

You make sure that everyone has compassionate, affordable care here for them - whenever they need it. **Thank you.**

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2022

gratitude*report*

Dear Bridgercare Family,

A Message from Stephanie

There is just so much to be grateful for this year! It's been a whirlwind of change and progress. We have a lot to be proud of – and none of it could have been possible without you.

As most of you know, we kicked off the Spring by taking control of Montana's Title X family planning program, ensuring that politics will never get in the way of sexual and reproductive health care for thousands of Montanans across the state.

We've also finished our latest round of strategic planning, and we're confident that whatever challenges come our way, Bridgercare is prepared to grow with our community, and continue to offer the services that so many depend on.

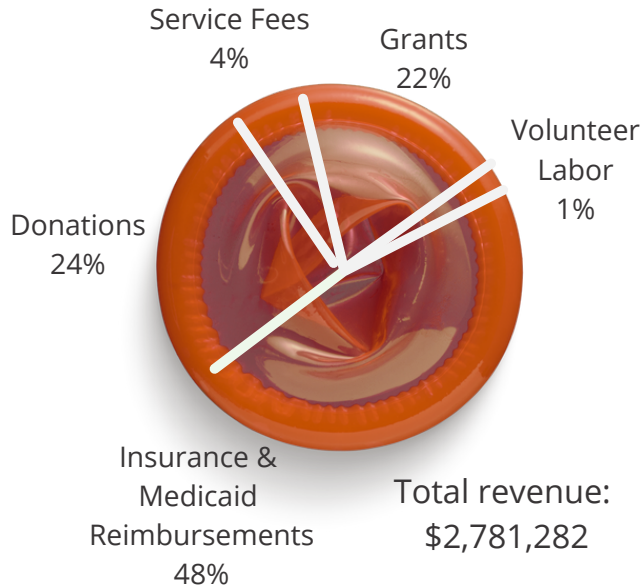
There's a lot coming in the next year – some things we're prepared for, and some things we can't predict. But know that as much as the world around us continues to change, Bridgercare will always be here to serve our community.

THANK YOU for making our work possible.
Stephanie McDowell, Bridgercare Executive Director

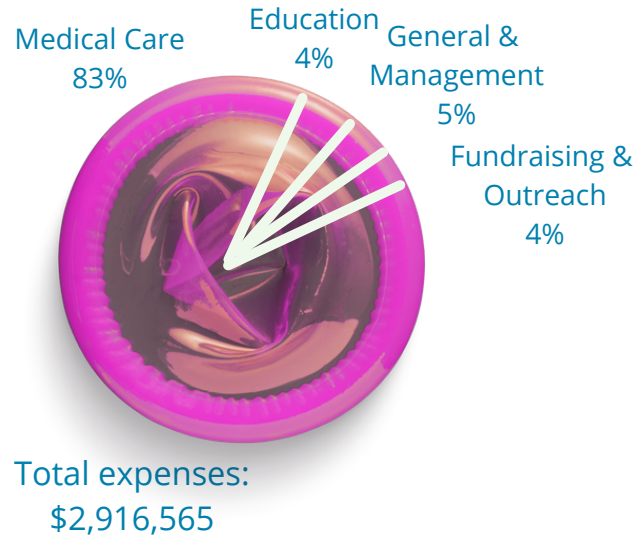


Financial Report

Income:



Expenses:



Did you know that when you use your insurance for a visit at Bridgercare, you help pay for someone who otherwise may not be able to afford care?

Numbers are
by Fiscal Year!
(7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022)

2022 by the numbers

Thanks to you, patients received...

\$387,463

Of medical services
at no cost

55%

Of visits with a discount
on the sliding fee scale

593

IUD & Nexplanon
inserts
(99%+ effective
birth control)

1,357

Free pregnancy
tests

10,035

Total clinic visits

1,673

Youth taught
by educators

16%
Of visits
were teens

47,167

Condoms distributed

177

Gender
affirming
care visits

What do you make possible at Bridgercare?



Same-day & next-day appointments so patients don't delay getting the care they need.

Affirming care for patients of all genders and sexual orientations!



Affordable, accessible birth control. **Always.**



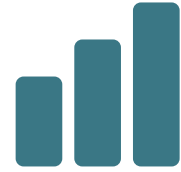
*"**The provider and nurse I saw were both wonderful**, and treated me like a person. I especially appreciated that they didn't try to shuffle me out the door right away once the procedure was done. **This was the best healthcare experience I've ever had**, and I would absolutely recommend them to anyone who's had a negative experience with a reproductive healthcare provider. They centered my comfort and every staff member I interacted with was wonderful." - Aster*

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Providing services
entirely free of charge
to survivors of
domestic violence.



Quick, confidential testing
and treatment for STIs for
people of all ages.



A sliding fee scale &
flexible payment plans to
ensure cost doesn't get in
the way of care!



*"I went here for STD testing since it is free for teens on Mondays. **They made me feel comfortable and welcome.** I am an introverted, shy person and talking about things like that makes me feel dirty, but for some reason they made it seem very easy and I was able to talk about everything. The nurses are kind and very explanatory so you understand what is going on. **The doctors are respectful, good listeners, inclusive, reassuring, and easy to talk to.** They even put in a referral for a psychiatrist to help get back on my meds for my mental health :) Wonderful people and **I had a wonderful experience.**" - Summer*

You've ensured that patients can take charge of their
mental health at Bridgercare, at no cost.
Here's what it means to them.

