

## 2023 CONSERVATION PARTNERS

# CINNABAR FOUNDATION

### **GENERAL OPERATING GRANTEES**

**\$278,500** – 29 Grants

#### **COMMUNITY CONSERVATION / SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE**

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<b><u>Big Hole Watershed Committee</u></b>	Divide, MT	\$6,000
<b><u>Blackfoot Challenge</u></b>	Ovando, MT	\$15,000
<b><u>Montana Watershed Coordination Council</u></b>	Helena, MT	\$6,000
<b><u>Northern Plains Resource Council</u></b>	Billings, MT	\$15,000
<b><u>Western Sustainability Exchange</u></b>	Livingston, MT	\$15,000

#### **CONSERVATION EDUCATION + RESEARCH**

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<b><u>Montana Natural History Center</u></b>	Missoula, MT	\$15,000
<b><u>Swan Valley Connections</u></b>	Condon, MT	\$15,000
<b><u>Teller Wildlife Refuge</u></b>	Corvallis, MT	\$10,000

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY**

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<b><u>Citizens for a Better Flathead</u></b>	Kalispell, MT	\$7,000
<b><u>Montana Audubon</u></b>	Helena, MT	\$5,000
<b><u>Montana Conservation Voters Education Fund</u></b>	Billings, MT	\$15,000
<b><u>Montana Environmental Information Center</u></b>	Helena, MT	\$15,000
<b><u>Montana Renewable Energy Association</u></b>	Missoula, MT	\$3,000
<b><u>Park County Environmental Council</u></b>	Livingston, MT	\$15,000
<b><u>Western Organization of Resource Councils</u></b>	Billings, MT	\$10,000
<b><u>Wild Montana</u></b>	Helena, MT	\$15,000
<b><u>Wyoming Outdoor Council</u></b>	Lander, WY	\$10,000

#### **PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATION**

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<b><u>Montana Association of Land Trusts</u></b>	Helena, MT	\$6,000
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#### **PUBLIC LANDS**

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<b><u>Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Foundation</u></b>	Red Lodge, MT	\$5,000
<b><u>Backcounty Hunters &amp; Anglers – Montana Chapter</u></b>	Missoula, MT	\$7,000
<b><u>Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation</u></b>	Hungry Horse, MT	\$4,000
<b><u>Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness</u></b>	Sandpoint, ID	\$6,000
<b><u>Friends of the Missouri Breaks Monument</u></b>	Helena, MT	\$2,500
<b><u>Glacier-Two Medicine Alliance</u></b>	East Glacier Park, MT	\$8,000
<b><u>Great Burn Conservation Alliance</u></b>	Missoula, MT	\$10,000
<b><u>Swan View Coalition</u></b>	Kalispell, MT	\$4,000
<b><u>Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership</u></b>	Missoula, MT	\$4,000

#### **WATER QUALITY + FISHERIES**

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<b><u>Clark Fork Coalition</u></b>	Missoula, MT	\$15,000
<b><u>Montana Trout Unlimited</u></b>	Missoula, MT	\$15,000

### **SPECIAL PROJECT GRANTEES**

**\$141,000 – 32 Grants**

#### **COMMUNITY CONSERVATION / SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE**

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<b><u>Center for Large Landscape Conservation</u></b>	Bozeman, MT	\$5,000
<i>Wildlife Crossings: "US-191 / MT-84 Assessment Action Plan Development"</i>		
<b><u>Montana Conservation Corps</u></b>	Bozeman, MT	\$5,000
<i>Youth Climate Corps: "Engaging Montana Teens in Expanding Drought Resiliency"</i>		
<b><u>MWCC Watershed Fund</u></b>	Helena, MT	\$10,000
<i>Re-grant Program: "Watershed Group Capacity Building"</i>		
<b><u>Piikani Lodge Health Institute</u></b>	Browning, MT	\$6,000
<i>"Blackfeet Conservation in the Ninnaastakoo (Chief Mountain) Area"</i>		
<b><u>Quivira Coalition</u></b>	Santa Fe, NM	\$2,000
<i>"New Agrarian Apprentice Support in Montana"</i>		

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### **SPECIAL PROJECT GRANTEES con't.**

#### **COMMUNITY CONSERVATION / SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE cont.**

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**University of Montana:** Missoula, MT \$500

**Crown of the Continent + Greater Yellowstone Initiative**

Crown of the Continent Initiative: *"Community Vitality Rocky Mountain Front"*

#### **CONSERVATION EDUCATION + RESEARCH**

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**Be Bear Aware** Missoula, MT \$3,000

Wildlife Conflict Mitigation: *"Be Bear Aware Campaign"*

**Ecology Project International** Missoula, MT \$3,000

EPI Yellowstone: *"Empowering the Next Generation of Conservation Leaders"*

**Grow Wild** Bozeman, MT \$1,000

*"Youth Education and Outreach Program"*

**Missoula Conservation Roundtable History Project** Missoula, MT \$1,000

*"Building the History Project Website"*

**Montana Free Press** Helena, MT \$5,000

*"Environment + Climate Reporting"*

**Montana Outdoor Science School** Bozeman, MT \$5,000

*Natural Science Education in Rural Classrooms:  
"Expanding Science Education for Rural Students"*

