



# 2018 Yampa Valley Community Foundation Community Grant Guide

Connecting Donors to Community Needs

Dear Friend,

The Yampa Valley Community Foundation has one primary focus: to connect people who care with causes that matter. As someone that shares our deep love for the Yampa Valley, we share our 2018 Grant Guide. This resource offers insights into the most pressing needs in the Yampa Valley.

Each of the 67 nonprofits featured within have requested funding for their programs to advance the arts, promote student success, support healthy children and families, protect our local environment or invest in recreational opportunities.

Each summer, community members and our Board of Trustees rigorously review the grant requests to identify the most promising proposals. Our committee faces truly challenging decisions. We strive to stretch our limited resources in support of the programs most responsive to our community’s immediate needs.

We hope the Grant Guide inspires and offers focus to your local charitable giving. As your partner in philanthropy, we invite you participate in our 2018 community grant cycle. Together, we can extend our impact.

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Please contact Emily Beyer ([emily@yvcf.org](mailto:emily@yvcf.org) or 970-879-8632) by September 4th if you would like to contribute to the 2018 community grant cycle. Grants can be directed specifically to one or more organization, or focused on a specific issue area, as directed by the donor.

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# Yampa Valley Arts & Culture



## Chief Theater



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Scripts and Royalties @ \$1,000
- Costume, props and set design@ \$2,000
- Marketing, poster and program design@ \$2,000

The **CHIEF THEATER**, now in its sixth year of operation, provides the Yampa Valley and its visitors a diverse array of cultural and entertainment options. From live theatre, comedy and magic to music, dance and films, the Chief has something for everyone! The Chief Players theatre troupe needs support for scripts, royalties, sets and costumes to support two productions.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

The average cost for a Chief Players Production is \$2,500. The Chief Players are Steamboat's only year-round theatre troupe.

## Opera Steamboat



### GRANT REQUESTED

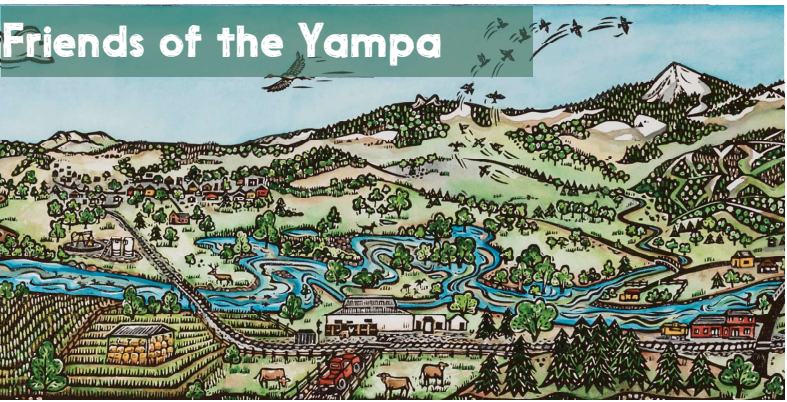
- Partial scholarships for 3 Opera Artist Institute attendees @ \$3,000
- Music rental for vocalists and musicians @ \$1,000
- Costume and makeup materials @ \$1,000

**OPERA STEAMBOAT** is the only opera company serving Northwest Colorado bringing the appreciation of the musical arts among residents and visitors. In addition to producing acclaimed opera productions, Opera Steamboat provides world-class education for visiting young artists, hands-on community programs for schools and the community, and promotes Steamboat Springs as a vibrant and collaborative arts and culture destination.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

Ticket sales account for less than 20% of our production budget. To keep our programming affordable, additional support is needed.

## Friends of the Yampa



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Primer, paint, sealer, rollers, respirators and other supplies @ \$3570
- Power washer rental to clean building @ \$70
- Scissor Lift rental for one month @ \$1360

**FRIENDS OF THE YAMPA** works to protect and enhance the Yampa's environmental and recreational integrity. FOTY is the Yampa River's main watershed group organizing projects and volunteers across the basin for a multitude of efforts. This grant request is for a large format, "Yampa is Wild" mural that will be placed in downtown Steamboat Springs.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

We are looking to paint this mural from August through September and have it finalized by November 2018.



## Historic Routt County!



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Contract with technical preservationist @ \$1,000/nomination

**HISTORIC ROUTT COUNTY!** is the voice for the preservation and celebration of Routt County's historic sites and structures. Through education/outreach, advocacy, and by providing technical assistance to property owners, we save the places that tell the story of our county and its people. Managing physical preservation projects is the cornerstone of our work; we request support to nominate historic properties to local, state, and national historic registers.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

Grant management for preservation projects is our primary source of earned income. We need resources to kick start new projects.

## Piknik Theatre Festival



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Professional fees (visiting guest artists) @ \$1,500
- Housing for guests artists @ \$1,000
- Transportation for guests artists @ \$2,000
- Marketing and promotion @ \$500

The **PIKNIK THEATRE FESTIVAL** is exactly what it sounds like: family friendly, outdoor performances, in a beautiful park, where you can bring a picnic basket, your own seating - and sometimes even the dog - for an hour or so of professional quality theatre while enjoying your snacks and beverages. Best of all: IT'S FREE!

### WHY SUPPORT US?

Admission free performances and professional quality requires professional actors to assist local performers and lead teen workshops.

## Luttrell Barn Cultural Center Foundation



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Labor and materials to mill, build and install the gambrel roof cover over the north entrance to the barn @ \$5,000

The **LUTTRELL BARN CULTURAL CENTER FOUNDATION** was formed with the purpose of restoring the century-old Luttrell Barn for community, heritage, arts, and humanities use. They serve the communities of Moffat, Rio Blanco, and Routt counties. Covering the north entrance in a visually pleasing, historically similar, and safe way allows them to further the safe year-round use of the barn.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

A large portion of the necessary funds were secured, we are nearing the end of the funds.

