

# MASJID PROJECT CURRENT STATUS

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## Needs Status

The condition of Muslims in Bozeman and in Montana in general is unsatisfactory at best. There is no Masjid or any place of worship that belongs to the Muslims in Bozeman or in the State of Montana. *This is somewhat unusual as Montana is the only state in the U.S. without a Masjid or Islamic center.* There is no place for community, children, or family Islamic functions and activities. Students on campus are allowed to use a small room on top of an old house which is intended for international students at Montana State University. Currently, male Muslims on campus use this space to perform regular prayers. The place is neither appropriate nor adequate for Friday and Eid prayers. Those prayers are held in reserved places on campus or rented places off-campus. Sisters cannot participate in regular or Friday prayers mainly for lack of appropriate place of worship.

## Fundraising Status

The Bozeman Masjid Project task force has recently updated the fundraising goal at \$450,000 as per the current Masjid project preliminary study. With the help from Allah (SWT), ICB has already raised over \$200,000 in the last three and a half years. The ICB arranged an annual fundraising campaign in Bozeman during the month of Ramadan of past years, raised funds outside those campaigns, and outreached several other communities in different states typically by arranging Friday prayer fundraisers. The ICB also solicited donation through advertisements in a couple of Islamic newsletters and magazines. Alhamdulillah, we are almost half way in reaching our goal of establishing the first Masjid in the State of Montana, but we still need your generous support to this important project.