**Mountain Journal** Missoula, MT \$3,000

*"Environment + Climate Reporting"*

**Raptor View Research Institute** Bozeman, MT \$3,000

*"Northern Goshawk Conservation Project"*

**Rocky Mountain Front Weed Roundtable** Choteau, MT \$2,000

Weed Management: *"Badger-Two Medicine Invasive Species  
Education + Management Project"*

**The Watershed Education Network** Missoula, MT \$2,000

Water Monitoring: *"Expanded Backyard Citizen Science Program"*

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY**

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**Heart of the Rockies Initiative** Missoula, MT \$5,000

*"Benefiting Wildlife + Working Lands Through Carnivore Conflict Resolution"*

**MT Public Interest Research Group Leadership Fund** Missoula, MT \$5,000

Environmental Remediation: *"Clean Smurfit Now Campaign"*

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY cont.**

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<b>MT Wildlife Federation</b>	Helena, MT	\$4,000
<i>"Building Resilience Through Durable Wildlife and Habitat Policy in Montana"</i>		
<b>NW Energy Coalition</b>	Seattle, WA	\$3,000
<i>"Promoting Energy Efficiency in Montana"</i>		
<b>Yellowstone Safe Passages</b>	Emigrant, MT	\$4,000
Highways + Wildlife Connectivity: <i>"Yellowstone Safe Passages"</i>		

#### **PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATION**

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<b>Five Valleys Land Trust</b>	Missoula, MT	\$10,000
Habitat Protection: <i>"Sanders II – Upper Rock Creek Conservation Project"</i>		
<b>Jefferson River Canoe Trail</b>	Pony, MT	\$3,000
<i>"Jefferson River Outreach"</i>		
<b>Vital Ground</b>	Missoula, MT	\$11,000
Habitat Protection: <i>"Wild River V Project"</i>		

#### **PUBLIC LANDS**

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<b>Earthworks</b>	Missoula, MT	\$5,000
<i>"Protecting Montana Wilderness, Wildlife + Waters from Irresponsible Mining"</i>		
<b>Flathead Land Trust</b>	Kalispell, MT	\$10,000
<i>"Owen Sowerwine Conservation Project"</i>		
<b>Helena Hunters + Anglers</b>	Helena, MT	\$5,000
<i>Protecting Big Game Habitat + Security: "Divide Landscape, Helena - Lewis and Clark National Forest"</i>		
<b>Montana Wilderness School</b>	Bozeman, MT	\$3,000
Youth Wilderness Expeditions: <i>"Empowering Youth Outdoors"</i>		
<b>Mountain Mamas</b>	Bozeman, MT	\$2,000
<i>"Mamas Rural"</i>		
<b>Selway-Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation</b>	Missoula, MT	\$5,000
Wilderness Stewardship: <i>"2023 Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness + Conservation Projects"</i>		
<b>Yaak Valley Forest Council</b>	Troy, MT	\$2,000
Field Monitoring: <i>Kootenai National Forest to Protect Sensitive Wildlife + Forest Habitat</i>		

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#### WATER QUALITY + FISHERIES

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**Trout Unlimited** Bozeman, MT \$7,500

*“Greater Yellowstone Instream Flow Enhancement Project”*

### TAWNEY OPPORTUNITY GRANTS

**\$1,000** – 1 Grant

The Cinnabar Foundation board established this non-competitive grant program, in 1996, to honor founding board member Phil Tawney’s service and sustain his memory as one of Montana’s most dedicated conservation activists. Each year, Cinnabar sets aside funds to be utilized when a challenge or opportunity presents itself that could not have been anticipated during the regular granting cycle.

**University of Montana: EVST Program** Missoula, MT \$1,000

Student Conference: *“Stolen Waters Summit”*

### RICK HUBBARD SARGENT INNOVATION AWARD DESIGNEE

**\$5,000** – 1 Grant

The Rick Hubbard Sargent Innovation Award was established in 2012 by his wife, Judi Stauffer, and close friends, to honor the Cinnabar Foundation’s founders’ son and former board member upon his passing that year. The purpose of the award is to recognize conservation work that pushes boundaries with the intent to expand understanding about more sustainable ways of being in relationship with our natural world. Specifically, this award pays tribute to innovative applications of new knowledge or new approaches on conservation, ecology and environmental issues that have the potential to radically change prevailing practices and transform existing paradigms.

The fourth RHS Innovation Award was made to **Yellowstone Ecological Research Center** for their innovative work to assemble and deliver data products called Conservation Decision Maps (CDM), which are 3-D habitat maps that are updated semi-annually and freely available, and offer critical information to stakeholders involved in wildlife conservation decision-making.

**Yellowstone Ecological Research Center** Bozeman, MT \$5,000

Data Collection: *“Mapping Products for Conservation Decision-Making”*

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### CINNABAR PROGRAM INITIATIVES:

#### ***LEN AND SANDY SARGENT EVST GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP***

**\$5,000** — 1 Grant

The [\*\*\*Len and Sandy Sargent EVST Graduate Fellowship\*\*\*](#) was established in 1992 at the University of Montana as an endowed fund by Rick Hubbard Sargent and Judi Stauffer on the occasion of Len's 80th birthday. The purpose of the fellowship was and remains, "...to provide support to students with a demonstrated record of environmental activism." From time to time, the Cinnabar Foundation has partnered with Rick and Judi while the endowment grows. This fellowship is made possible through their restricted gift.

[\*\*August Guenther\*\*](#)

\$5,000

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### **2023 SUMMARY**

**Grant Total — \$430,500**

**Number of Grants Awarded — 64**