An increase in health equity in Western Montana where all, especially communities who face high barriers to health and wellbeing, are healthy and thriving.

**Why we do our work:**
Western Montanans face high social and economic barriers to health and wellbeing, particularly families living in poverty and American Indians.

**How we do our work:**
Headwaters Foundation was born from community and believes in democratizing philanthropy. We strive to be humble, mindful, and accountable to the people of Western Montana. We believe community-driven efforts will create positive changes upstream in the lives of Western Montanans, reducing the social and economic barriers to their health and wellbeing.

**Our purpose**
There are stronger relationships, coordination, and collaboration between organizations from different sectors.

**Outcomes we hope to see...**
Western Montanans prioritize community health and wellbeing more, particularly prevention, and believe they have a role in promoting it.

**Outcomes we expect to see...**
Increased capacity and leadership for systems change in the organizations and collaboratives we support.

- Communities are more aware of and use nonprofit organizations’ programs and services more, particularly those that are preventative.
- Communities exercise influence through local leaders and the engagement, mobilizing, and organizing of members.
- There is greater funding for reducing social and economic barriers to health and wellbeing, from both public and private sources.
- A better environment for the advocacy of policies that reduce social and economic barriers to health.

**Impacts to which we contribute**
Reduced social and economic barriers to Western Montanans’ health and wellbeing, particularly for families living in poverty and American Indians.

**Our strategies**
- Strategic Initiatives
- Policy and Influence
- GO! Grants
- Sponsorship
- Strategic Communications
- Capacity Building
- Philanthropic Engagement

**Our work is built on a bedrock of trust-based philanthropy and partnerships**