



2019 Yampa Valley Community Foundation Community Grant Guide

Connecting Donors to Community Needs

Dear Friend,

There are no shortage of wonderful ways to give back in the Yampa Valley. We ask nonprofits each year to request funding for their most urgent needs. Grants may be awarded for innovative programs demonstrating community benefits in five focus areas:

Arts & Culture * Education * Health & Human Services
Environment * Recreation

The grant guide that follows summarizes what we have received in 2019.

During our annual granting cycle, community members and our Board of Trustees rigorously review the grant requests. 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 2019 community grant cycle.

Emily Beyer
Donor Relations Manager



Be part of something Bigger: how you can participate in the 2019 grants cycle

Want to learn more about the urgent needs in the Yampa Valley?
Have specific questions about any of the requests?

Please contact Emily Beyer (emily@yvcf.org or 970-879-8632) by September 8th to join the Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation and other donors in supporting the urgent needs in the Yampa Valley. Grants can be directed specifically to one or more organization, or focused on a specific issue area depending on your interests.

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Chief Theater



The **CHIEF THEATER** is a multi-use cultural center that is a staple in the Steamboat Springs community. The facility hosts events for local nonprofits at low to no cost. They request funds to assist their Nonprofit Rental Program so they can continue their legacy of supporting Routt County's philanthropic community.

GRANT REQUESTED

- Subsidize the expenses for 33 Nonprofit Organizations:
- Program Staff @ \$100/event
- Technical Support @ \$150/event
- Rental Fee @ \$500/event

WHY SUPPORT US?

Funding is crucial to continue the Chief Theater's legacy of being a community gathering space.

Craig Concert Association



CRAIG CONCERT ASSOCIATION is an all-volunteer organization that has been bringing quality performers to the Craig community for over 60 years, ranging from classical and jazz to very family-oriented entertainment. They are seeking grant funding to cover the cost of one performance this concert season.

GRANT REQUESTED

- Funding to offset most of the cost of the Popovich Comedy Pet Theater @ \$5,000

WHY SUPPORT US?

Performer prices have increased markedly. Craig's economic downturn has affected local business membership.

Historic Routt County



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, they save the places that tell the story of Routt County and its people. They request support for their historic designation program.

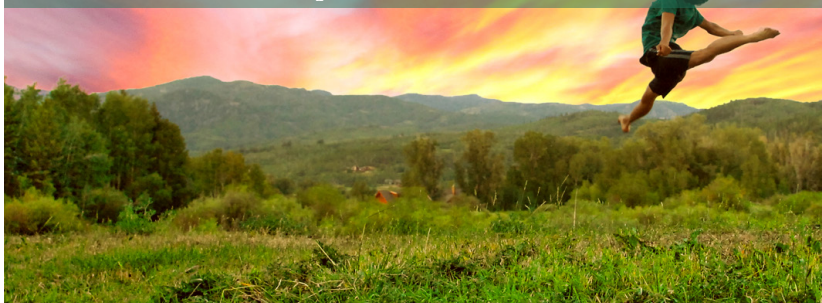
GRANT REQUESTED

- Technical preservationist for complex nominations @ \$3,600
- Staff time for simpler in-house nominations @ \$1,200

WHY SUPPORT US?

With owner consent, we designate historic buildings. This is the best way to preserve Steamboat's unique character.

Perry-Mansfield Performing Arts School & Camp



GRANT REQUESTED

- Artistic Faculty @ \$3,000 (Songwriting, Art, and Dance Teacher)
- Materials @ \$1,600 (CD's, journals, art supplies, snacks)
- Insurance @ \$400

PERRY-MANSFIELD PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL & CAMP

's youngest students ages 8-13 are almost all local residents. They come to Perry Mansfield to explore dance, theater, and equestrian offerings. In recent years they have seen an interest in music, in addition to our core performing arts areas. To meet this need they are offering a new Songwriting Camp.

WHY SUPPORT US?

They are filling a gap in arts education. This grant provides subsidized tuition for a new program for local students.

Steamboat Art Museum



GRANT REQUESTED

- Acquiring, developing, & presenting exhibits @ \$3,000
- Growth of collaborative community events @ \$500
- Supplies & transportation for youth programs @ \$1,500

The **STEAMBOAT ART MUSEUM** is NW Colorado's nationally recognized art museum. SAM brings exceptional exhibits of the highest standards to the community and visitors. Their educational programs reach all ages: Outreach for youth, adults and seniors, workshops and lectures by esteemed artists, and collaborative community events. Following an historic expansion, SAM is an important public venue. This request supports their educational exhibits and programming.

WHY SUPPORT US?

The recent facility expansion has sparked rapid growth in exhibit needs, educational programming, and community involvement.

Steamboat Symphony Orchestra



GRANT REQUESTED

- Musician wages, the major expense in concert production @ \$5,000

THE STEAMBOAT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

has been providing compelling musical experiences and educational opportunities for the community for decades. Their 2019/20 season begins with orchestral music about, performed by, and written by artists from Mexico to Bolivia. This will be the fieriest, sexiest, most outrageously brilliant concert they have ever brought the community.

