



## **2022 Annual Report**





Dear Friends,

Below are just a few of the highlights from 2022. This was unquestionably a great year for the 1776 Foundation as we launched a new program and saw continued growth in our existing programs.

- Our Montana Constitution Project continues to be wildly popular! We have distributed over 38,000 free copies of the Montana Constitution to parents, educators, elected officials and interested citizens all across Montana.
- We held our inaugural Liberty Invitation golf event, and we were honored to have Senator Daines, Governor Gianforte, Attorney General Knudsen and many others join us for this great event.
- Our Grants Program had its biggest year yet, distributing \$30,500 to worthwhile organizations and has now given out over \$80,000.
- Our Gadsden Flag License Plate continues to be one of the bestselling specialty places in Montana, generating over \$126,000 in revenue.
- Our Bill of Rights Hard Card Project distributed cards to 70 different Montana cities and 33 states. We have now shipped over 4,000 cards!

With another great year in the books, we are looking forward to even more opportunities in 2023. We would like to say a special thank you to all those that helped support the work of the Foundation during 2022.

Sincerely,  
The 1776 Foundation Board of Directors

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# ABOUT

the 1776 Foundation



**Scott Aspenlieder**

Based in Billings, Montana, the 1776 Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that seeks to improve government and politics by working to inform and equip the people of Montana to better evaluate policy options that uphold traditional American values, historic civil liberties, the Montana Constitution and the Constitution of the United States of America.



**Jake Eaton**

Founded in 2015, the 1776 Foundation works to accomplish our mission through a variety of programming and by supporting other like-minded organizations in Montana.



**Tyler Schott**

## **Board of Directors**

Mr. Scott Aspenlieder

Mr. Jake Eaton

Mr. Tyler Schott





## PROGRAMS



**Gadsden Flag License Plate**



**Free Constitution Project**



**Liberty Lessons**



**Grant Program**



**Bill of Rights Hard Card**



**Montana Pulse**



**Liberty Invitational**



# 1776 Foundation Gadsden Flag LICENSE PLATE




Since January 2017, Montana residents have been able to purchase their very own 1776 Foundation Gadsden Flag license plate when they register a Montana vehicle.

An iconic symbol of the American Revolution, the Gadsden Flag was named for Christopher Gadsden who created it during the American Revolution. Today it has come to symbolize support for liberty and the rugged, independent American spirit. Now you can display this iconic symbol on your Montana vehicle and support the great work of the 1776 Foundation.

During 2022, the plate was once again one of the bestselling specialty license plates and is now a regular site on thousands of cars, trucks, trailers and campers on Montana's highways and byways.





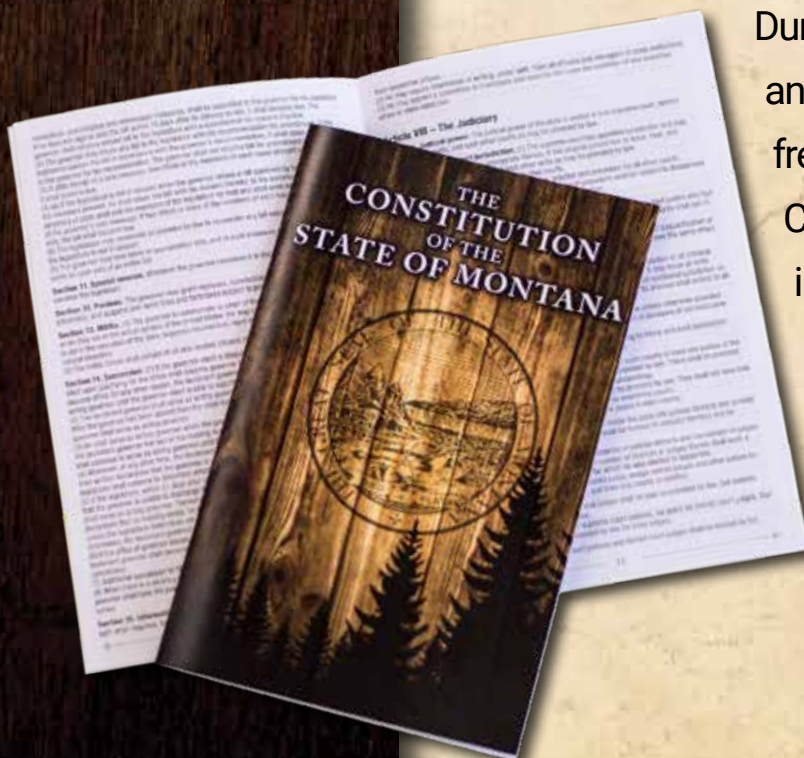
# Free Constitution PROJECT

A firm understanding of our Montana Constitution is a foundation each and every Montanan should be equipped with, especially during their formative years.

