter timeframe.

Eligibility

You will be eligible if your organization satisfies the following:

- 1) A 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, civic, school, or group
- 2) Serving the needs of people in the following communities: Alberton; Alta; Arlee; Avon; Charlo; Clinton; Condon; Dixon; Drummond; Haugan; Missoula; Noxon; Ovando; Philipsburg; Plains; Potomac; Powell, Idaho; St. Regis; Seeley Lake; St. Ignatius; Superior; and Thompson Falls

Community Support Criteria

In selecting events and giving campaigns, Blackfoot considers the following:

Events/Giving of interest to Blackfoot include arts, education, sports and recreation or community service activities or fundraisers that help many, not a few. Blackfoot supports events and giving campaigns through specific financial donations rather than services, products, or goods through in-kind donation or trade programs.

- Events/Giving 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 products and services
- Opportunities to promote our brand to a large audience (banners, logo recognition)
- Sufficient time ahead of the event for worthy consideration
- Sponsor recognition through promotional materials, including but not limited to, posters, fliers, programs, tickets, signs, print and broadcast advertising
- Affordability of the event to the general public. Blackfoot typically sponsors events with a ticket price of \$50 or less
- Full disclosure of confirmed participating sponsors and at what level

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

Grants, Cash Donations and Event Sponsorship efforts that Blackfoot May Not Support

Blackfoot does not typically support the following purposes. Requests to fund the following are likely to be denied:

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| Churches | Political lobbying activities or other political purposes |
| Religious or charter schools | Voter registration |
| Individuals for any purpose | Private foundations |

In exchange 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 event sponsorship the next time sponsorships are negotiated
- 3) **Event Evaluation Report** - Within a month after the event, you agree to submit a written report outlining the attendance, media used, goals achieved, and photographs from the event.
- 4) **Right to Promote Sponsorship** – Blackfoot may or may not publish the event details on our corporate Web site, customer statements and/or printed collateral. Determination to promote the event is based on Blackfoot's level of involvement as a sponsor. Charitable donations are not considered sponsorships and most likely will not be published.



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Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please return both pages of application.

Community Support Application

Cash Donation _____ Other _____ Event Sponsorship _____ Volunteer Opportunities _____

Organization Name: _____

Contact Persons Name: _____

Signature: _____ Check Payable to: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Cash/Other Donations Only

What is the purpose of your request? _____

What is the amount of your request and the date funds are needed: _____

How will the donation be used? _____

Who directly benefits from the donation requested? _____

Will this donation be matched with other funds or donations and how? _____

How will Blackfoot be recognized for its support? (The Blackfoot Marketing Team would like to contact you to set up photo or other PR opportunities): _____



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Event/Volunteer Opportunities

Event Date(s): _____ Time: _____

Location: _____

Expected Attendance: _____

Describe your event: _____

How long have you been producing the event? _____

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

Other Key Sponsors (what level)? _____

How do you plan to advertise your event? _____

How will Blackfoot be recognized? _____

Deadline Date for Sponsorship Commitment: _____

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.

Along with this application, please submit the following:

- 1) Any event collateral or support materials from previous event
- 2) Non-profit information-mission statement, program overview, board of directors and staff list

Please return by mail, email or fax to:

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