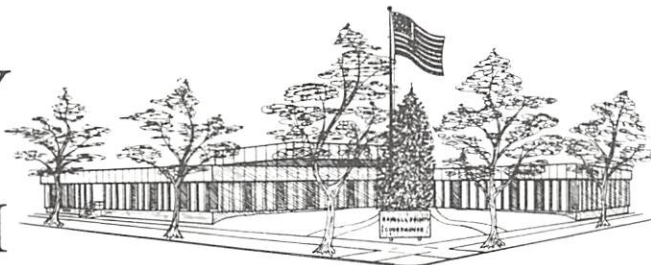


# COUNTY OF RAVALLI



November 14, 2019

Board of Directors  
Sapphire Community Health, Inc.  
316 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Hamilton, MT 59840

Dear Board Members:

The Ravalli County Board of Commissioners would like to express support for the Sapphire Community Health Center, Inc. application to the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration for funding under the New Access Point funding opportunity.

Sapphire Community Health Center (CHC) is requesting funds to renew a community health center that will provide primary and preventative care to lower income residents of Ravalli County. The Community Health Center is located in Hamilton, Montana. The CHC model of comprehensive primary and preventative care is offered on a sliding fee scale to those at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guideline, will assist our many lower income and uninsured and underinsured residents to access quality health care. Of the approximately 40,460 people who reside in the county, 42% have incomes under 200% poverty (Census Estimate 2018).

The Ravalli County Board of Commissioners are concerned about the health of all county residents and therefore are pleased to see a non-governmental organization expend efforts to bring accessible quality primary care to medically underserved residents of Ravalli County.

Sincerely,  
BOARD OF RAVALLI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
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Jeff Burrows, Chairman

  
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Chris Hoffman, Member

*Absent*  
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Greg Chilcott, Member