## Seminars at Steamboat



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Expert speaker honorariums for one seminar @ \$5,000

**SEMINARS AT STEAMBOAT**, founded in 2003, brings nationally prominent speakers who are experts on current public policy issues to the individuals of Steamboat Springs and Northwest Colorado, with the goal of engaging the community in substantive policy topics. The five seminars held each summer are non-partisan, free to the public and attract 500 people on average to each event.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

We have broad community support through donations of \$250 or less but have limited support at the sponsor level.

## Perry-Mansfield Performing Arts School & Camp



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Marley (dance specific flooring) @ \$1,100 (\$22/yd)
- Scrim (stage backdrop) @ \$3,900 (\$128/yd)

**PERRY-MANSFIELD** provides rigorous theatre and dance courses with first-rate faculty in an idyllic and rustic setting. Since 1913, PM has transformed the lives of aspiring young artists and equestrians. Perry-Mansfield gives students opportunities to explore new dimensions of their chosen craft and to encourage personal growth to levels beyond expectation. Please consider supporting essential upgrades to our dance and theatre spaces.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

A consistent and even surface for dancers is essential for safety. A projectable space is crucial to lighting designs for theatre and dance performances.

## Steamboat Art Museum



### GRANT REQUESTED

- 2 computers (1 desktop, 1 laptop) @ \$2259
- 2 65" Smart Screens @ \$2498
- Wall mounts, Chromecast, Consulting services @ \$243

As the only art museum in Northwest Colorado, the **STEAMBOAT ART MUSEUM** is presenting distinctive exhibits relevant to the West. Our renovated building has afforded SAM to become a cultural center for exhibits, a community gathering destination and an educational venue. This request is to purchase computers and monitors to offer quality educational resources for our programs and the public.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

With the recent expansion, these technical additions will finalize our goals of providing optimal community and educational resources.



## Steamboat Springs Arts Council



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Scholarships including supplies and healthy snacks for 27 at-risk, low-income and special-needs children @ \$5,000

The **STEAMBOAT SPRINGS ARTS COUNCIL (SSAC)**, founded in 1972, provides Routt County's residents and visitors authentic opportunities to engage with the arts. The SSAC's Young at Art Creativity Camps need scholarship funding for at-risk, low income and special needs children, aged 4-18, so they can gain skills to express their emotions, dreams and realities through creativity.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

With 31% program growth, funding will ensure that children with financial or special needs can engage in creative enrichment.

## Steamboat Symphony Orchestra



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Musician fees @ \$3500
- Venue rental @ \$500
- Complimentary student concert tickets @ \$500
- Conductor fees (curriculum development and implementation) @ \$500

The **STEAMBOAT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** inspires our community to appreciate both traditional and modern classical music as a means to communicate the human experience. In keeping with this year's theme, "Triumph of the Human Spirit," we will present Beethoven's 5th symphony in conjunction with an innovative, interactive leadership and team building program offered to local high school students at no charge.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

Teaching leadership and team building through music and the structure of an orchestra meets our community outreach mission.

## Town of Hayden



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Materials for 7 raised garden beds (\$500/garden) @ \$5,000
- Agriculture Heritage Mural Artist fee @ \$1500

**HAYDEN COLORADO** is a small rural community steeped in rich agriculture heritage. To honor its heritage and build community, town leadership will dedicate resources for two projects in the newly dedicated Donna Hellyer Historic Walnut Street Park: Establishment of a local food growing program and the development of an interpretive mural demonstrating the local agriculture heritage.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

Assures fabrication of raised beds is complete for 2019 planting and mural research and design completed for 2019 spring execution.

## Tread of Pioneers Museum



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Archival supplies @ \$1,000
- Computer software and hard-drives @ \$1,000
- Computer hardware and equipment @ \$3,000

The **TREAD OF PIONEERS MUSEUM** preserves, shares and celebrates the history and heritage of Routt County. Recently, we received the 133-year photo collection from the Steamboat Pilot newspaper, Steamboat's oldest local business. We are seeking funds to help us digitize the collection and make it accessible to the public via our online photo database that currently features over 7,000 historical images.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

This is the largest single collection we have ever received, with an estimated 20,000 images that need to be processed.

## West Slope FM

Technically, it's a 46,890 mile trip in about 1.2 seconds.



It's worth every mile.

### GRANT REQUESTED

- Satellite Antenna @ \$798
- Transformer @ \$296
- Assorted connectors @ \$466
- Labor and truck freight @ \$1,825

Since 1980, **WEST SLOPE FM (WSFM)** has been the only radio source of classical music in the Yampa Valley. We bring it to the Yampa Valley from Trenton, NJ via our equipment on Storm Peak. Our engineer says this equipment must be replaced if WSFM is to stay on the air. Please help us keep this music coming.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

Our tower rent increased 150% in 2015. Wind, ice and snow have worn out our equipment; it must be replaced.

## Yampa Valley Choral Society



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Part-time program staff @ \$5,000

The **YAMPA VALLEY CHORAL SOCIETY** is composed of several choirs whose twofold purpose is to provide challenging and engaging vocal opportunities for both singers and audiences from Routt and Moffat Counties. Music programs range from requiems to Broadway tunes to Irish pub-like rollicking songs. YVCS will utilize grants to support singing in the valley and ensure affordable ticket prices.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

This is a newly created position in 2018, expanding capacity for the organization.



## Healthy Communities Families, Children and Youth

### Boys & Girls Clubs of NW Colorado



#### GRANT REQUESTED

- Program materials and incentives @\$397
- Adult Program staff time @\$2,400
- High School Program staff time @\$2,213

The **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB** is a youth development organization that works to ensure Great Futures Start Here. This year, the Clubs want to expand Bully Prevention Programming a program that combines a social and emotional prevention and education program with a Club culture that empowers youth to help themselves and each other rise above bullying.

#### WHY SUPPORT US?

All youth need adult support, a safe and positive place and meaningful programs to reach their full potential.