WHY SUPPORT US?

2019/20 is a critical year for the SSO to solidify itself financially and hire a permanent ED.

Strings Music Festival



STRINGS SCHOOL DAYS is not just a music and arts education academic program; it is a youth development program that uses performing arts to help more than 3,000 K-12 students become more self-confident, collaborative, creative, and thoughtful people. YVCF funding will enable Strings to serve even more youth in 2019-20.

GRANT REQUESTED

- Performer's Fees @ \$4,000
- Steamboat Springs Middle School Bus Transportation @ \$500
- Steamboat Springs High School Bus Transportation @ \$500

WHY SUPPORT US?

Funding will allow Strings to create new arts integration programs for non-music 6th grade and high school students.

Yampa Valley Choral Society



The **YAMPA VALLEY CHORAL SOCIETY** is comprised of local singers who perform several music programs throughout the year in a variety of musical genres. The YVCS collaborates with other music organizations to provide opportunities for its singers and enhance Yampa Valley audiences' experiences. Grant funding will help purchase new choral shells, allowing YVCS to maintain its diverse concert schedule.

GRANT REQUESTED

- New Choral Shells \$2,500/shell
- Choral tracks \$1,600
- Staff time @ \$900

WHY SUPPORT US?

Choral shells enable YVCS to have its concerts in many local venues without losing acoustic integrity.

Yampa Valley Performing Arts



PIKNIK THEATRE indoors: Serious classical theatre in a unique environment (St. Paul's Episcopal Church) that creates professional level entertainment and cultural exposure for an underserved region. Request is for October 2019 general operating funds for Shakespeare's Hamlet.

GRANT REQUESTED

- Professional fees for guest artists @ \$5,000

WHY SUPPORT US?

Ticket prices are modest at \$20 each and cover only 30 percent of production budget.

Young Bloods Collective



GRANT REQUESTED

- General Operating @ \$1,000
- Contract Personnel @ \$2,000
- Project Costs @ \$1,500
- Administration @ \$500

YOUNG BLOODS COLLECTIVE recognizes the value that creativity plays in our lives, but it isn't always affordable, and it is even harder to make money on individuals' passions. YBC & Mountain Film Collective seek to keep that creative spark alive in people who are working hard to find community and build their crafts.

WHY SUPPORT US?

Artful films engage whole communities. This program's grassroots artist support and free screenings will provide alternatives to mainstream media.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Northwest Colorado



GRANT REQUESTED

- Teen Field Trips and Snacks @ \$588
- Adult Program staff time @ \$2,535
- High School Program staff time @ \$1,877

The **BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF NORTHWEST COLORADO** are fun, dynamic, engaging places where youth not only belong but have opportunities to explore, learn and grow. The Clubs work to ensure Great Futures Start Here, and they want to expand teen and pre-teen programs to offer youth safe and positive places during critical periods of development.

WHY SUPPORT US?

Teens and pre-teens need adult support, a safe and positive place and meaningful programs to reach their full potential.

Integrated Community



GRANT REQUESTED

- Malpractice insurance @ \$3,800
- Travel expenses @ \$700
- Staff trainings @ \$500

INTEGRATED COMMUNITY has served as the only recognized leader and go-to source for immigrant residents in Routt / Moffat Counties. Their programs respond to the needs of collaborating agencies, providers and the ever increasing immigrant limited English speaking population. They serve low income, under served, vulnerable clients of all ages. CIIC is seeking support for its Resource and Referral program.

WHY SUPPORT US?

In 2018 CIIC served 1,752 clients with individualized needs. They connect them with resources by providing accurate and reliable referral information.

Northwest Rocky Mountain CASA



GRANT REQUESTED

- Training for Volunteers and staff @ \$2,000
- Training for Visitation staff @ \$2,000
- Supplies for children's activities during visitations @ \$1,000

NORTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN CASA began by serving children in dependency and neglect cases by training volunteers to advocate for the child's best interest in court. It has grown to include abuse and neglect awareness and prevention education. Recently in 2018 it added the only supervised visitation program in the Northwest Colorado region.

WHY SUPPORT US?

Last year they served more than double the amount of children because of the addition of their Supervised visitation program.

Partners in Routt County



PARTNERS IN ROUTT COUNTY is a youth development nonprofit organization building resilient youth, ages 7-17 who are facing significant challenges, by creating and supporting meaningful mentoring relationships in our Community Based and School Based Mentoring programs. Their recently launched Peer Mentoring program is in need of additional funding.

GRANT REQUESTED

- Accredited peer mentoring training for ten High School mentors @ \$2,500
- Peer Mentor Coordinator salary @ \$2,500

WHY SUPPORT US?

Peer Mentoring is a win-win approach that promotes students having someone investing in them and in turn they invest in others.

