



MONTANA BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL

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June Board Meeting

The MBCC Board held its quarterly meeting on June 5, 2025. They made funding decisions for the Domestic Violence Interventions Misdemeanor Probation (DVI) grant, John R. Justice (JRJ) Student Loan Repayment Program, the Regional Juvenile Detention grant, the FY25 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) grant, FY26 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) grant, FY25 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant, FY25 Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) grant, and strategic plan for Byrne

SCIP. The agenda, public events, and more can be found on the MBCC Events Calendar.

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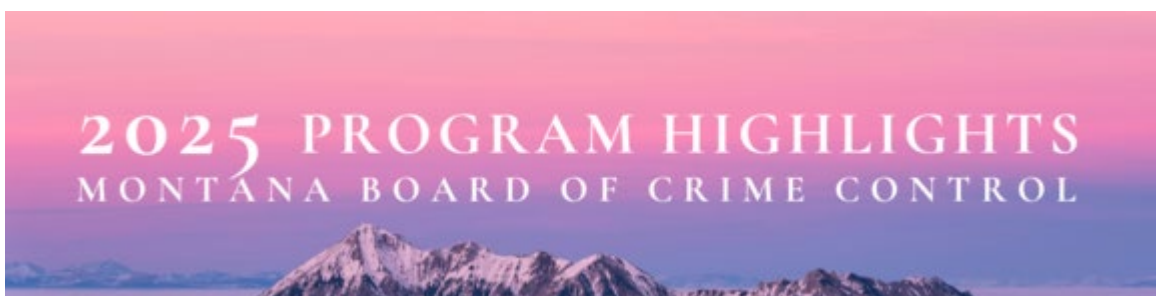
Funding Opportunities

MBCC is seeking applicants for the following funding opportunities:

- **FY25 John R. Justice (JRJ) Student Loan Repayment Program**
 - Applications are due **Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. noon.**

Please visit the [Funding Opportunity page](#) for more information.

[MBCC Funding Opportunities](#)



2025 Fall Program Highlights Submissions are Open!

MBCC's Program Highlights honor criminal justice and community-based programs that merit recognition for providing effective services in their communities or statewide. MBCC will recognize at least two programs per year, and applications will be archived for future consideration. Applications are accepted from both current

and previously funded MBCC grant recipients. MBCC is currently accepting Program Highlights for the Spring quarter.

Up to two representatives from the selected program will be invited to give a presentation about their program to the Board of Directors at the Board Business Meeting on **September 4, 2025**. MBCC will showcase the Highlight Program through a statewide press release, certificate of recognition, and placement of program information on the MBCC website. Additionally, the selected program will receive one attendance scholarship to the 2025 Montana Crime Prevention Conference.

For your program to be considered, please complete the Program Highlights Submission Form and email any relevant supplemental materials to Hanna at hanna.larson@mt.gov. The deadline for Fall Program Highlights submissions is **5:00 PM on Friday, August 1, 2025**.

Submit Program Highlights Form

June Youth Justice Council Meeting

The Youth Justice Council met June 4, 2025, to welcome new members, discuss and recommend Title II funding decisions, and approve committee appointments. The next meeting is scheduled for September 3, 2025.



