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Sparrows Nest of NW MT

Housing Youth, Building Futures

Former name: *Sparrow's Nest Northwest Montana* aka: *Sparrow's Nest of Northwest Montana*



EIN 47-2120103
Location Kalispell, MT
Year founded 2014
Ruling year 2015
Executive Director Rachelle Buckley
IRS subsection 501(c)(3) Public Charity
Organization type Public charities

- ✔ **Contribution tax deductible**
as of July 15, 2025
- ✔ **IRS BMF 501(c)(3) Public Charity**
as of July 15, 2025
- [Compliance report](#)

Mission

Dedicated to ensuring safe, supportive housing and resources for unaccompanied homeless high school students in the Flathead Valley, enabling them to graduate and become productive, contributing members of our community

IRS filing requirement
This organization is required to file an IRS Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Our focus

- Subject area**
- Education
 - Human services

NTEE codes
Homeless Services/Centers (P85)

Geographic area served
Montana

Population served
Out-of-home youth | Youth aging out of foster care | Adolescents

Contact

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Donation payable

Legal name of organization: Sparrows Nest of NW MT
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Program

What we aim to solve

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Total programs

3

The Sparrow's Nest of Northwest Montana Home

The primary focus of Sparrow's Nest of Northwest Montana is operating a home for unaccompanied homeless youth in the Flathead Valley. The program is available to any students from the Bigfork, Columbia Falls, Kalispell, and Whitefish school districts, who may be facing homelessness or living in an unstable environment that may result in their homelessness. Sparrow's Nest is able to offer housing to students in multiple school districts through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act that was passed through the Department of Education. The legislation mandates that school districts provide transportation to and from school for the students residing on the McKinney-Vento list.

Population served: Adolescents
Geographic area served: Flathead County (Montana)

Program results

The Sparrow's Nest of Northwest Montana Home

Number of homeless participants engaged in housing services

Year	Total impact
2016	5
2017	8
2018	6
2019	10

Year	Total impact
2020	7
2021	11
2022	11
2023	15
2024	15

Program results

The Sparrow's Nest of Northwest Montana Home

Number of treatment and support plans that include behavior support plan

Year	Total impact
2016	4
2017	8
2018	9
2019	10

Youth Advisory Board

Sparrow's Nest serves as the primary contact for the Montana Continuum of Care's Youth Action Board in the following western Montana Counties: Flathead, Lincoln, Glacier, and Lakeside. The purpose of this board is to facilitate youth experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, homelessness to shape the regional and statewide approach to addressing youth homelessness.

Population served: Adolescents

Geographic area served: Flathead County (Montana) Glacier County (Montana) Lincoln County (Montana) Lake County (Montana)

Program results

Youth Advisory Board

Number of advisory councils the organization is a part of

Year	Total impact
2018	1
2019	1

Note:

Sparrow's Nest facilitates the northwest Montana Youth Advisory Board, which directs the Montana CoC's policies on the issue of youth homelessness.

Backpack Program

Sparrow's Nest of Northwest Montana operates the Linderman Alternative School backpack program to ensure that students have access to food over the weekend. This program places 200 pounds of food into backpacks every week

Population served: Adolescents
Geographic area served: Kalispell

Program results

Backpack Program
Total pounds of food rescued

Year	Total impact
2018	10,750
2019	11,080

Note:
In the past year, the Sparrow's Nest of Northwest Montana partnered with the Flathead Valley Food Bank to supply weekend groceries to the local alternative school.

Grants given

\$0		Grant averages	
Total grant value		Mean	\$0
		Median	\$0
Grants	0	Mode	\$0
Recipients	0	Range	\$0

Grants received

\$1,554,772		Grant averages	
Total grant value		Mean	\$14,007
		Median	\$5,000
Grants	111	Mode	\$5,000
Funders	40	Range	\$210-\$166.2K

Impact

Goals

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What is the organization **aiming to accomplish?**

Our primary focus is to provide exemplary individual care to the adolescents residing in the Sparrow's Nest home that ensures these individuals complete high school. Our secondary focus is to ensure that high school students not residing in the home receive the support they need to graduate high school.

What are the organization's **key strategies** for making this happen?

Our primary strategy is for the adolescents residing in the program's care is to provide a homelike environment that promotes stability and safety with a sense of permanence and value. This success is a product of a consistent staff schedule and a wrap-around case management plan that addresses academic, emotional, and physical needs.

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Board leadership practices

Board Orientation & Education	
Does the board conduct a formal orientation for new board members and require all board members to sign a written agreement regarding their roles, responsibilities, and expectations?	Yes
CEO Oversight	
Has the board conducted a formal, written assessment of the chief executive within the past year?	Yes
Ethics & Transparency	
Have the board and senior staff reviewed the conflict-of-interest policy and completed and signed disclosure statements within the past year?	Yes
Board Composition	
Does the board ensure an inclusive board member recruitment process that results in diversity of thought and leadership?	Yes
Board Performance	
Has the board conducted a formal, written self-assessment of its performance within the past three years?	Yes

Note: Candid worked with BoardSource, the national leader in nonprofit board leadership and governance, to create this section.