### Family Development Center



#### GRANT REQUESTED

- Parent Coaching and activities for 20 infants and toddlers @ \$800/session
- Activity Materials @ \$200

**NEWBORN NETWORK PARENT EDUCATORS** serve families in the critical early years of their children's lives, with several parent education programs. These Infant & Toddler experts deliver high-touch programming to more than 240 families across Routt County. Newborn Network is requesting funding to provide Play and Learn programming in Oak Creek, a "child care desert."

#### WHY SUPPORT US?

More than one-million new neural connections are formed every second in the first years of life.

### Fatherhood Program of Routt County



#### GRANT REQUESTED

- Evidence-based educational materials @ \$499
- Coordinator time @ \$2,340
- Event dinners, childcare, publicity, gas, facility rental @ \$2,161

As societal norms shift and change, the expectations placed upon fathers continue to transform. The **FATHERHOOD PROGRAM OF ROUTT COUNTY (FPRC)** provides education, support and builds the community for area dads to meet these changing demands so that they, and their families, can thrive. The FPRC requests \$5,000 to support items and activities related to its evidence-based classes and workshops.

#### WHY SUPPORT US?

The FPRC cannot apply for funding offered to 501c3s and lost a major funding partner in 2017.



## Girls on the Run of Western Colorado



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Scholarships for 73 girls to participate @ \$55/girl

**GIRLS ON THE RUN** is a life-changing empowerment program for girls in 3rd – 8th grade. The program combines training for a 5K with personal skill building activities. We strive to ensure ALL girls can participate with a minimal registration fee and scholarships readily available.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

Community support ensures GOTR is available to all girls in Routt / Moffat Counties.

## Grand Futures



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Alternative events @ \$1,000
- Youth Summit marketing and event speakers @ \$1,600
- Incentives @ \$2,000
- Teen Council @ \$400

**GRAND FUTURES PREVENTION COALITION** is a free resource for substance abuse prevention in Northwest Colorado, with offices in Routt, Moffat and Grand counties since 1990. We build awareness and educate the community about the risks and harm of youth alcohol, tobacco and drug use as well as empower youth to make positive choices and impact change within their communities.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

Limited resources available for substance use prevention and empowering students to advocate for and affect change, especially in Moffat County.

## Hayden Youth Connection Project



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Scholarships for youth @ \$1,500
- Wages @ \$1247
- Transportation @ \$753

**THE HUB** is the Hayden teen center. Youth in grades 6 and up are provided fun, supervised activities, a central place to meet up and hangout. We serve mostly high risk youth that otherwise would not get these opportunities.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

This program will provide a chance for this age group to have summer field trips that will keep them active.

## Integrated Community



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Salaries for Resource & Referral services @ \$5,000

Since 2004, **INTEGRATED COMMUNITY** has served as the recognized leader and go-to source for immigrant residents in Routt and Moffat Counties. The programs respond to the needs of collaborating agencies, providers and the ever increasing immigrant/limited English speaking population in Northwest Colorado. Funds from the YVCF will support the Resource & Referral services.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

In 2017, Resource & Referral service grew 50% and thus far in 2018 it is up 30% due to new families arriving.

## Northwest Rocky Mountain CASA



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Case related child expenses for moving, respite care, and extracurricular activities @ \$2000
- Trauma sensitive supplies for supervised visitation space @ \$1000

**NWRM CASA** is the only state and federally approved organization to provide volunteer advocacy for abused and neglected children in Routt County. We are also the only organization to provide certified supervised visitation for children and their families in a trauma sensitive environment. We are requesting funds to help provide quality services and advocacy for these children in our communities.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

We have more case related expense requests each year than we have money for. Supervised visitation is new for 2018.

## Oak Creek School-Age Childcare Program



### GRANT REQUESTED

- 10 program fee scholarship for low-income, at-risk children @ \$500/scholarship

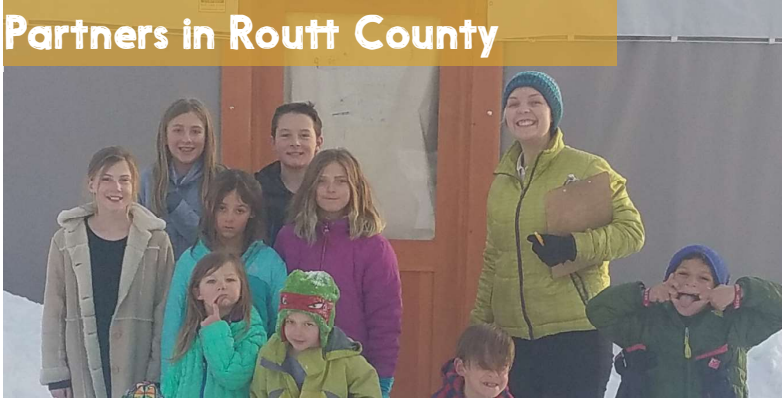
The **OAK CREEK SCHOOL-AGE CHILDCARE PROGRAM** offers an affordable licensed program. It serves many South Routt low-income at-risk youth and their families with after-school, full day Friday and summer programming in a safe, nurturing and mentor-based environment. We are seeking scholarship funding to meet our goal of not denying participation to any child due to their families' inability to pay.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

We expect to continue to have a 40%+ rate of participants requiring full or partial scholarships to access programming.



## Partners in Routt County



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Part-time School Based Mentor to serve Steamboat Springs High School @ \$5,000

Since 1996, **PARTNERS** has been serving at risk youth ages 7-17 in Routt County. We believe in, and research supports, the immeasurable power of providing youth with a consistent caring adult in their life. We strive to provide mentors to serve that role to students in the school setting, but are \$12,000 short on funding for one position.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

Without AmeriCorps members, payroll costs have increased by 77% for this program.

## Yampa Valley Pregnancy Center



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Part-time program staff @ \$5,000

The **YAMPA VALLEY PREGNANCY CENTER** has served pregnant teens and women and anyone raising infants and toddlers for 34 years by offering infant and toddler care items and lessons on the stages of pregnancy, parenting and life skills. We need a part-time Earn While You Learn staff person so the executive director can seek support from local businesses, churches and individuals.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

This is a newly created position in 2018, expanding capacity for the organization.