2025 Do the Write Thing

MBCC Congratulates Montana's

State Finalists and Student National Ambassadors

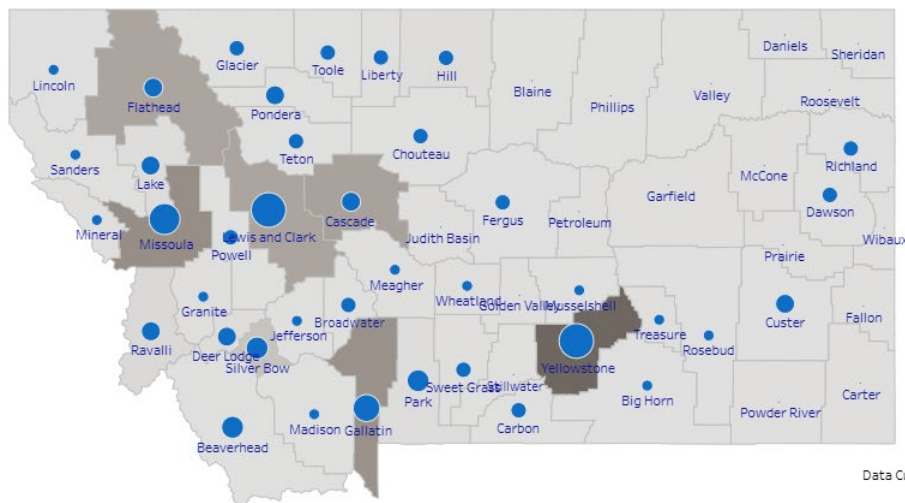
MBCC hosted a celebration for Montana's 2025 State Finalists and Student National Ambassadors on Saturday, May 3, 2025. MBCC Director, Natalia Bowser and Youth Justice Council member Christy Hendricks opened the celebration, thanked the students for their courage to speak about youth violence, and encouraged them to continue raising awareness about issues that affect youth. Students took turns reading their essays aloud to their families, teachers, and MBCC staff in attendance; and each student was presented with an award plaque. National Student Ambassador, Sofia Doto, will attend the National Do the Write Thing Celebration in Washington D.C. in July. Congratulations to Sofia and thank you to all the students, teachers, and DtWT Judges who participated! For more event photos and more information about the Do the Write Thing challenge, please visit the MBCC DtWT webpage.

[**Find Out More**](#)

High Risk Teams Update

Enhancing Domestic Violence Response with APRAIS

The Arizona State University (ASU) APRAIS team continued its vital work by venturing to Missoula, Montana, in the first week of June 2025. There, they successfully trained on the APRAIS Risk Assessment in collaboration with the Missoula Domestic Violence Response Taskforce. The APRAIS lethality tool, previously implemented in Helena, MT, in June 2024, provides crucial risk information gathered by police from victims and alleged victims of intimate partner violence (IPV). It is designed to connect victims with immediate support services while officers are on-scene. This evidence-based tool equips criminal justice personnel and advocates with a protocol to identify potential risks of severe re-victimization, lethal or near-lethal domestic violence, and possible future threats to officers. APRAIS addresses the complexities of IPV and the urgent need to identify dangerous cases. These critical training and implementation initiatives are funded by a discretionary grant, "Improving Criminal Justice Response," under the Office on Violence Against Women.



Victim Resources Map

The [map has been updated](#) and we want to encourage people to provide us with information about their program: [Survey for Victim Resource Map](#)



Nominations for the 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award are now open! The deadline for submitting nominations is August 8, 2025.

2025 Lifetime Achievement Award (LAA)

The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to a deserving individual (or group of individuals) who has achieved professional excellence and made lasting contributions to improve Montana's justice system throughout their career. This award encompasses professionals across the entire justice system and includes law enforcement, crime prevention, public safety, victim services, juvenile justice, forensic science, prosecution, public defenders, courts, corrections and volunteers. The award honors an individual's proven leadership, vision, and innovation in their field.

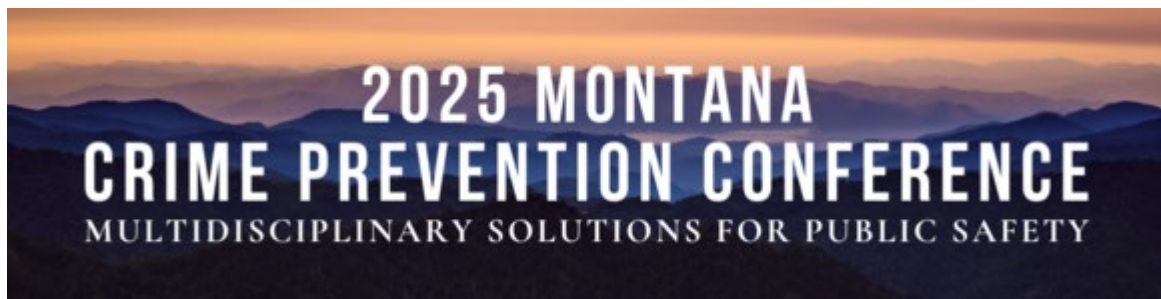
[Submit Nominations for 2025 LAA](#)

