



Wildlife Habitat Improvement - Local District

2021 Wildlife Habitat Improvement - Local District (WHILD) Fund Grant Cycle

What: We love our wildlife – and are fortunate to be able to see moose, deer, elk and animals of all size on a regular basis. As Routt County has grown, we have impacted key habitat elements of food, water, protected cover, adequate range and migration corridors. The WHILD fund is a win for wildlife – and supports wildlife habitat improvement projects, including capital projects, planning, research, studies, management, enforcement and education for the public benefit.

The Grant Committee shall be appointed by the Foundation and shall consist of one appointee with expertise in habitat improvement, wildlife management, wildlife habitat management or wildlife biology from each of the following entities: Colorado Parks and Wildlife, United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Forest, and two members from the general public chosen by the Board of Trustees of the Yampa Valley Community Foundation and who each serves a three-year term at the pleasure of the Yampa Valley Community Foundation members.

Website: <https://yvcf.org/whild/>

Timeline:

- **Grant Cycle Opens: Monday, September 13th**
- **Grant Cycle Closes: Friday, October 29th**
- **Nonprofits/Agencies notified of grants: Late November**

Purpose of Grants: Grants can be requested for wildlife habitat improvement projects, including capital projects, planning, research, studies, management, enforcement, education and other wildlife habitat improvement projects, for the public benefit within Routt County.

Who can apply: Qualified Charitable Organizations or federal, state and local government agencies for use for projects to be completed in Routt County, Colorado.

Restrictions: Can not benefit a private person or corporation, except to the extent of reasonable compensation or expense reimbursement for service that are reasonable and necessary to carry out the Charitable Purpose of the grant. Funds cannot be used to participate in any political or religion purpose.

How to apply: Fully complete criteria form and email Helen@yvcf.org. The criteria form can be found here: <https://yvcf.org/whild/>