Rocky Mountain Down Syndrome Association



ROCKY MOUNTAIN DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION is the only organization in Colorado serving individuals with Down syndrome across their entire lifetimes. Its Northwest Colorado Community Group brings 13 families together for shared support and access to RMDSA's free services. RMDSA requests \$5,000 for Parent Support, including group respite events, IEP consultations, and respite reimbursements.

GRANT REQUESTED

- Individualized Education Plan Consultant @ \$500
- IEP mileage, lodging, meals, rented meeting space @ \$500
- Respite event staff @ \$900 / Respite event refreshments @ \$100
- Respite reimbursements @ \$3,000

WHY SUPPORT US?

This is a new program specifically designed to serve an ongoing need by RMDSA's families in Routt and Moffat Counties.

Routt County Youth Services Coalition



ROUTT COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES

COALITION is hosting the Third Annual Parent Connection Summit. This is a free all-day event focusing on providing parenting sessions and building connections within the Routt County parenting community. The purpose is to provide support and additional skills to parents in a dynamic and accessible manner.

GRANT REQUESTED

- Third Annual Parent Connection Summit speaker @\$4,000

WHY SUPPORT US?

They want to keep this as a free, informational and accessible event to the parents of Routt County.

Youth Celebrate Diversity



YOUTH CELEBRATE DIVERSITY empowers high school students to plan, implement and lead diversity conferences for them and their peers to explore and address the pressing social issues in their schools and communities. This request is to provide funding for Routt and Moffat County students to participate in the Mountain West Diversity Conference.

GRANT REQUESTED

- 45 students/teachers from Routt/Moffat County schools to attend the Mountain West Diversity Conference @ \$1,000

WHY SUPPORT US?

In past two years, funding has been a challenge for students wanting to participate.

Freedom Hooves Therapeutic Riding of NW Colorado



For seven years **FREEDOM HOOVES** has given hope, enriched lives and provided a healing environment for hundreds of citizens in the Yampa Valley through equine assisted activities and therapies. Helps them create positive differences in the mental, physical, and emotional wellbeing for additional community members who often feel marginalized.

GRANT REQUESTED

- Seniors Outreach @ \$200 / Volunteer-Appreciation @ \$1,000
- Operation Unicorn Program @ \$400 / Farrier @ \$2,500
- Helmets/Boots/Tack @ \$500 / Horse-Show @ \$400

WHY SUPPORT US?

Moffat County is experiencing economic challenges, driving reduced charitable dollars being spent. This creates a hardship and funding is critical.

Healing Friends



For 21 years, **HEALING FRIENDS** has served Routt County's local and international populous. Their animal assisted therapy focus is the hospital (2018: 290 days; 381+ hours; 16 teams). Healing Friends is 100% volunteer. Their grant request assists with the ever increasing costs for stool testing, a requirement for all Healing Friends animals.

GRANT REQUESTED

- \$67 per 2019 CSU stool test @ \$ 1,900 annually

WHY SUPPORT US?

A compulsory annual expense/condition for all AAT animals visiting the hospital/other areas to maintain the high hygiene standards required.

Northwest Colorado Health



NORTHWEST COLORADO HEALTH believes that everyone deserves the chance to achieve their best health. To ensure residents can live their healthiest life possible, it is essential that they have access to behavioral health services that address mental health and substance abuse in the communities.

GRANT REQUESTED

- Program staff time and contracted services @ \$5,000

WHY SUPPORT US?

Medicaid no longer reimburses us for telepsychiatry. Without services, patients struggle to treat complex behavioral health conditions.



Old Town Hot Springs

The **OLD TOWN HOT SPRINGS** is a family-friendly health and wellness center located in the heart of Steamboat Springs. They are in the middle of a 5 year \$10 million dollar capital campaign. They respectfully request \$5,000 for a required trash enclosure project.

GRANT REQUESTED

- Construction material needed for a new trash enclosure @ \$5,000

WHY SUPPORT US?

OTHS needs to continue fundraising to cover all capital campaign projects and meet thier goal.

Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains



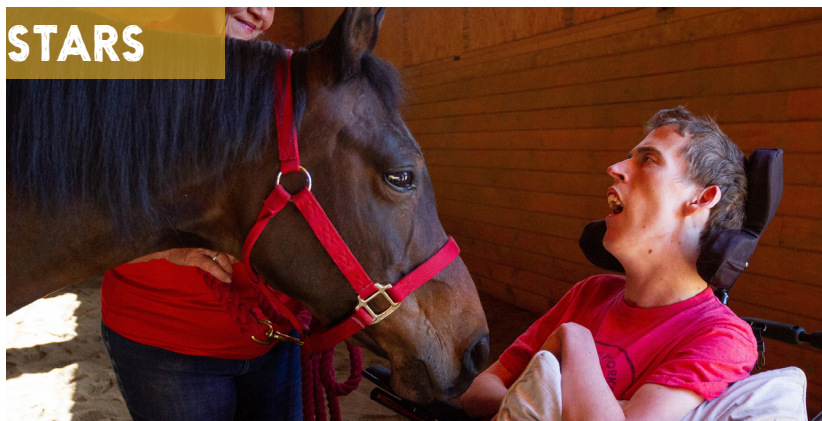
For 46 years **PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN's** (PPRM) Steamboat Springs health center has provided patients with affordable and high-quality reproductive health care. PPRM's services are often patients' only access to medical care. This funding PPRM will provide cancer screenings to Yampa Valley's low-income, uninsured, and underinsured individuals.