Unfortunately, most of our public schools do not offer such coursework.

The 1776 Foundation Constitution Project seeks to fill this void by providing free copies of the Montana Constitution for educators, parents and the public.

During 2022, this project produced and distributed over 3,500 free copies of the Montana Constitution. Since the program's inception back in 2017, we have now distributed over 38,000 free copies to parents, educators, elected officials and interested citizens all over Montana.





# LIBERTY LESSONS

The 1776 Foundation's Liberty Lessons are a series of educational radio and video messages designed to give you a deeper understanding of the meaning and history of the Montana and U.S. Constitutions. Each episode is delivered by exciting Montana political, business and community leaders.

Our series now includes episodes focused on: The Electoral College, Separation of Powers, Democracy and more. These episodes are broadcast online and on radio stations throughout Montana.







# GRANTS



**Helping out our neighbors and giving back to the community is part of the Montana way of life.**

The 1776 Foundation is proud to support like-minded organizations with funding for programs that are in line with our mission.

Our grants program distributed \$30,500 to worthwhile organizations in 2022 and has now provide over \$80,000 in funding since coming online in Q3 2017.





# BILL OF RIGHTS

Hard Card

**The first 10 Amendments to the Constitution spell out our most important rights, and now our Bill of Rights Hard Card lets you take your rights with you everywhere you go!**

James Madison drafted the amendments that became the Bill of Rights after calls from some states for greater constitutional protections to safeguard individual liberties. The Bill of Rights was ratified by the states in 1791.

The 1776 Foundation's Bill of Rights Hard Card is a sturdy aluminum card measuring 3.5"x2" – the same size as a standard business card.

We have now shipped over 4,000 cards since starting this program in Q3 2020.





# MONTANA PULSE



**The Montana Pulse program conducts a series of public opinion polls several times per year.**

Each poll measures Montanans' attitudes on elected officials, current policy proposals and a variety of other timely topics. The results of each poll are made available for free to the media and the general public, so that all Montanans can keep a pulse on important issues and the elected officials leading our state.

Each poll is conducted by a professional public opinion research firm, utilizing a combination of traditional telephone survey and an online survey tool to interview randomly selected participants from a demographically diverse panel. Utilizing this methodology ensures we are able to reach voters that have abandoned landline telephones.



# THE LIBERTY INVITATIONAL



## 1776 Foundation Liberty Invitational

The Liberty Invitational is a unique golf event that brings together elected officials and political candidates, along with business and community leaders to foster conversations about civic engagement.

Our inaugural outing was held in May 2022 at Hilands Golf Club in Billings. We were honored to have an amazing group of participants including: Senator Steve Daines, Governor Greg Gianforte, Attorney General Austin Knudsen, Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, Commissioner Troy Downing, Speaker of the House Wylie Galt, Senate Majority Leader Gordy Vance, House Majority Leader Sue Vinton and many others.





# FINANCIALS

## Revenue

Contributions	\$ 679.86
License Plate Sales	\$ 126,070.00
Total Revenue	\$ 126,749.86

## Program Costs

Grants Program	\$ 30,500.00
Montana Pulse Program	\$ 31,000.00
License Plate Program	\$ 10,142.03
Free Constitution Program	\$ 8,039.55
Bill of Rights Card Program	\$ 6,000.95
Liberty Invitational	\$ 15,328.56
Liberty Lessons Program	\$ 6,739.00
Total Program Cost	\$ 107,750.09

## Administrative Costs

Advertising	\$ 9,977.06
Accounting/Professional Fees	\$ 1,028.00
Rent & Office Expenses	\$ 7,375.83
Website Hosting & Maintenance	\$ 1,644.00
Misc. Expenses	\$ 4,628.56
Total Administrative Cost	\$ 24,653.45

<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>- \$ 5,563.68</b>
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