

Quality of Life Application



What is the Quality of Life Community Involvement Program?

The Quality of Life Community Involvement Program was created by the Billings Association of REALTORS® in 2004 with the inception of the Quality of Life Run. The goal is to help raise awareness of and money for nonprofits in the community that are working to improve the quality of life for our residents. The Quality of Life program has grown significantly since 2004, including the addition of a second event – Quality of Life Casino Night. Each year Quality of Life donates approximately \$55,000 to various area nonprofits.

The Quality of Life events for 2018 are scheduled as follows: Quality of Life Casino Night will be Tuesday, April 17, and the Quality of Life Run will take place Saturday, August 11.

These events were borne out of the Quality of Life Program developed by the Montana Association of REALTORS® as a public education and community involvement campaign. REALTORS® are committed to work with state and local elected officials, business groups, housing advocates, our next-door neighbors and others in communities around the state to determine how we can continue to grow while protecting our environment, ensuring economic vitality, and improving our quality of life.

What are the principles of the Quality of Life Program?

Quality of Life rests on five basic principles that guide our efforts to sustain and improve our communities:

- Protect the Rights of Property Owners
- Ensure Economic Vitality
- Provide Housing Opportunity and Choice
- Build Better Communities
- Preserve Our Environment

Who should apply to be a beneficiary of the Quality of Life Community Involvement Program?

All applicants should demonstrate an ability to improve the quality of life of the residents of our community while addressing an unmet community need. In addition, applicants will be rated on the overall mission and objectives of the organization, and their financial fitness and sustainability. The recipients of the proceeds of the Quality of Life Community Involvement Program are determined by members of the Billings Association of REALTORS®. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations with an IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status and community-based projects. Nonprofits having received a major Quality of Life donation in the past seven years are not eligible.

What is the timeline for the Quality of Life Casino Night planning and what is expected of the chosen recipient?

The selection of a recipient and the planning and execution of the Quality of Life Casino Night spans approximately four months. Applications must be submitted by Friday, November 3, and a recipient will be chosen by Friday, December 15, and notified thereafter. Periodic meetings of the planning committee are held beginning in February. The selected beneficiary is encouraged to designate a representative to attend these meetings, as well as assist in the promotion and volunteer recruitment for the event. Funds disbursement will occur in May of 2018.

What is the timeline for the Quality of Life Run planning and what is expected of the chosen recipient?

The selection of a recipient and the planning and execution of the Quality of Life Run spans approximately nine months. Applications must be submitted by Friday, November 3, and a recipient will be chosen by Friday, December 15, and notified thereafter. The planning committee meets periodically beginning in February. The selected beneficiary is encouraged to designate a representative to attend these meetings, as well as assist in the promotion and volunteer recruitment for the race. Funds disbursement will occur in September of 2018.

Application

Only one application is required to be considered for the Quality of Life Casino Night and Run proceeds. It will be assumed that applicants will accept proceeds from either event unless otherwise noted.

A separate application is necessary for small donations of \$1,000 or less. That application will be available on QualityofLifeRun.com beginning next June.

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Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, November 3, 2017.

Please type or clearly print the following information. You may use additional paper or reproduce this form if necessary. Please do not include any supplemental materials (newsletters, brochures, etc.) other than those requested.

Name of Organization:	Year Established:
Address:	Contact Person and Title:
Phone:	Fax:
Tax ID #:	Email:

What is the mission of your organization? (150 words or less)

What fundraising events, if any, are used to raise money for your organization and when do they occur?

What will the funds that you are requesting be used for and does this address an unmet community need?

Please provide a budget for how Quality of Life funds would be allocated if your organization was chosen as a recipient. In addition, please provide a copy of your organization's most recent financials, such as an IRS Form 990.

What is the target population for your program and how many would you anticipate serving with a donation from the Billings Association of REALTORS®?

Applications should be submitted to the address or email below by November 3, 2017.

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