## SOS Outreach



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Operations to serve 50 underserved Routt County (Oak Creek/Hayden) and Craig youth @ \$3,500

**SOS OUTREACH** serves underserved youth in Colorado communities and beyond through engagement in outdoor sports and positive, continual adult mentorship. SOS programs combine outdoor activity with leadership development, core value training and community service to maximize long-term impacts to youth served.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

SOS receives support from local foundations/organizations, however seeks expansion to impact 50 South Routt County and 30 Craig underserved youth.

## Totally Kids, Inc.



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Three full time scholarships for a school year @ \$3,500
- One part-time scholarship for a school year @ \$1,500

**TOTALLY KIDS, INC.** is committed to providing services for youth in West Routt County. Youth ages 5 to 12 are served and provided a safe, supervised environment. The demographics of the area have changed and over 50% of the children attending Hayden Valley Elementary are living below the poverty level. Funding is needed to provide scholarships for the neediest children.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

The needs are increasing - we have more children that need assistance.



## Healthy Communities: Health and Special Needs



### Community Assistance Fund



#### GRANT REQUESTED

- 7 debriefing sessions (\$600/session) @ \$4000
- Outreach materials (\$800)

Evidence suggests that mental health support immediately following a critical incident can drastically improve long-term adaptivity and functioning of affected individuals. Funding for the **COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FUND** to support a rapid response debriefing process following a critical incident would decrease the effects of trauma on individuals and allow a confidential/safe space for those affected by the critical incident to seek assistance.

#### WHY SUPPORT US?

Past critical incidents in our community include: Witnessing of a traumatic work related accident or horrific car accident; Lose of a fellow employee to suicide.

### Freedom Hooves Therapeutic Riding



#### GRANT REQUESTED

- General Operating @\$5,000

**FREEDOM HOOVES** has been providing Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies that positively impact participants' quality of life for over 6 years. Freedom Hooves collaborates with individuals, businesses, groups, and foundations to provide services that empower lives and promotes healthier citizenship for years to come.

#### WHY SUPPORT US?

We are becoming fiscally stable by moving to employees in-lieu of contracts as well as owning horses.

### Horizons Specialized Services



#### GRANT REQUESTED

- Support for 37 Moffat County families with the following expenses: medical care, therapy, respite, home modifications, assistive technology or adaptive equipment @ \$5,000.

**HORIZONS** helps individuals with intellectual and developmental delays and disabilities and their families live meaningful, productive lives of their own choosing. As the first point of entry, Horizons guides people in accessing person-centered supports. Our Family Support program reimburses parents for out-of-pocket expenses related to their child's delay or disability that are not covered by any other funding source.

#### WHY SUPPORT US?

Family Support is a payor of last resort, helping families provide appropriate, necessary care for their child with a delay/disability.



## Northwest Colorado Community Health Partnership



### GRANT REQUESTED

- A portion of the installation expense of an Indy wheelchair platform lift @ \$5,000

The **HEALTH PARTNERSHIP** works to ensure all residents have access to programs and services they need to be their healthiest self. Agency activities include but are not limited to identifying gaps in service, working to create community-wide efficiencies and reduce duplication, collaborating with health and wellness partners, collecting and leveraging regional data to support decision making, and advancing community-driven solutions.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

Local funding is essential to the agency receiving a \$365,000 federal USDA 30-year low interest loan for the new office space.

## Northwest Colorado Health



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Program staff time @ \$2,500
- Program supplies, including paint, glue, paper, and other arts and crafts supplies @ \$2,500

At **NORTHWEST COLORADO HEALTH**, we believe everyone deserves the chance to achieve their best health. Every day, we partner with individuals in their homes, in our clinics, and in the community, because healthy people and families create a healthy community. We are requesting funding for our Youth Resiliency program, which addresses feelings of loss through small support groups and large classroom education.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

Supporting children in coping with grief and loss and preventing future negative health outcomes and risky behaviors is an upstream approach.

## Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains



### GRANT REQUESTED

- 30 Well Woman exams (clinical breast exams, Pap tests, pelvic exams, and colposcopies) and HPV vaccinations @ \$5,000

For 45 years **PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN'S (PPRM) STEAMBOAT SPRINGS** health center has provided patients with affordable, high quality reproductive care. PPRM's clinically superior, patient-centered, and cost effective services are often patients' only access to medical care. Our trusted history allows PPRM to provide cancer screenings to northwestern Colorado's vulnerable populations, including low-income, uninsured, and underinsured individuals.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

190 women will die from uterine or cervical cancer in Colorado in 2018. 62% of Steamboat Springs patients are uninsured.

## STARS



### GRANT REQUESTED

- 6 additional program days at Steamboat Springs School District plus 4 days at Hayden Schools (includes staffing and transportation) @ \$5000

**STARS** programs help individuals with disabilities discover the outdoors and teach skills to overcome health challenges and develop self-esteem. STARS uses skiing, biking, and other activities to empower youth and adults with disabilities. These activities reduce depression and isolation, while increasing physical activity, self-sufficiency and hope. We are asking for funds to extend Adaptive PE programs to our schools.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

We expect that we will increase school programming by 14% this next year and need funding for the additional programs.

## The Memorial Hospital Foundation



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Telehealth Equipment (camera, tablet, software, speakers and video software) @ \$5,000

**MEMORIAL REGIONAL HEALTH**, a 25 bed, acute care, level IV trauma, critical access hospital has serviced our community for 70 years. Over the last several years, MRH has seen an increase in behavioral healthcare services. To address this increase, MRH will implement telehealth services for behavioral healthcare in our new facility. By providing telemedicine we hope to create a meaningful impact within our community.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

Suicide is the 7th leading cause of death in Moffat County (2nd cause of death for those over age 65).

