

# SUSTAIN THE BASE FOR HIGHER PEAKS

The Big Sky Community Center

BIG SKY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION (BSCO)

# THE NEED:

*A centrally-located community center and parkland in the Big Sky Town Center.*

The “wild wild west” of ungoverned Big Sky gives residents a deep sense of freedom, yet it also calls us to act. If development continues as zoned, our meadow may disappear into a mass of high-end condos, shops, and restaurants. But Big Sky Community Organization (BSCO) envisions a future Big Sky which will always feel like home—with community spaces, parklands, trail systems, and recreation opportunities which serve everyone.

With careful planning, we can ensure access to community spaces and amenities keeps pace with development.

# THE VISION:

*A community center for the whole of the Big Sky.*

This future multi-use, flexible space will evolve as the whole of the community evolves; its design and offerings will reflect the values and beauty of Big Sky with a strong connection to the surrounding natural world. The community center’s participating organizations and its facilities will provide local access to art, culture, and environmental education, while supporting physically and mentally healthy lifestyles.

# THE WORK AHEAD OF US:

*Forging the path forward to a Big Sky that always feels like home.*

Learning from past success, the BSCO has recognized our community’s existing gap in services and amenities. We’ve convened a volunteer advisory committee of engaged community leaders, and we’re spearheading the planning, design, and construction of this much-needed civic center. BSCO is working towards creating:

- Recreational areas to house and facilitate a variety of indoor and outdoor sports, and art programs, affordable for all income and ability levels.
- Common spaces, meeting rooms, and office spaces which will house nonprofits and community resources.
- Community spaces available for organizations, and the general public, to help them meet their mission.
- A year-round environment, inclusive of positive behavior role models, and substance-free for all ages.

**“It’s the difference between owning a house and feeling at home.”**

# GOALS

**\$17.5M TOTAL**  
FUNDRAISING GOAL

**\$12M RAISED**  
TO DATE

*Our phase 2 goal of \$5.5 million will allow us to begin construction this summer and open the facility in 2021 for all of Big Sky.*

This strategic investment in civic assets will connect people of all backgrounds, cultivating trust and countering socioeconomic fragmentation for a stronger, more equitable community.

### Phase 1: (Completed)

Raise initial funding from Big Sky benefactors to kick off construction.

### Phase 2:

With the kickoff of a community-wide campaign, fund project completion through local support.

- Provide an indoor place for youth recreation programs and out-of-school programs while parents are working.
- Provide a place accessible for individuals and families of all income levels and ethnicity to spend time together, participate in programs, and recreate indoors year-round.
- Provide a gathering place for parents and young children, who are not yet old enough for the school.
- Provide a safe and positive environment for our teens and young adults to spend time together participating in scheduled activities, skills programs, or indoor and outdoor activities, surrounded by friends and mentors.
- Address prevalent behavioral and mental health issues including substance abuse and suicide/depression prevention through the creation of an empowering support network of on-grounds staff and community-wide resources.
- Provide common community space which will house a variety of community resources, in addition to opportunities to participate in health and wellness activities, regardless of age or income level.

We're turning  
a resort into a  
community



## Timeframe

**Project Start Date:**  
January 1, 2018

**Project Completion Date:**  
Summer 2021

- ✔ **Winter and Spring, 2018:** Cost & Site Analysis (Complete)
- ✔ **Spring and Summer, 2018:** Capital Campaign Planning (Complete)
- ✔ **Fall, 2018:** Land Aquisition (Complete)
- ✔ **Fall, 2018 through Winter, 2019:** Architectural Design/ Engineering (Complete)
- ✔ **Winter through Spring, 2019:** Capital Fundraising Silent Campaign (Complete)
- Spring through Summer, 2019:** Public Capital Campaign Announced
- Summer, 2019:** Construction Begins

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to donate

# A SPACE FOR EVERYONE

The Community Center will include:

- multi-use recreational areas
- community learning and fitness rooms
- arts and cultural center
- environment discovery center
- music pavilion
- 43% increase in parkland with trail access
- refrigerated wintertime ice rink center

Without community spaces—where people can gather together, recreate, and learn—it's difficult for a healthy community to exist.