GRANT REQUESTED

- Fund the following screenings @\$5,000
- \$150 = 1 well-woman exam (CBE & Pap test)
- \$176 = 1 Gardasil inoculation (x3 for full set)-HPV/cervical cancer prevention

WHY SUPPORT US?

The American Cancer Society estimates that 5,010 women in Colorado will be diagnosed in 2019 with breast cancer/cervical/uterine cancer.



STARS

STARS programs help individuals with disabilities to discover the outdoors, teach skills to overcome health challenges and develop confidence, self-esteem and independence while reducing depression and isolation. STARS programs are critical to support our locals with disabilities to help them get out and get active year round in the community.

GRANT REQUESTED

- Scholarships and staff costs for their year round locals programs @ \$5,000

WHY SUPPORT US?

With the ranch opening, they are projecting a loss this year. They won't have the reserves to cover unfunded programs.

Yampa Valley Autism Program



YAMPA VALLEY AUTISM empowers children and youth with Autism or Developmental Disabilities to become successful and productive members of society by providing direct services, education, therapies, and advocacy to maximize their potential and quality of life. Their gifts and talents enrich the lives of all, as they build acceptance and appreciation for their diversity.

GRANT REQUESTED

- Direct service programs that support: Behavior or Social therapies, Self-sufficiency skill development, Functional skill development, Advocacy and support @ \$5,000

WHY SUPPORT US?

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

Community Clinics at Memorial Regional Health



GRANT REQUESTED

- Upgrade the OHA Safe Shelter's doors @ \$1,129
- Upgrade the OHA Safe Shelter's windows @ \$3,871

COMMUNITY CLINICS AT MEMORIAL

REGIONAL HEALTH (CCMRH) is a healthcare mainstay in Moffat County. In May 2018, CCMRH merged with Open Heart Advocates (OHA), which provides Moffat County's sole source of free, confidential assistance to all crime victims. This funding will provide safety upgrades to the OHA Safe Shelter.

WHY SUPPORT US?

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

Hope Pregnancy Center



GRANT REQUESTED

- Live lesson streaming @ \$100 / Client & lesson database @ \$100
- Infant/toddler personal care items @ \$3,500
- Crib, car seat, stroller @ \$1,100
- 15% of rent @ \$100 / 15% of utilities @ \$100

HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER has completed a major rebranding and refocusing of the way they serve teens and young adults at risk for unplanned pregnancy or raising young children making their Earn While You Learn program the entry point for receiving infant and toddler care items. They seek funding for this program.

WHY SUPPORT US?

Hope PC is expecting exponential growth because they are now using this program as the centerpiece of their work in the community.

LiftUp of Routt County



GRANT REQUESTED

- Funding for food for Food Banks @ \$1,500
- Community Support programs @ \$3,500

LIFTUP OF 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 annually. Community donations are sold in LiftUp's Thrift Store, which, in turn, helps provide food and services to community members in need.

WHY SUPPORT US?

They now assist clients at 300% of Federal Poverty Level (up from 250% in March) to better serve the local community.

Moffat County United Way



GRANT REQUESTED

- Getting Ahead staff time @ \$3,500
- Meals for participants @ \$1,000
- Incentives to encourage long-term behavior change @ \$500

The Community Impact Program at the **MOFFAT COUNTY UNITED WAY** strives to alleviate poverty locally. It engages more than 250 people annually through community workshops, The R Rules, and the Getting Ahead program, which offers classes and post-graduation support for low-income individuals as they increase their self-sufficiency. The Community Impact Program requests funding for Getting Ahead.

WHY SUPPORT US?

Over 1,300 local people are impoverished. The Community Impact Program works alongside community members who strive for stability and self-sufficiency.

Reaching Everyone Preventing Suicide



GRANT REQUESTED

- Staff salary for programming in Moffat County @ \$2,400
- Staff time for programming in Routt County @ \$2,600

REACHING EVERYONE PREVENTING SUICIDE (REPS) provides suicide crisis support, suicide prevention and education, and suicide support groups in Routt and Moffat counties. REPS seeks to preserve, protect and promote life by providing trained volunteers, collaborative initiatives and educational programs. This request is to support their programming in both counties.

WHY SUPPORT US?

Funding is needed to maintain programming but also to meet the increased need and demand for programming.

