

# Montana

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## Great Falls Rescue Mission

The Great Falls Rescue Mission (the Mission) is a nonprofit organization that provides shelter, food and other services to those who have found themselves homeless and on the street. Operating in Great Falls, Montana since 1963, the Mission has provided assistance to thousands of the state's most vulnerable populations, including many homeless Native Americans, women, and veterans. Beginning in the early 2000s, however, the Mission struggled to provide supportive services to growing numbers of homeless families and children. Only able to house five families at a time, by 2013 the Mission was forced to turn away 25-50 families every month.

When an unexpected bequest in 2011 provided the Mission with the funds to purchase a parcel of land, it began a capital campaign to build a new family facility. However, increases in construction costs inflated an initial budget of \$7.7 million to \$9.2 million, leaving the Mission with a significant gap in financing. When MICDC learned of the project through an NMTC industry conference, it visited the facility and subsequently partnered with US Bank to provide the Mission with \$10.5 million in NMTC financing.

These funds will allow the shelter to provide short-term housing to 125 individuals who are temporarily homeless, including space for 34 families. In addition, a health clinic will enhance the capacity of the Mission to provide preventative health and counseling services. A multi-purpose room will also provide a learning space for life-skill and job training classes. At least 70 of the region's 300-400 homeless children will receive housing, be enrolled in school, and receive a degree of stability necessary for a dignified life. Guided by the Great Falls Downtown Urban Renewal Plan and with the broad support of both local and state leaders, the Mission is expected to provide much needed supportive services to the region.

## Community Profile

### Great Falls, MT

<b>Poverty Rate</b>	25.6%
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	7.3%

## Project Highlights

- Investor: U.S. Bancorp Community Development Corporation
- NMTC: \$9.2M
- Jobs: 4 FTE jobs created, 31 FTE jobs maintained, 70 construction/predevelopment jobs
- Federal Medically Underserved Area, State/Local Economic Zone (Great Falls Downtown Urban Renewal Area / TIF District)