*"I came in needing help right then, **I had just left a cult and was going through a lot mentally.** Bridgercare has helped me so much, without their help I can say with certainty I wouldn't be here. **You guys have saved my life** and I know there's many more people who need your help too. Thank you so much Bridgercare and the counselors I've had the privilege of working with."*

*"**They were quite literally life saving.** I don't know how to stress that enough without sounding preachy. I've never been able to trust a medical institution quite like I have with them, and **they're proof that living in Montana isn't categorically dire for Queer folk.**"*



Our providers screen adult patients for anxiety and depression, helping normalize mental health as a crucial part of wellness.



Feds tap Bridgcare to disperse Title X funds

By JULIANA SOKUT

A Butte-based nonprofit will take over administering more than \$2 million in federal funding for family planning after winning a bid against the state department of health.

In November, Bridgcare, which provides family planning and sexual reproductive health care, applied to administer Title X funding.

Its application competed against the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, which has been the longtime administrator of Title X funds through contracts to Montana clinics.

Title X is a federal grant program that provides funding to family planning clinics

that provide services like breast or cervical cancer screening, contraceptive counseling, STI testing and other reproductive health services.

Bridgcare said recent legislative changes designed to exclude organizations like Planned Parenthood from receiving the federal funding was part of the reason it decided to apply to take over administering the grants.

Starting April 1, Bridgcare will administer Title X funding across Montana for a five-year period.



The nonprofit received \$2,025,000 for the first year of funding, which will go to a network of eight providers in Montana across 16 service sites.

For fifty years, the state of Montana administered the Federal Title X program, which provides money and support to family planning clinics across the state so they can provide accessible, affordable care to anyone in need. As of this April, Bridgcare took over the Title X program in order to prevent political agendas from getting in the way of people's health care. This program is now managed by an arm of Bridgcare called Montana Family Planning and currently supports a network of two dozen clinics all over Montana.

Learn more at montanafamilyplanning.org !

Montana won't get Title X grant

Family planning funds awarded to nonprofit, not health department

By JULIANA SOKUT
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A longtime Montana nonprofit reproductive and sexual health care clinic announced Wednesday that it — and not the state health department — was awarded more than \$2 million in federal family planning money.

The Department of Public Health and Human Services has for 50 years been awarded and administered the money, known as Title X funding, and distributed it through contracts to clinics around Montana.

But Butte-based Bridgcare said in a press release that state legislation passed last year would have prohibited it and other organizations like Planned Parenthood from receiving the federal funding if the state was granted this year's award.

During the 2021 legislative session, state Rep. Amy Rieger, R-Kalispell, passed a bill that would have prohibited the department from entering into a contract with any organization that provided non-ideologically qualified abortions.

The law, however, only applies to the state health department and cannot dictate how Bridgcare governs the funding, Bridgcare does not provide abortions.

"Bridgcare had serious concerns about the impact of new state restrictions on Title X funding and services. These concerns appeared to be driving an otherwise free by the Title X program that would exclude Bridgcare and other providers," said Stephanie McInerney, Bridgcare's general director, in a press conference Wednesday.

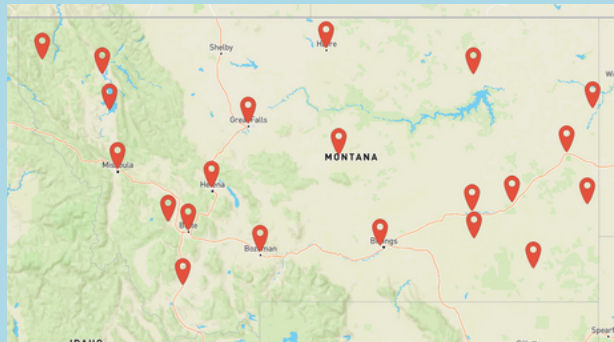
In an email Wednesday, a spokesperson for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services said grants are awarded through a competitive process to public and private nonprofit

entities. "A competitive funding announcement was published of Grants.gov announcing the competition. Eligible applicants were reviewed by a panel of independent reviewers and evaluated based on criteria in the Title X regulations," the spokesperson said.

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Health Education in 2022

145

Hours of education provided by Peer Educators!



26,630

free condoms were distributed across south central Montana

42

kids & their grown-ups went through a puberty workshop!



My name is Anna, and because of you, I get to provide honest, empowering sexual health and relationships education to my peers to help them make informed decisions for their future.

I don't have to tell you that when schools face financial or political pressure, sex ed is the first thing to get dropped. And when we're deprived of quality sex ed, dangerous myths take root (like how mountain dew is a decent contraceptive in a pinch – don't ask), and young people are left to fend for themselves while trying to navigate the murky waters of puberty and high school relationships.

But me and my friends won't let politicians and bureaucrats get in the way of our education. Because of you, we're stepping up to ensure that every young person in Southwest Montana has the tools that they need to live safe, healthy, and fulfilling lives. Thank you for standing with me and my friends!

- Anna

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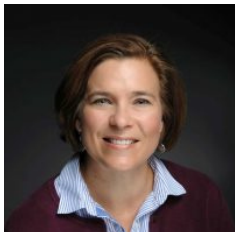
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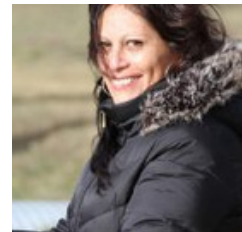
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