Routt County Council on Aging



GRANT REQUESTED

- Funding to offset rental costs at Hayden and South Routt lunch locations @ \$5,000

A 90-year old client described **ROUTT COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING'S (RCCOA)** impact on his life in this way: "You (RCCOA) make my living worthwhile." Having someone feel this way is priceless. RCCOA serves Routt County seniors age 60 and older by providing group lunches in three locations in the county, meals on wheels home-delivered meals, transportation, social events, art lessons, field trips and exercise programming.

WHY SUPPORT US?

Their services are open to all 5,085 seniors in the county - 1,039 of whom are low-income - regardless of ability to pay.

Routt County Crisis Support



GRANT REQUESTED

- 57 clinical therapy sessions at \$85 per session @ \$4,845
- Program Marketing Materials @ \$155

ROUTT COUNTY CRISIS SUPPORT's

program, Routt County Responder Wellness (RCRW), is designed to ease the process of accessing mental health support for local first responders and their immediate family members by connecting them to local therapists who understand this specific population. RCRW funding goes towards these clinical sessions utilized by our first responders.

WHY SUPPORT US?

First responders have unique needs around mental health access and care and greatly benefit from vetted and specific counselor support.

Routt to Work



GRANT REQUESTED

- Childcare, food, scholarships for new classes @ \$2,300
- Gas reimbursement, incentives, and client support for core programming @ \$2,700

ROUTT TO WORK increases equity and addresses poverty by collaborating with lower income residents and diverse partners to reach unique individual and community goals. Their programming is participant driven and increases access to support, resources, and skill development needed to reach goals related to self-sufficiency, wellness, and connection to community.

WHY SUPPORT US?

They need to ensure accessibility to expansions; computer literacy and financial wellness classes, generational and Latino/Hispanic programming in Spanish.

Senior Social Center



GRANT REQUESTED

- Equipment upgrades to rehabilitation center @ \$3,832
- Additional certified instructor time @ \$500
- Senior outreach volunteer project @ \$665

The **SENIOR SOCIAL CENTER** of Craig (SSC) believes that adults over age 50 deserve an opportunity to achieve their greatest potential with physical, social, and emotional health. Every day, the SSC teams up with active adults in Moffat County communities to help people reach their physical, social, and emotional goals.

WHY SUPPORT US?

The SSC has blossomed from a grassroots effort to a large organization, with more than 300 members paying minimal dues.

The Salvation Army



THE SALVATION ARMY of Craig, Colorado provides financial assistance to low-income households for food, rent, utilities, emergency lodging, transportation and nonnarcotic medical prescriptions. As housing and utilities costs continue to escalate in the region, The Salvation Army's primary goal is to prevent homelessness and encourage self-sufficiency.

GRANT REQUESTED

- Rent assistance, Emergency lodging assistance (motel vouchers), and Energy assistance @ \$5,000

WHY SUPPORT US?

Housing costs continue to outpace wage growth. The working poor often choose between food or heat and paying rent.

BookTrails



BOOKTRAILS is an innovative literacy program for children that combines reading and writing with outdoor exploration. They offer weeklong camps for children at their Reading Ranch located in North Routt County. They request funds to support at-risk youth to attend BookTrails and improve their literacy skills while exploring the outdoors.

GRANT REQUESTED

- Program supplies @ \$1500
- Program staff time @ \$3,000
- Transportation costs @ \$500

WHY SUPPORT US?

Low-income students from rural areas of Routt County have little options for enriching, educational opportunities during the summer.

Colorado Mountain College Foundation



COLORADO MOUNTAIN COLLEGE will offer a new Nursing Degree in Steamboat Springs to serve the immediate and future healthcare workforce needs of the Yampa Valley region. To support this new program the Colorado Mountain College Foundation is seeking scholarship funding to directly support Routt County Nursing students.

GRANT REQUESTED

- Two Nursing Scholarships @ \$4,750
- Administrative / Program Support (5%) @ \$250

WHY SUPPORT US?

CMC scholarships insure equitable access to the Nursing profession across all economic levels for students at CMC Steamboat Springs.

Connection for Kids



As an Early Childhood Council serving birth to 8 years, **CONNECTIONS 4 KIDS** works to improve quality of early learning environments; build resources/skills of families; ensure families have access to all health services; and deliver resources to increase effectiveness of early childhood professionals. They are requesting funding for ongoing parent education programs.

GRANT REQUESTED

- Program staff time @ \$2,360
- Class materials @ \$1,350 / Childcare 3 classes @ \$1,080
- Advertising (flyers, newspaper, newsletters) @ \$210

WHY SUPPORT US?

Funding is critical to provide ongoing evidence based educational opportunities to parents and caregivers for children 0-8.

Colorado NW Community College Community Education



GRANT REQUESTED

- 60 textbooks @ \$1,175
- Partial help for six classes @ \$3,825

COLORADO NW COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COMMUNITY EDUCATION believes mental health first aid (MHFA) can help address the potent need to understand how, and implement support for, all people struggling with mental health and related substance abuse issues. MHFA training is not yet offered to the general public. They propose to provide it.