## Yampa Valley Autism Program



### GRANT REQUESTED

- 75 1-hour Social Cognition Individual Therapy sessions for children (\$65/session) @ \$5,000

**YAMPA VALLEY AUTISM PROGRAM** strives to nurture the developmental assets that empower individuals with ASD and developmental disabilities to be successful, productive adults by providing a foundation of skills that will support them throughout their lives. It is our purpose to support them with direct services and advocacy to realize their potential and maximize the quality of life for them and their families.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

YVAP subsidizes therapy costs not covered by insurance or fees. Therapy is essential and would not be possible without funding.



## Healthy Communities: Human Services



### Advocates Building Peaceful Communities



#### GRANT REQUESTED

- Shelter Manager & Advocate staff position @ \$5,000

**ADVOCATES** provides supportive opportunities through intervention, education, advocacy, community awareness, and shelter. We invest in the lasting change of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. We are looking to further this goal through more consistent and effective advocacy work at our shelter. In order to do this, we are seeking to hire a Shelter Manager & Advocate.

#### WHY SUPPORT US?

Currently our shelter clients are being under-served because we do not have the staff capacity to adequately provide services.

### Advocates-Crisis Support Services



#### GRANT REQUESTED

- New website @ \$5,000

Community Clinics at Memorial Regional Health (CCMRH) is a healthcare mainstay in the isolated region of Northwestern Colorado, serving a medically underserved population in a Healthcare Professional Shortage Area. CCMRH recently merged with **ADVOCATES-CRISIS SUPPORT SERVICES**, which provides Moffat County's sole source of free, confidential assistance to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other crimes.

#### WHY SUPPORT US?

CCMRH merged with Advocates in 2018 to end the risk of losing free assistance services for local residents in their darkest times.

### LiftUp of Routt County



#### GRANT REQUESTED

- Food Bank and Emergency Financial Support @ \$5,000

**LIFTUP ROUTT COUNTY** is a local nonprofit that turns community donations into food, shelter, medicine, transportation and other support for 10% of Routt County's residents every year. Community donations are sold in LiftUp's Thrift Store, which helps fund our food bank and helps provide goods and services to community members in times of need.

#### WHY SUPPORT US?

Our community's growing need has us 28.57% overbudget in housing assistance and 41.13% overbudget in utility assistance year-to-date.



## Moffat County United Way



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Getting Ahead facilitator and co-facilitator @ \$2,500
- Incentives for Getting Ahead participants to encourage long-term behavior change @ \$2,500

The Community Impact Program of the **MOFFAT COUNTY UNITED WAY** is striving to lower poverty locally. The program reaches more than 260 people each year by providing community workshops, Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World classes for low-income individuals, and assisting Getting Ahead graduates with goals to increase their self-sufficiency. The Community Impact Program requests funding to implement the Getting Ahead program.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

Over 1000 people live in daily instability locally and the Community Impact Program promotes self-sufficiency and education to community members.

## NorthWest Colorado Center for Independence



### GRANT REQUESTED

- 5 individuals with disabilities in Routt/Moffat Counties to apply for Social Security and other benefits @ \$1000 each

**NWCCI** provides tools, resources, and opportunities for people with disabilities to achieve goals for personal success in the community. We provide an options-counseling, skills-building approach to supporting people with disabilities to identify and reach goals. We often begin by exploring benefits for which an individual is eligible and assist with applications to establish a foundation for meeting basic needs.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

NWCCI is the only organization Routt/Moffat Counties with trained, certified staff assisting people with disabilities to apply for benefits.

## Reaching Everyone Preventing Suicide



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Grant writer @ \$2,500
- Program Coordinator @ \$2,500

**REACHING EVERYONE PREVENTING SUICIDE (REPS)** provides suicide crisis support, suicide prevention and education in Routt and Moffat counties. REPS offers a variety of programs to educate community members about suicide risk factors and early identification protocols and teach skills for intervention. Programs are available for youth and adults. Support is requested for capacity building and operating support.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

Requests for suicide prevention programming have increased significantly and we only have one full-time employee.

## Routt County Council on Aging



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Oak Creek Community Center Rent, Staff Labor, Food Costs and Overhead @ \$5,000.

An 88-year old client named Jim made this comment to me: "This place (**ROUTT COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING**) makes me feel alive." To me, this simple statement speaks volumes about what we do and the impact it makes. The funding will be used to support our South Routt programs (Oak Creek, Phippsburg and Yampa): Meals on Wheels, group meal and transportation program.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

Routt County had the largest gain in its senior population (60 and older) this decade than any other US county.

## Senior Social Center



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Instructors @ \$1,920
- Equipment @ \$1,500
- Materials and Supplies @ \$392
- Advertising and Administration @ \$1000

The **SENIOR SOCIAL CENTER** is a grass roots organization focused on enhancing the quality of life and health for people age 60 and over. We offer a variety exercise programs. Members have requested a Falls Prevention program. Our research shows, A Matter of Balance, a nation-wide program to be the most effective. We are seeking funds to offer this program.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

Your funding is critical because a falls prevention program is not available in the Yampa Valley

## The Haven Assisted Living



### GRANT REQUESTED

- 11 Dining chairs @ \$2,750 (\$250/chair)
- 4 Dining Tables @ \$2,100 (\$525/table)

**AT THE HAVEN**, we believe that community members deserve the opportunity to age in place and remain a part of our community. We provide an affordable assisted living option for residents, because older adults benefit from living the remainder of their years in their home community, near family and friends. We are requesting funds for new dining room furniture.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

When improvements/maintenance are needed, we make every effort to complete these projects without passing costs along to our residents.





Education



BookTrails

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GRANT REQUESTED

- 8 weeklong overnight camp scholarships @ \$4800 (\$600/student)
- 40 books for scholarship students @ \$200 (\$5/book)

WHY SUPPORT US?

Low-income students from rural areas have few options for enriching, educational opportunities during the summer.



