

Giving Area

Founder Initiatives

Supporting the causes, institutions and relationships our founder holds dear



Giving to Date

\$590 million committed since 2020 through the Founder Initiatives portfolio

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Recent Grants

- **Children's Healthcare of Atlanta:**
\$200 million for expansion of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta campus
- **Fund for A Safer Future:**
\$25 million to support the prevention of gun-related injury and death nationwide
- **Grady Health System:**
\$14 million to expand equitable, critical and continuing care for the Atlanta region
- **National Center for Civil and Human Rights:**
\$17 million to construct a new wing and expand capacity for programs and events that advance the Center's mission
- **Shepherd Center:**
\$50 million to support construction of a new family housing building
- **U.S. Soccer National Training Center:**
\$50 million to build a training center for all 27 U.S. Soccer National Teams, including nine Extended National Teams, particularly in support of the Cerebral Palsy (CP), Deaf, and Power (wheelchair) Soccer National Teams



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Our **Montana philanthropic initiatives** exemplify our founder's approach to leveraging the Blank Family of Businesses for good. In addition to grantmaking, opportunities are available for nonprofits and community organizations to access AMB West facilities at Basecamp, Challenge Course and West Creek Ranch as well as through the Hunting Program

AMB West Basecamp

AMB West Basecamp offers lodging and facilities for nonprofits and community organizations to utilize at no cost.

AMB West Challenge Course

Foundation grantees, nonprofits and community groups are invited to access the AMB West Challenge Course, located on Mountain Sky Guest Ranch, for programming and team building.

AMB West Hunting Program

Supported by the foundation, the AMB West Hunting Program provides families with high-quality protein to address food insecurity and public access to private land, inviting community members on a guided elk hunt at no cost to them.

West Creek Ranch

The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation hosts invitation-only convenings of nonprofits and community organizations addressing social issues supported by the foundation.

AMB West Community Fund

The AMB West Community Fund is an associate-led giving committee that is comprised of AMB West ranch associates focused on grantmaking to enhance the quality of life for Montana residents, particularly in Park and Gallatin Counties and Indigenous communities across the state.



Signature Founder Initiative Grants in Montana:

- **4 Ranges Community Recreation Foundation:** \$10.25 million to support a new recreation center in Livingston
- **Human Resource Development Council (HRDC):** \$2 million to support the Community First Griffin Place Food and Resource Center in Bozeman
- **Montana Historical Society:** \$1.4 million to support the new Montana Heritage Center in Helena
- **Mountain Shadow Association:** \$750,000 to support the Crow Reservation's first dedicated healing center for families healing from substance abuse
- **Montana State University - Gallatin College:** \$11.25 million to help fund a first-ever, on campus facility to house the fast-growing Gallatin College MSU

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Did You Know? \$10 million has been granted to enhance the quality of life for residents of Montana through the AMB West Community Fund since its inception in 2002



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