WHY SUPPORT US?

Since January, six men in Moffat County took their lives. An additional two people died from substance abuse.

Discovery Learning: Newborn Network



GRANT REQUESTED

- Parent-Child Activity Sessions and Parent Coaching for 20 infants and toddlers @ \$800 each session (65 sessions)
- Activity Materials @ \$500

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 the state defined "child care desert" of Oak Creek.

WHY SUPPORT US?

Because early years matter with more than one-million new neural connections formed every second in the first years of life.

Exploring the Sacred



GRANT REQUESTED

- Event Supplies @ \$200 / Advertising and Printing @ \$800
- Digital Marketing: Website @ \$1,000 / Social media @ \$500
- Contact management system @ \$250 / Digital surveys @ \$250

For the last 15 years, **EXPLORING THE SACRED** has offered a forum where people of diverse faiths and opinions have respectful and mutually beneficial dialogue while addressing the most difficult issues people face. They are requesting funds for a digital marketing campaign, increased advertising and program support.

WHY SUPPORT US?

They can exponentially increase their impact by reaching a wider and more diverse audience through an online presence.

Junior Achievement



JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT programs empower young people to own their future success by demonstrating the relevance of education and a connection to successful role models by developing students who have the skills to become self-sufficient adults. Funding will be used to help provide JA's programs to students in grades K-12.

GRANT REQUESTED

- Program materials @ \$2,000
- Volunteer training and recruitment @ \$1,000
- JA staff time @ \$2,000

WHY SUPPORT US?

JA provides programs at no cost schools, eliminating all financial barriers for students and schools to receive this vital programming.

Reach Out and Read Colorado



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. With this \$2,500 award, they will be able to provide this vital literacy program to Routt and Moffat county children.

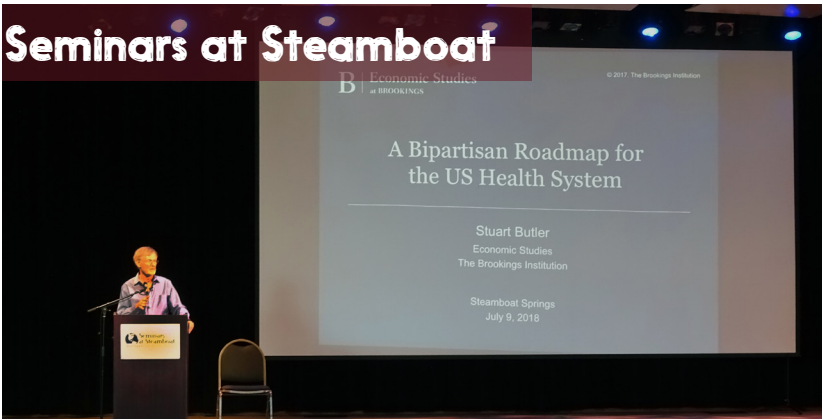
GRANT REQUESTED

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

WHY SUPPORT US?

Less than 40% of 4th graders are reading proficient; research shows starting early in life can reverse these trends.

Seminars at Steamboat



SEMINARS AT STEAMBOAT, founded in 2003, hosts free seminars, bringing 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.

GRANT REQUESTED

- Host one seminar @ \$3,500

WHY SUPPORT US?

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

Steamboat Reading, Inc.



STEAMBOAT READING supports children with dyslexia and other reading struggles to become confident and skilled by providing both direct and family supports. Highly skilled staff provide tutoring, assessment, and advocacy services, as well as community education, parent support groups, and student self-advocacy training to achieve exceptional results.

GRANT REQUESTED

- Sliding scale for 8+ students to receive twice-weekly tutoring @ \$5,000

WHY SUPPORT US?

Every year, ten or more families contact us because they need our services but cannot afford the full amount.

Town of Oak Creek



The **TOWN OF OAK CREEK**'s program offers an affordable licensed program serving many South Routt low-income, at-risk youth and their families with after-school, full-day Friday and summer programming in a safe, nurturing, mentor-based environment. They are seeking funding to meet their goal of not denying participation due to their families inability to pay.

GRANT REQUESTED

- 10 program fee scholarships to allow low-income, at-risk children to attend Oak Creek School-Age Childcare programming @ \$5,000

WHY SUPPORT US?

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

Yampatika



YAMPATIKA is the environmental education organization serving the Yampa Valley. Yampatika offers programs in schools, in the greater community, and at their Environmental Center at Legacy Ranch. They develop a wondrous sense of connection for participants. Their promise is a global community of environmentally literate and engaged citizens.

GRANT REQUESTED

- Used 15-passenger van for programs @ \$3,500
- Program staff salaries @ \$1,500

WHY SUPPORT US?

Ensuring the Yampa Valley is accessible for everyone is only possible through educating people about their connection to nature.

