

Empowerment program for girls receives grant

The Women's Foundation of Montana announced Monday that it is awarding Bozeman's Big Sky Youth Empowerment Project \$10,000 for continuing support of its GirlPower program for disadvantaged teenage girls in Gallatin and Park counties.

One of eight awards from the foundation this year, totaling nearly \$57,500, the grant will support outdoor activity and life skills workshops for 18 girls this summer.

"Supporting the work of these hard-working and effective organizations is truly rewarding," Jodi Medlar, program director of the Women's Foundation of Montana, said in a written statement released Monday.

Established in 1999 as a fund of the Montana Community Foundation, the Women's Foundation has awarded nearly \$370,000 in grants to nonprofit agencies in Montana working to ensure that women and girls have opportunities to become economically self-sufficient.

For more information about the Women's Foundation or the Montana Community Foundation, call 406-443-8313 or visit the Women's Foundation's Web site at www.wfmontana.org. The Montana Community Foundation's Web site is www.mtcf.org.