**\$17.5M**  
fundraising goal

**+43%**  
increase from  
existing parkland

Currently, the only community recreation centers within Big Sky are within private neighborhoods, not accessible to area residents as a whole. Additionally, no public indoor community facilities exist in the Big Sky community, besides Big Sky School District and the Water Sewer District Building.



# PROGRAM PARTNERS

Organization	Indoor Sports Court	Community Learning/ Fitness Rooms	Youth Development Area	Meeting Space	Arts and Cultural Wing	Admin Office	Health and Wellness Area	Park Facilities; Stage/ Restrooms/ Locker
Basketball League	X							
Big Sky Arts Council		X	X	X	X	X		X
Big Sky Baseball	X	X		X			X	
Big Sky Chamber of Commerce	X			X			X	X
Big Sky Christian Fellowship	X	X	X	X				X
Big Sky Community Organization (BSCO)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Big Sky Food Bank				X			X	
Big Sky Invasive Species Alliance				X				X
Big Sky Medical Center							X	
Big Sky Natural Resource Council		X		X				X
Big Sky Public School District	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Big Sky Skating & Hockey Association	X			X		X	X	X
Big Sky Ski Education Foundation	X	X	X	X			X	X
Big Sky Trails, Recreation & Parks District				X		X		X
Big Sky Transportation District								X
Blitz Soccer	X	X		X			X	
Discovery School	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Gallatin County				X				
Gallatin River Task Force	X	X		X				X
HRDC		X		X			X	
Pickleball Club	X	X						X
Private Dance/TaiKwon Do/ Gymnastics	X	X						X
Private Trainers/Fitness	X	X						X
Madison County				X				
Montana Land Reliance				X				X
Morning Star Learning Center	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
THRIVE	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Visit Big Sky				X				X
Wilderness Conservation Society				X				X
Women In Action		X	X	X	X		X	X
Yellowstone Forever				X				X

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## Partners

*Our partner organizations will support a healthy community and environment.*

### Arts & Culture

- Partnership with Big Sky Arts Council
- Providing opportunities for classes, programming and events accessible to all ages, incomes and abilities
- Public Art throughout the park and inside the facility

### Healthy Lifestyles

- Partnership with Big Sky Skating & Hockey Association
- Improved refrigerated ice rink and supporting facilities within the park
- Sports leagues, activities and fitness classes for all ages, abilities and income
- Expanded indoor recreation space to provide year-round access for more opportunities to lead a healthy lifestyle
- Outdoor trailhead connecting community to the trail system

### Behavioral and Mental Health

- Partnership with Women In Action and Big Sky Medical Center to create a community-wide support network
- Community counselor on-site developing preventative programming in the areas of substance abuse, depression, and suicide
- Welcoming environment that is stigma-free and accessible for all income levels

### Environmental Education

- Connecting the uniqueness of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem that our community lies within through discovery and educational opportunities
- Partnerships with Yellowstone Forever and Gallatin River Task Force to bring education and awareness opportunities to our community
- Exemplary facility, which includes LEED certification, to ensure the environment has been considered in every way



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## Picture the Future

**Community-led.  
Community-focused.**

For the past 20 years, the BSCO has served as fertile ground for community dreams to come to fruition—from the Ousel Falls trailhead and Open Space Park, to Camp Big Sky and our Community Park. All of these successful projects started as ideas, realized through community leadership, collaboration and philanthropy.

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### **Pictured:**

*Examples of other community centers that have successfully created multi-use recreation spaces for community-wide use.*

As Big Sky continues to grow, the preservation of shared open spaces and creation of community-oriented recreation facilities will ensure that no child or adult is left without a sense of community and the opportunity to lead a healthy lifestyle.

► *Without quick action, the potential community space and open land remaining in the Big Sky Town Center could be lost forever to development.*

Together, we have the ability—and the responsibility—to create a brighter, healthier Big Sky future. But we can't do it without your help. Your financial gift allows for the construction of this beautiful, multi-use space—a space to benefit

all of us. Community thrives when it invests in the social, emotional and physical health of the people who live there. It's your generosity that keeps the dream of our independent-yet-connected mountain community alive and helps it to remain a place where families want to gather, well into the future.

► *If we don't take action now, there won't be land available to create these spaces in the future*

## LET'S KEEP BIG SKY SPECIAL INTO PERPETUITY.



Lone Mountain  
11,166 ft (3,403 m)

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