Colorado Northwestern Community College

**CNCC** serves 1,100 students in its service region encompassing three counties, five towns and almost 8,000 underdeveloped square miles. With unique educational programming, CNCC provides rural, place-based education for a student body of ~33% self-identified first generation students. Retaining highly-trained faculty, who combine innovative teaching with outdoor educational resources ensures that our students prosper in Colorado's increasingly diverse economy.

GRANT REQUESTED

- Professional Development: travel and fees for workshop/conference attendance for 5-10 full-time faculty at CNCC's Craig campus @ \$5,000.

WHY SUPPORT US?

Retaining high-quality, engaged faculty is a continual challenge in CNCC's rural setting and essential to supporting its educational mission.



Connections 4 Kids

**CONNECTIONS 4 KIDS** Early Childhood Council works to improve the quality of early learning environments to prepare young children to enter kindergarten; build the resources and skills of families; ensure that families have access to social, physical, and mental health services; and deliver resources to increase the effectiveness of early childhood professionals. We serve children birth through 8 years old.

GRANT REQUESTED

- Dolly Parton Imagination Library books mailed monthly for 200 children @ \$5000 (\$25 per child annually)

WHY SUPPORT US?

We have seen a reduction in local government funding, growing number of children being served, improvement in literacy skills.



## Junior Achievement



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Food @ \$50/student
- Lodging at @ \$85/student
- Program materials @ \$200/fieldtrip

**JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT** reaches diverse groups of students in grades K-12 using interactive materials delivered by a local volunteer at no cost to schools to provide eye-opening realizations about money, business, and jobs. The Destination Success program is a unique opportunity for students to experience in person how these concepts affect their future economic success.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

We anticipate demand for this program to increase from educators in Routt and Moffat counties in the coming year.

## North Routt Preschool



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Playground Structure @ \$5,000

**NORTH ROUTT PRESCHOOL (NRP)** serves more than 30 students ages 1 to 5 years with a child-centered approach to learning that brings nature into the classroom and honors its small close-knit community. In anticipation of its largest Preschool class ever, NRP recently expanded its playground and hopes to purchase a climbing structure adequate for 15 students this fall.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

The Preschool playground lacks climbing equipment necessary for proper gross motor development in 3-5 year olds.

## RAFT Colorado



### GRANT REQUESTED

- STEM Classroom materials and training for 20–30 early childhood teachers @ \$5,000

**RAFT** impacts over 250,000 students (grades Pre-K-12) each year. RAFT reaches these students by providing teachers across Colorado with affordable materials, lesson ideas, and professional learning. Teachers walk away with the knowledge, the repurposed materials, and the motivation to bring the power of hands-on experiences immediately to their students.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

Routt County preschools have told us they need our Early Childhood STEM Training but do not have funding.

## Reach Out and Read Colorado



### GRANT REQUESTED

- 600 brand new children's books @ \$1,500
- Pediatrician and clinic training @ \$1,000

**REACH OUT AND READ COLORADO** builds on the unique relationship between families and pediatricians, to meet families where they are, and help communities encourage early literacy skills so children enter kindergarten prepared for success, no matter their socio economic status. With this \$2,500 award, we hope to complete training for 12 pediatricians and distribute 600 brand new children's books.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

39% of children in Routt County are not proficient in reading. This is an issue especially pertinent to low-income students.

## Rocky Mountain Youth Corps



### GRANT REQUESTED

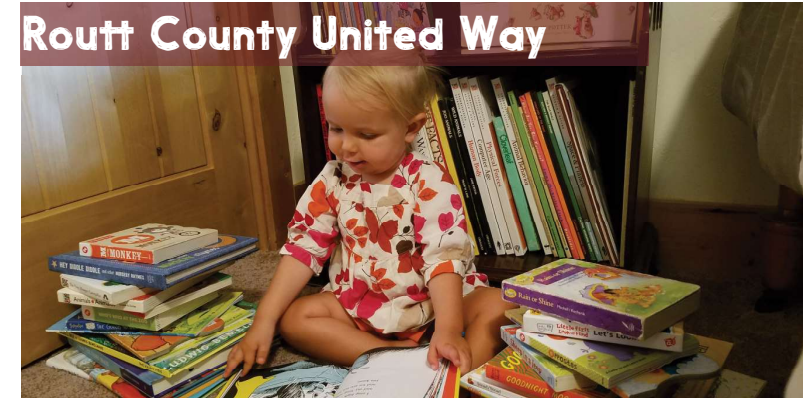
- Camping gear, Personal Safety, Tools @ \$2,550
- Program Manager Wages @ \$1,275
- Resource Manuals, Lesson Activity Supplies @ \$1,175

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH CORPS** is celebrating 25 years as the largest youth employer in northwest Colorado! This year over 475 members ages 11-25 gain hands-on job/lifeskills while providing priority service projects including parks, trails, fire-fuels, and historic preservation. Yampa Valley Science School serves all Routt County sixth-graders in a five-day, three-night experiential science camp. This grant will fund Routt and Moffat County Programs.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

RMYC Youth Corps is expanding rapidly, including Moffat County in 2018. Number of youth served is growing about 20% annually.

## Routt County United Way



### GRANT REQUESTED

- 40 children with 60 books each over five years @ \$125/child

**ROUTT COUNTY UNITED WAY** fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in every community by bringing people together to have a greater impact. The Imagination Library is our community-driven initiative to support early childhood literacy in Routt County.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

Our funding goal of \$100,000 will support the five-year program for all 1,350 children under five in Routt County.





Soroco Preschool

**SOROCO PRESCHOOL** provides 36 students with early childhood education in Yampa. A Colorado Shines Level 4 high quality facility, the school offers year round and full day programming so children can receive continuous whole child services and parents can access childcare while they work. The most significant need for program improvement is a new preschool age playground and outdoor space.

**GRANT REQUESTED**

- Junior Picnic tables: 2 @ \$800/each
- Sod @ \$1,000
- Irrigation @ \$750
- Shade Shelter @ \$3,650

**WHY SUPPORT US?**

Raising \$7,000 is critical to receive matching funds from Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation and complete playground installation on schedule.



