

### Intro

Have conducted initial grants/foundation review (lists below based on this research). Next step is to directly approach program officers, starting with priorities and then moving into lesser known possible. Looking for larger scale funders to build the capacity of the Trust in first three years – ideally a total of \$200-300K over first three years.

### Priorities

- Northwest Area Foundation – Not a direct match and “by invitation only” but Trust fits their profile and they “underfund” Montana. Specific interest in Native projects. Based in St. Paul so will pursue personal meeting.
- MJ Murdock Charitable Trust – good fit
- Edwards Foundation (Missoula) – needs more research, but appears to be worth pursuing.
- Bezos Family Foundation
- First Interstate Bank
- Blue Cross Blue Shield Montana
- LOR Foundation – They are reworking their strategy/guidelines, but appear to be a good fit. We’ve contacted them and program officer is going to get back to us.
- Kendeda Foundation – spending down assets, but good fit, and need to pursue asap
- Funds at Montana Community Foundation

### Possibles – need more research or direct connections

- Realtor connections
- Blackfoot
- Corette/Simperman families
- US Bank
- Bank of Montana
- Paul G. Allen Foundation – longshot but have funded other libraries (MT State) recently
- Cross Charitable Foundation

### Probably Not

- Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation – not a fit per guidelines