



Grants for Northwest Colorado Nonprofits 2022 Grant Guidelines

More than a check writer—a collaborator. At the Yampa Valley Community Foundation, we proudly support a philosophy of trust-based philanthropy, and seek to apply that philosophy to our relationship with every grantee/partner. This approach commits to building relationships based on transparency, dialogue and mutual learning, and seeks to streamline applications and reporting, and attach fewer strings to funding. The Community Foundation partners with local nonprofit organizations to strengthen efforts towards achieving shared community vision.

The Yampa Valley Community Foundation, in partnership with the Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation, Donor Advised Fund Holders and, other Granting Endowments, offers once-a-year grants up to \$7,500 for unrestricted purposes. We firmly believe that our grant recipients are best equipped—better than we are—to decide how their grant awards should be spent. Nonprofits are the mission-driven, field-expert professionals. In addition to our annual grants, organizations working collaboratively to make a regional difference in the Yampa Valley may be invited to apply for a YVCF IMPACT grant up to \$30,000.

2022 GRANT MAKING GUIDELINES

General Information:

The 2022 grant cycle will focus on unrestricted grants. Unrestricted funding provides grantees the flexibility to assess and determine where grant dollars are most needed, and allows for innovation, emergent action, and building sustainability. To qualify for unrestricted grants, the nonprofit organization must serve Routt and/or Moffat Counties and must meet all other eligibility requirements posted in the 2022 Community Grants Guidelines.

We will accept programmatic grant applications from organizations and public entities when an operating grant is not appropriate. Examples include organizations with regional or statewide service areas, public entities, or programs run by religious organizations if the program meets a critical need in the community and does not require religious participation, and the organization satisfies all other 2022 Community Grants Guidelines.

General Guidelines:

- Grant requests should be limited to \$7,500 or less.
- In addition to a \$7,500 general operating grant, YVCF will consider larger grant requests up to \$30,000 that demonstrate significant impact within the Yampa Valley. To be considered for larger grants, organizations must first have a direct conversation with YVCF staff before preparing the application.

- Evaluations for previously awarded grants must be received before new grant proposals will be considered.
- Your organization may qualify for a multi-year grant if you comply with the following criteria (*This criteria is intended to provide guidance only. The decision to provide a multi-year grant is under the sole discretion of the Community Foundation.*):
 - Organization is private (non-governmental) and serves the Yampa Valley only (ie, does not provide programming in other parts of the state)
 - Organization has been fully funded 3 of the past 5 years (not including years in which it did not apply for a grant). Funding does not include significant DAF support.
 - Organization has a history of high-quality applications and clear, thorough grant reporting.
 - Executive Director has been in place for at least 2 years
 - Organization has not undergone significant change in the last 2 years (including merger with another organization)
 - **Organization demonstrates a solid financial position.**
 - Organization continues to embody Principle-Based and Operational Criteria contained in the YVCF Grant Guidelines

Principle-based Criteria:

- Organizations striving for ‘Transformative Change’ to address the root causes of the problem, not just its symptoms.
- Organizations that have a leadership team and board that reflect the community they are serving.
- Organizations that work collaboratively with a shared vision to improve the Yampa Valley through the arts & culture, environment, health and human services, recreation, and/or educational sectors.

Operational Criteria:

- IRS status: 501(c)3 or fiscally sponsored through a 501(c)3 organization or local government.
- Geography: Serve Routt and/or Moffat county. Grant funding can only be used to support work in these two counties.

Grant Restrictions:

- Religious or political purposes
- Retroactive grants or projects already completed (programmatic grants only)

Important Dates

- 5/2/2022 Application made live on YVCF website
- 6/19/2022 Grant Applications Due
- 9/26/2022 Notify organizations of grant awards

Please contact the YVCF staff with any questions regarding the application form or grant criteria. Our community grants cycle will use an online application that can be accessed on our website at: <https://yvcf.org/non-profits/apply-for-a-grant/>