Montana’s Peer Network has been running a Recovery Coach Outreach Program in Gallatin County for 3 years. The program utilizes trained peer supporters to provide outreach and recovery support to individuals struggling with mental illness, substance use and or addiction. The peer supporters work primarily with law enforcement but we also receive referrals from many Gallatin County social service organizations. This is a prevention program that diverts individuals from higher more costly services and engages individuals in recovery. Which can lower costs in both the short and long term and change lives.

**Program data and facts last 12 months:**

- Number of individuals referred to program – **115**
- Individual peer support contacts made in the community – **1,618**
- Cost per recovery support encounter **$50.95**
- Total Program Cost - **$82,440**

- **Clients survey results** (self reporting)
  - Social (82%) and Emotional (76%) were the two most utilized forms of peer support

If one program, in one Montana county can produce a **5 to 1** cost savings for crisis services utilizing peer support, imagine if they all did.

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56 counties would save an estimated $15 million dollars a year