Young Tracks Preschool and Child Care Center

**YOUNG TRACKS PRESCHOOL AND CHILD CARE CENTER** is licensed for children ages 8 weeks to seven years. Experienced, trained professional early childhood teachers observe, respect, affirm and nurture each child. Developmental assessment tools guide teachers to use children’s strengths to promote growth. Community support is a vital component to quality programing and gives children and families the opportunity to thrive.

**GRANT REQUESTED**

- Tuition assistance for unforeseen family hardships @ \$2000
- Classroom materials @ \$1000
- Building upkeep and maintenance @ \$1,000
- Staff Development and training @ \$1000

**WHY SUPPORT US?**

With 1158 children under five in Routt County, Young Tracks is vital to the economic strength of the community.



The Steamboat Institute

**STEAMBOAT INSTITUTE’S** Campus Liberty Tour is a nationwide campus debate series on public policy questions. Offering reasoned, respectful debates is key to helping students learn how to think – not what to think. This request is to host a debate at Colorado Mountain College. Potential topics: (a) should universities regulate speech, (b) should college be free, (c) is healthcare a right?

**GRANT REQUESTED**

- Speaker travel expenses @ \$2,500
- Audio-Visual @ \$1,000
- Advertising/Promotion @ \$750
- Event coordinator and venue rental @ \$750

**WHY SUPPORT US?**

College students must have the opportunity to learn critical thinking skills and to have reasoned, respectful debate on important issues.



Yampatika

**YAMPATIKA** is the main environmental education organization in the Yampa Valley. Yampatika’s programs include school-based programs, seasonal adult programs and through Yampatika’s Environmental Learning Center at Legacy Ranch. Yampatika’s program focus on the idea that environmental education is best accomplished outside. Yampatika is seeking support for its school-based programs that impacted more than 2,000 youth in Northwest Colorado last year.

**GRANT REQUESTED**

- Program Staff Salaries @ \$2,500
- Program Supplies @ \$750
- Evaluation Specialist and software @ \$1500
- Mileage @ \$250

**WHY SUPPORT US?**

School-based programs are offered for free or at minimal costs. Support helps to keep the program accessible to all students.



## Enviroment



## BookTrails



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## Born Free Wildlife Rehabilitation



### GRANT REQUESTED

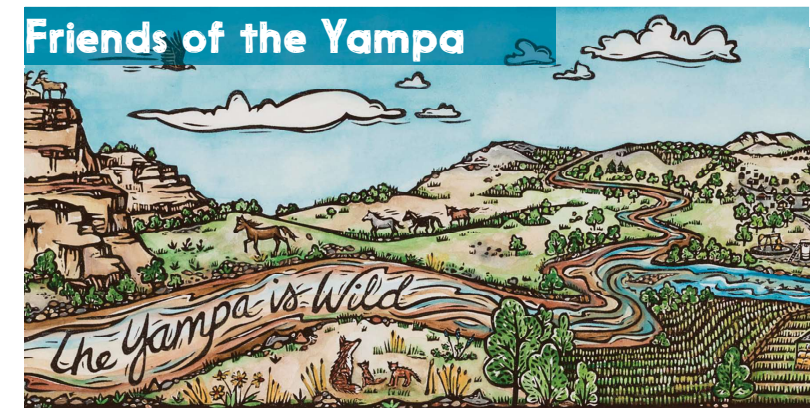
- Frozen jumbo rats to feed eagles, falcons and hawks @ \$2000 (\$9/rat)

**BORN FREE WILDLIFE REHAB** has rehabilitated all animals including migrating birds and raptors for the past 25 years. We get animals in from five counties and Wyoming. Our goal is to rehabilitate all injured or abandoned wildlife and set them free gain. Our grant request is for money to purchase frozen rats for the raptors who are in our care.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

Wildlife rehabilitation is very expensive and we rely totally on donations and grants.

## Friends of the Yampa



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Primer, paint, sealer, respirators and other supplies @ \$3,570
- Power washer rental to clean building @ \$70
- Scissor Lift rental for one month @ \$1360

**FRIENDS OF THE YAMPA (FOTY)** works to protect and enhance the Yampa's environmental and recreational integrity. FOTY is the Yampa River's main watershed group organizing projects and volunteers across the basin for a multitude of efforts. This grant request is for a large format, "Yampa is Wild" mural that will be placed in downtown Steamboat Springs.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

We are looking to paint this mural from August through September and have it finalized by November 2018.



Yampa Valley Sustainability Council



GRANT REQUESTED

- Staff time for A-Z Recycling Guide updates and Recycling
- Hauler costs for Drop-Off events @ \$1,000
- Marketing Drop-Off events @ \$1,000
- Drop-Off coordination @ \$3,000

**YVSC** is fighting climate change locally through waste diversion, energy efficiency and carbon sequestration (tree planting). We are requesting funds to increase recycling of hard-to-recycle materials. Funding will support YVSC’s now biannual Recycling Drop-Off, which provides convenient and affordable recycling access for 300+ households and businesses per event, and to update and distribute our online and print A-Z Recycling Guide.

WHY SUPPORT US?

The new spring Recycling Drop-Off was supported by a one-time state grant and is not funded for 2019.

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Recreation





## Continental Divide Trail Coalition



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Gateway Community Signs (4) and Banners (2) @ \$1100
- Maps (500) @ \$950
- Business Toolkits (100) @ \$250

**CONTINENTAL DIVIDE TRAIL COALITION** is the lead organization stewarding the 3,100-mile Continental Divide Trail that thousands of people from around the country and world access each year. Our Gateway Community Program establishes a mutually beneficial relationship between CDTC and the unique communities like Steamboat Springs along the Trail corridor, and we're seeking funding for newly designated Steamboat Springs Gateway Community promotional

### WHY SUPPORT US?

Steamboat Springs just became the 13th CDT Gateway Community.