People

Leadership

Executive Director

Rachelle Buckley

✉ director@sparrowsnestnwmmt.org

Board members

Linda Kaps Retired; Columbia Falls High School	Clint McClure McClure Management Inc.	Jake Berry Engel & Voelkers	Kelly Ruby Glacier Bank	Mary Obermiller Obermiller Law
Board chair	Sean Frampton Frampton Purdy Law	Tina Blair		

Staff

Alexis Anttonen Director of Development	Indigo ReVander Program Coordinator	Kyra Shcroeder House Staff
Nicholas Petrove House Staff	Rachelle Buckley Executive Director	Robert Breke Program Manager
Susie Bertram House Staff	Tawny Kinslow House Staff	

Number of employees

Year	Total number of employees
2024	11
2023	11
2022	13
2021	17
2020	18
2019	16
2018	12
2017	6

Source: IRS Form 990

Contact

Primary contact

Rachelle Buckley
Executive Director

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Demographics

SOURCE: Self-reported; last updated

This organization's Executive Director identifies as:

— White/Caucasian/European — Female

Financial summary - 2024, Jul 01 - Jun 30

Total assets	Total liabilities
\$1,108,114	\$3,128


Total revenue	Total expenses	Net gain/loss
\$513,272	\$433,351	+\$79,921

Revenue			Expenses		
Source	Amount	Percent of total	Source	Amount	Percent of total
Contributions	\$492,900	96%	Program services	\$385,031	88.8%
Gov't grants	\$0	0%	Administration	\$48,320	11.2%
Program services	\$0	0%	Fundraising	\$0	0%
Investments	\$22,829	4.4%			
Special events	\$-2,457	-0.5%			
Sales	\$0	0%			
Other	\$0	0%			

2022 Paid Preparer JUNKERMIERCLARKCAMPANELLASTEVENSPC EIN: 810348775 PO BOX 9047 KALISPELL, MT 59904 Tel: 4067553681 ✓ Financials were audited by an independent accountant for 2022.	2023 Paid Preparer JUNKERMIERCLARKCAMPANELLASTEVENSPC EIN: 81-0348775 PO BOX 9047 KALISPELL, MT 59904 Tel: 406-755-3681 ✓ Financials were audited by an independent accountant for 2023.	2024 Paid Preparer JUNKERMIERCLARKCAMPANELLASTEVENSPC EIN: 81-0348775 PO BOX 9047 KALISPELL, MT 59904 Tel: 406-755-3681 ✓ Financials were audited by an independent accountant for 2024.
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This snapshot of Sparrows Nest of NW MT's financial trends applies Nonprofit Finance Fund® analysis to data hosted by Candid. While it highlights the data that matter most, remember that context is key – numbers only tell part of any story.

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Financial trends analysis

Fiscal year: Jul 01 - Jun 30

Business model indicators

Profitability	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Unrestricted surplus (deficit) before depreciation	\$105,967	\$73,573	\$101,755	\$123,905	\$92,906
As % of expenses	26.4%	20.1%	25.4%	31.5%	22.1%
Unrestricted surplus (deficit) after depreciation	\$92,178	\$60,034	\$88,216	\$110,447	\$79,921
As % of expenses	22.2%	15.8%	21.3%	27.2%	18.4%
Revenue composition	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total revenue (unrestricted & restricted)	\$507,771	\$439,686	\$502,003	\$517,023	\$513,272
Total revenue, % change over prior year	16.3%	-13.4%	14.2%	3.0%	-0.7%
Program services revenue	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Membership dues	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Investment income	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	2.3%	4.4%
Government grants	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
All other grants and contributions	100.0%	100.0%	99.9%	97.7%	95.6%
Other revenue	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Expense composition	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total expenses before depreciation	\$401,804	\$366,113	\$400,248	\$393,118	\$420,366
Total expenses, % change over prior year	18.0%	-8.9%	9.3%	-1.8%	6.9%
Personnel	76.6%	73.3%	77.8%	84.0%	83.0%
Professional fees	4.0%	2.0%	1.7%	1.8%	2.8%
Occupancy	2.2%	2.5%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Interest	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Pass-through	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
All other expenses	17.0%	22.2%	19.2%	14.2%	14.2%
Full cost components (estimated)	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total expenses (after depreciation)	\$415,593	\$379,652	\$413,787	\$406,576	\$433,351
One month of savings	\$33,484	\$30,510	\$33,354	\$32,760	\$35,031
Debt principal payment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fixed asset additions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,974
Total full costs (estimated)	\$449,077	\$410,162	\$447,141	\$439,336	\$487,356

Capital structure indicators

Liquidity	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Months of cash	11.2	14.9	16.6	20.5	21.3

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Months of cash and investments	11.2	14.9	16.6	20.5	21.3
Months of estimated liquid unrestricted net assets	11.0	14.5	16.3	20.4	21.2
Balance sheet composition	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Cash	\$375,715	\$453,075	\$553,554	\$670,154	\$745,084
Investments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Receivables	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Gross land, buildings, equipment (LBE)	\$431,681	\$431,681	\$431,681	\$431,681	\$450,655
Accumulated depreciation (as a % of LBE)	7.9%	11.0%	14.2%	17.3%	19.4%
Liabilities (as a % of assets)	0.9%	1.3%	1.0%	0.2%	0.3%
Unrestricted net assets	\$766,368	\$826,402	\$914,618	\$1,025,065	\$1,104,986
Temporarily restricted net assets	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Permanently restricted net assets	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total restricted net assets	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Key data checks

Key data checks	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Material data errors	No	No	No	No	No

Source: IRS Form 990, Form 990-EZ, Form 990-PF