Young Tracks Preschool and Child Care Center



YOUNG TRACKS provides care and education for children ages eight weeks to six years. Developmentally appropriate curriculum supports children in preparing for Kindergarten both cognitively and social-emotionally. The Tower Garden Program will enhance all areas of curriculum including science, math and literacy while promoting healthy eating for children and families.

GRANT REQUESTED

- Three tower garden Bundle @ \$3,078
- Growing supplies @ \$516
- Curriculum Supplies and Books @ \$1,100
- Sharing Supplies @ \$300

WHY SUPPORT US?

Support for the health and well-being of the youngest members of the community is an essential investment for the future.



GRANT REQUESTED

- Marketing, education and promotion of local food in the Yampa Valley @ \$2,500
- CAA Market program staff time @ \$2,500

Since 1999, **COMMUNITY AGRICULTURE ALLIANCE (CAA)** has provided leadership, support, connections and direct programs for agriculture in the Yampa Valley. The CAA Market allows local producers to sell direct to customers via a year-round, online farmers market. They believe the past, present and future of agriculture and local food matters.

WHY SUPPORT US?

Marketing and education are not funded by program revenue. This will help increase sales providing direct economic benefit for producers.



GRANT REQUESTED

- 3-Panel Kiosk Construction @ \$3,000
- Content Creation Staff Hours @ \$1,000
- Printing/Shipping Panel Materials @ \$500
- Printing/Shipping 350 Steamboat Springs/CDT Maps @ \$500

CONTINENTAL DIVIDE TRAIL COALITION is the lead organization stewarding the 3,100-mile Continental Divide Trail that thousands of people from around the world access each year. The CDTC is seeking funding to help Steamboat Springs build a Trail Kiosk with information about its Gateway Community status as well as maps and other useful information.

WHY SUPPORT US?

CDT wants to increase knowledge about Steamboat's Gateway Community Designation. Kiosks make information about the town and trail easily accessible



GRANT REQUESTED

- Program administration @ \$750 / Program staff time @ \$1,500
- Program costs (gas, equipment, insurance, gear, etc.) @ \$300
- Scholarships to participants @ \$2,550

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 will help provide educational/recreational floats to high school aged youth to promote awareness.

WHY SUPPORT US?

Funding this education-focused Yampa River Camp will allow FOTY to establish its first, annual programming effort.

Humane Society of Moffat County



GRANT REQUESTED

- Fencing for a community dog park @ \$4,000
- 2 clean-up stations @ \$700
- Rules and Hours signage @ \$300

The **HUMANE SOCIETY OF MOFFAT COUNTY** is an all-volunteer group that promotes animal shelter adoptions and provides emergency help with pet food and medical attention to pets for families in crisis situations. The Humane Society wants to purchase and install fencing, clean-up stations and signage for a community dog park.

WHY SUPPORT US?

Moffat County has no fenced areas for residents to safely play with and exercise their dogs off-leash.

Mountain Valley Horse Rescue



GRANT REQUESTED

- Four Irrigation sprinkler heads @ \$1,200 each
- Four Installation of sprinklers heads @ \$70 each

MOUNTAIN VALLEY HORSE RESCUE assists horses that have fallen on hard times recover and move on to their next chapter in life. This grant request would allow MVHR to help more horses, and simultaneously retain water and improve the environment of the Colorado River watershed where the horses recover.

WHY SUPPORT US?

This project would irrigate ten additional acres, retaining Colorado River water, and creating additional pasture for horses in recovery.

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 the largest youth employer in northwest Colorado. This 27th year, we will engage over 475 youth / young adults ages 11-25 to gain experiential job/life skills while performing service projects: parks, trails, fire-fuels, historic preservation. Yampa Valley Science School serves all Routt County sixth-graders in a five-day, three-night experiential science camp.

WHY SUPPORT US?

RMYC Youth Corps is expanding rapidly, including Moffat County in 2019. Number of youth served is growing about 20% annually.

Routt County Humane Society



GRANT REQUESTED

- Anesthesia monitoring machine @ \$1,250 / Centrifuge @ \$400
- Microscope @ \$300 / Otoscope @ \$150
- Canine (3) and feline (2) spay packs @ \$1,668
- Folding exam table @ \$811 / Misc surgery supplies @ \$420

ROUTT COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY operates an open admission shelter that welcomes nearly 700 dogs, cats and small animals. They provide them with shelter, veterinary care, food, socialization, enrichment, compassion and the time they need to heal, be reunited, or find their forever home.

WHY SUPPORT US?

They receive between 50-75 financial requests for assistance annually. Each spay/neuter & vaccine clinic can sterilize up to 50 pets.

Solar United Neighbors



GRANT REQUESTED

- Staff time for solar information sessions, co-op member support, community dialogue @ \$4,500
- Co-op promotional materials @ \$500

SOLAR UNITED NEIGHBORS is a grassroots nonprofit that represents the 90% of Americans who support solar energy. They help groups of neighbors organize solar bulk buys and, in the process, educate and raise broad public awareness about solar and creating a resilient, renewable energy system.