## Craig Sea Sharks



### GRANT REQUESTED

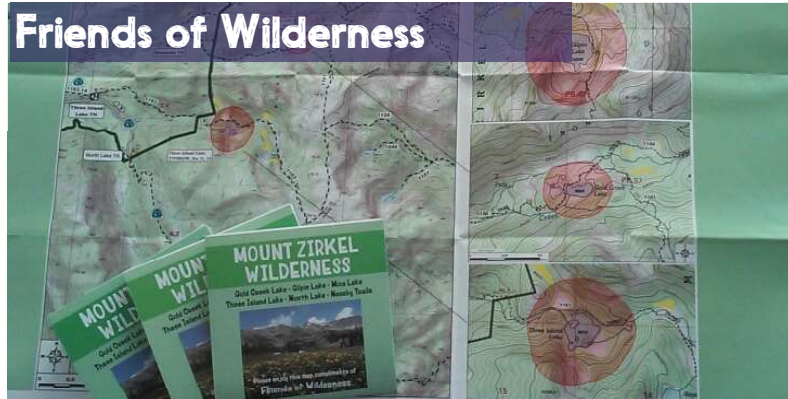
- Temporary swimming pool @ \$5,000

The **CRAIG SEASHARKS** are a seasonal swim team in Craig. From April to August the 50 swimmers enjoy competitive swimming. They host the only swim meet in the Yampa Valley, hosting teams from Steamboat, Meeker, Rangely, Riffle, Glenwood, Grand Junction, Delta, and Gunnison.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

The high school pool was closed permanently in May and we need a pool so we can swim.

## Friends of Wilderness



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Mount Zirkel Wilderness Maps @ \$2800
- Pruning saws and chainsaw @ \$1075
- Volunteer scheduling software and handbooks @ \$750
- Stickers and booth at Farmer's Market @ \$375

**FRIENDS OF WILDERNESS (FOW)** partners with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to provide stewardship in the Mount Zirkel, Flat Tops and Sarvis Creek Wilderness areas. FOW has no paid staff and includes 79+ volunteers who contribute 6,387 hours towards trail maintenance and visitor education annually. We seek to expand our impact to better assist the USFS.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

We depend entirely on donations/grants but without overhead such as compensation/rent, all funding more directly impacts our operations.

## Northwest Colorado Recreation Foundation



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Basic office supplies to print 3,500 additional pledge forms, information pages and envelopes and postage to be able to collect on those pledges. Total cost @ \$2934

**NORTHWEST COLORADO RECREATION FOUNDATION** is a newly formed non-profit agency seeking to bring a special recreation district to the November 2019 ballot to create a recreation center in Craig. With the closing of the Moffat County High School Pool the citizens of Moffat County will have no public access to indoor swimming.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

We need to make significant progress in collecting pledges so that we can work on matching grants.

## Old Town Hot Springs



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Audio-visual equipment in the new 1200 square foot multi-purpose conference room @ \$5,000

The **OLD TOWN HOT SPRINGS** is a family-friendly health and wellness center located in the heart of Steamboat Springs. We are underway with a \$10,000,000 capital campaign to expand our existing building and renovate the pools in order to meet the needs of the community. We respectfully request \$5,000 to purchase audio-visual equipment for our new conference room.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

The building addition construction began April 2018 and will be complete in April 2019.

## SOS Outreach



### GRANT REQUESTED

- Serve 50 underserved Routt County (Oak Creek/Hayden) and Craig youth with \$3,500 to support operations and expansion of mentor-based University program.

**SOS OUTREACH** serves underserved youth in Colorado communities and beyond through engagement in outdoor sports and positive, continual adult mentorship. SOS programs combine outdoor activity with leadership development, core value training and community service to maximize long-term impacts to youth served.

### WHY SUPPORT US?

SOS receives support from local foundations/organizations, however seeks expansion to impact 50 South Routt County and 30 Craig underserved youth.





## Steamboat Soccer Club

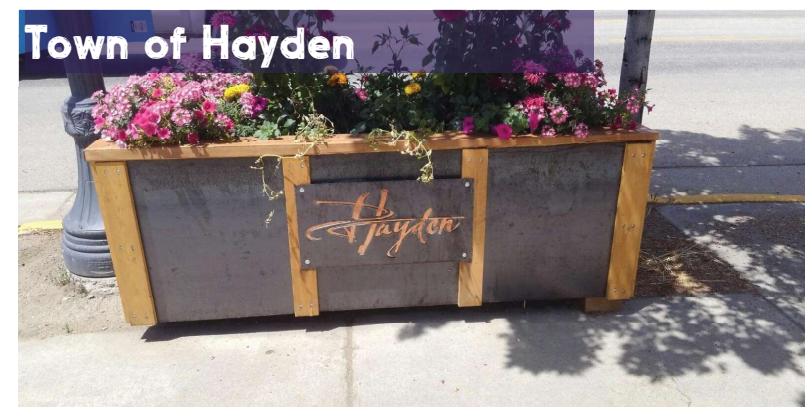
The **STEAMBOAT SOCCER CLUB** is an inclusive community organization serving over 700 local families and provides year-round quality soccer opportunities that build character, confidence, and skills. SSC is very lean and operates a small budget. Support for this program will directly benefit families who are unable to afford the programming.

### GRANT REQUESTED

- Scholarships for kids ages 6-19 @ \$4,500
- Uniforms @ \$500

### WHY SUPPORT US?

In the past five years, city field user fees have increased by 233%.. This cost is passed onto our local youth.



## Town of Hayden

**HAYDEN COLORADO** is a small rural community steeped in rich agriculture heritage. To honor its heritage and build community, town leadership will dedicate resources for two projects in the newly dedicated Donna Hellyer Historic Walnut Street Park: Establishment of a local food growing program and the development of an interpretive mural demonstrating the local agriculture heritage.

### GRANT REQUESTED

- Materials for 7 raised garden beds (\$500/garden) @3,500
- Agriculture Heritage Mural Artist fee @ \$1500

### WHY SUPPORT US?

Assures fabrication of raised beds is complete for 2019 planting and mural research and design completed for 2019 spring execution.



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