

# YVCF Impact Grants

YVCF's Impact Grants are part of our annual Community Grant Cycle. For details on that main grant cycle, please [click here](#).

## 2025-26 YVCF Impact Grant Guidelines

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.

### General Information

All grant requests should make a positive impact and be transformative for our community and/or the organization.

- *Impact:* We're seeking grants that effect positive change or transformation within our Valley: building new capability, addressing unmet needs, significantly expanding access to existing resources, and the like.
- *Transformative:* We recognize that valuable transformation can happen within and/or outside an organization. We're seeking progress that exceeds the scope of standard operations. Applicants should make a case for how their program is an exceptional one-time boost in capacity and/or reach.

**If you have an idea for a worthy Impact Grant, please contact Director of Grantmaking Greg Hamilton to discuss: [greg@yvcf.org](mailto:greg@yvcf.org).**

## Eligibility

- Grant requests must be limited to \$30,000 or less.
- Organizations that have received a YVCF Impact Grant are not eligible to apply again for a minimum of three years.
- IRS status: applicant must be 501(c)(3) organization.
- Geography: Funds must serve Routt and/or Moffat County. Organizations operating beyond these two counties must explain how the funds granted by YVCF would be used only within Routt and/or Moffat County.
- Grant funds may NOT be used for:
  - Debt reimbursement, retroactive grants, or projects already completed.
  - Purposes that do not meet **YVCF's non-discrimination policy**.
  - Religious activities, including, but not limited to: religious services, promotion of religious beliefs, or activities that are restricted to church or religious group membership.
  - Political activities, including any amount of **campaigning**, as defined by the IRS; nonpartisan voter education is not considered a political activity.

## Important Dates

- **Mon, May 5, 2025** – Application opened (once you have discussed plans with YVCF, [apply here](#))
- **Tue, May 6** – YVCF Grant Application Training (**STEAMBOAT**) in-person at YVCF, Steamboat Springs (virtual/online access available and **session was recorded – link to come soon**; see below for '24 link).
- **Wed, May 7** – YVCF Grant Application Training (**CRAIG**) – in-person at Craig Chamber.
- **Wed, May 28** – Deadline to contact YVCF to discuss your organization or program (technical assistance only with the application after this date)
- **Mon, June 2** (11:30 PM MST) – Grant Applications Due
- **July 30-August 19** – Site visits from Impact Grant sub-committee
- **Fri, September 5** – Organizations notified of grant award

If you have any questions, please contact Greg Hamilton at [greg@yvcf.org](mailto:greg@yvcf.org) or 970-439-4443

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**Closes June 2, 2025**

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## Training, Technical Assistance, & Resources

Please note all prospective applicants must connect with YVCF's program officer to discuss your idea (contact info above). There is a deadline to reach out for technical assistance— see timeline on this page.

- **2025 IMPACT Scoring Rubric**: review detailed criteria by which your application will be evaluated.
- **2025 Application questions**: view the application questions (for reference only; does not include tips and links to resources available through the online application).
- **Watch our 2025 training video for grant applicants** (full training = 90 min.; Impact Grants are discussed starting at 1:04:00)