WHY SUPPORT US?

Their first Yampa Co-op reached capacity but additional homeowners want to go solar. They need funding for a second co-op.

Yampa Valley Sustainability Council



GRANT REQUESTED

- Staff time for climate action education and advocacy @ \$2,500
- Supplies for biannual Recycling Drop-Off and ReTree @ \$1,500
- Home energy efficiency for low-income families @ \$1,000

YAMPA VALLEY SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL provides environmental advocacy, education and resources, such as access to recycling, free energy efficiency measures, community tree planting events, and relevant learning opportunities to reduce their collective carbon footprint and improve community resilience. YVSC is requesting funds to mobilize citizens of all ages, businesses and local government to take action on climate change—safeguarding the Yampa Valley for future generations.

WHY SUPPORT US?

It is urgent for YVSC to put the community on a path to meaningful climate mitigation and resilience.

Friends of Wilderness



FRIENDS OF WILDERNESS, an all-volunteer group, assist the U.S. Forest Service in managing Mount Zirkel, Sarvis Creek, and Flat Tops Wilderness areas through maintenance and trail patrol. The proposed project will redesign FOW's website to create a necessary program tool in order to collect critical data requested by the USFS.

GRANT REQUESTED

- WordPress Website Design & Hosting @ \$3,000
- Web Development @ \$330

WHY SUPPORT US?

Funding is critical in order for FOW to deliver necessary information to the USFS and improve communication with their volunteers.

High Altitude Basketball



HIGH ALTITUDE BASKETBALL presently provides basketball programs, both recreational and competitive, to approximately 300 families in all communities of the Yampa Valley, including Oak Creek, Steamboat, Hayden and Craig. Thier programs provide basketball opportunities for those in grades K-12 as well as an adult recreational league.

GRANT REQUESTED

- Competitive program scholarships @ \$3,000
- Recreational program scholarships @ \$2,000

WHY SUPPORT US?

With the increased cost to families who want to participate we are anticipating a significant increase in scholarship applications.

SOS Outreach



SOS OUTREACH changes young lives through outdoor opportunities, peer connection, mentoring, core value education, life and leadership skill building, and community connection. Youth grow and develop over the 9-years of program progression, and develop a community of support. SOS will have this impact on 85+ youth in Routt and Moffat counties.

GRANT REQUESTED

- Impact 85 youth from Routt and Moffat Counties through progressive mentoring curriculum @ \$3,500

WHY SUPPORT US?

At-risk community youth need mentoring, support, and a pathway for positive development.

South Routt Recreation Association



GRANT REQUESTED

- Support the acquisition of the Oak Creek Mountain Park property to preserve the existing public access non-motorized trails @ \$15,000

The **SOUTH ROUTT RECREATION**

ASSOCIATION was re-formed in 2016 to develop local recreation resources. The SRRA successfully partnered with the Oak Creek's Parks & Recreation Department as well as local youth-serving agencies to sustain and expand recreation opportunities. Current efforts include making the purchase of the Oak Creek Mountain Park property a reality.

WHY SUPPORT US?

Funding will allow the purchase of Oak Creek Mountain Park, a true crown jewel for local residents, to move forward.

Steamboat Dance Theatre



GRANT REQUESTED

- 4 weeks of instruction x 5 days a week @ \$4,000
- 40 hours of staff time @ \$1,000

STEAMBOAT DANCE THEATRE brings dance programming to dancers and non-dancers in the Yampa Valley through performances, classes, scholarships, in-school dance programming, and dance therapy classes.

This application is requesting funding to bring dance curriculum into the local elementary schools to help them better meet statewide physical education standards.

WHY SUPPORT US?

The funding will be used to cover the costs of dance instructors that will offer dance instruction to 3rd graders in Soda Creek and Strawberry Park Elementary Schools.

Steamboat Skating Club



GRANT REQUESTED

- Provide scholarships for families who otherwise could not afford fees for skating club programs @ \$5,000

The **STEAMBOAT SKATING CLUB** helps skaters develop the skills necessary to succeed on and off the ice. Programs include Learn to Skate, three club teams, and an annual theater on ice show. The club serves children in Steamboat, Oak Creek, Craig, and Hayden. This grant requests funding for scholarships.

WHY SUPPORT US?

A number of families can't afford program fees without financial assistance. Ice time alone costs each team skater \$1,500/year.



The **STEAMBOAT SOCCER CLUB** is a youth soccer club for players 4-19. They provide training, guidance, and development that teaches teamwork, dedication, and working toward goals, all while having fun. They never turn away a child due to the inability to pay; therefore they have a great need for scholarships.

GRANT REQUESTED

- Scholarships for player's fees and uniforms @ \$5,000

WHY SUPPORT US?

Their requests for scholarships are anticipated to increase by 30% in 2019.



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