Nominations for the 2025 Innovative Community Improvement Award are now open! The deadline for submitting nominations is August 15, 2025.

2025 Innovative Community Improvement Award (ICIA)

The Innovative Community Improvement Award is presented to a deserving individual (or group of individuals) who has, through a specific campaign or program, made lasting contributions to promote public safety and crime prevention within their community. This may include improving the quality of life, reducing the fear of crime, enhancing services to victims or initiating measurable, positive results. For the purposes of this award, a community is defined as a social unit of any size within Montana that shares common values, and may include towns or cities, a county, a specific region, an Indian reservation, etc. A community is not defined as the entire state. This award encompasses any professional or private community citizen or citizens, or a combination thereof. The award honors an individual's proven leadership, vision, and innovation resulting in lasting contributions and significant improvements to their community.

[Submit Nominations for 2025 ICIA](#)



Montana Crime Prevention Conference

October 28-29, 2025 | Billings DoubleTree by Hilton

The 19th Annual Montana Crime Prevention Conference will take place at **Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Billings** on October 28 and October 29. Post-Conference Training will take place on October 30th. Registration will open later this summer.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Support from our sponsors enables the Montana Crime Prevention Conference to continue to provide key educational sessions to law enforcement professionals, state, local and tribal government, probation, victim service providers, educators, and leaders from public and private sectors across the state. For more information, please view the [Sponsorship Levels](#).

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Grant Application Resources

AmpliFund Resources Page

MBCC has created several step-by-step guides and videos to assist applicants and subgrantees as they navigate AmpliFund. On our AmpliFund Resources page, you will find information about how to submit an application in AmpliFund, how to complete quarterly programmatic and financial reporting, how to submit a payment request, and more.

Be sure to check out our newest cheat sheet on [Creating Expense Entries, Reporting Periods, & Payment Requests](#).

As always, please reach out to your program manager anytime for additional training and technical assistance.

Amplifund Resources Page

MBCC Funding Opportunities Page

In addition to training, MBCC provides numerous funding opportunities aimed at reducing crime, improving safety, and supporting victims across Montana. For a comprehensive overview of current and past funding options, please visit our Funding Opportunities webpage.

MBCC Funding Opportunities

Training Opportunities Webpage

Please check out our Training Opportunities webpage. We also update this with upcoming trainings, hosted by both MBCC and our partners.

Training Opportunities Webpage

Other Funding Opportunities

MBCC also tries to spread awareness of other funding opportunities that might be helpful to our subgrantees and partners. Be sure to check out our Other Funding Opportunities webpage for a list of current funding opportunities from federal, nonprofit, and other sources.

Some examples include:

- **FY2025 Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program** funding supports efforts to improve law enforcement's response to allegations of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking from the time of a victim's initial report throughout the entire investigation, and to promote the efforts of law enforcement in improving the response to these crimes.
- **FY2025 Local Law Enforcement Grants for the Enforcement of Cybercrimes Program** funding supports efforts by Tribes, states, and units of local government to prevent, enforce, and prosecute cybercrimes against individuals, primarily adults and young adults. Cybercrimes against individuals are defined as criminal offenses that involve the use of a computer to harass, threaten, stalk, extort, coerce, cause fear to, or intimidate an individual; or without consent distribute intimate images of an adult, except that use of a computer need not be an element of the offense.

Other Funding Opportunities



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