

Eligibility Requirements for Disaster Recovery Grants (Lee & Elk)

The YVCF Disaster Recovery Fund and the Lee and Elk Wildfire Recovery Fund will provide grants to nonprofits that are assisting individuals and/or businesses that have been negatively impacted by the Lee and/or Elk Wildfires. Nonprofits, schools, public entities, special government entities, faith-based organizations, and fiscally sponsored organizations apply for funding on behalf of individuals, businesses that have lost property, renters who have been displaced, and/or people who have been temporarily evacuated or on behalf of community services that have been damaged.

- Restrictions:
 - Geographic: Rio Blanco & Garfield County area impacted by Lee & Elk Wildfires
 - Timeline: Only applicable to expenses incurred on or after August 2, 2025
- Eligible items include, but are not limited to:
 - Provision of basic needs (food assistance, clothing, water delivery, housing, sanitation products, etc)
 - Rent, mortgage, and/or utility assistance
 - Mental health support
 - Environmental restoration
 - Small business relief (property repair, loss of property, etc)
 - Unbudgeted operational support for nonprofit organizations serving impacted communities
- Ineligible Items:
 - Cash equivalents
 - Wage Replacement
 - Debt Service
 - Capital Purchases
- Duplication-of-benefits: Awards cannot duplicate insurance or other forms of aid available.
- The Grantmaking Advisory Committee -, composed of YVCF staff, board trustees, and community members with local knowledge of the disaster's impacts, will make a decision regarding funding after reviewing the application.
- Any funding awarded will be paid directly from the Fund to the applicant organization. Recipients should use funds to directly pay vendors and service providers. The fund will not provide grants to individuals or businesses directly. Requests should include invoices, receipts, or estimates for expenses. Requests can include advances or reimbursement requests (if original payment is made by the grantable entity).
- No funds will be used to participate in any political campaign and/or on behalf of any issues or candidates.
- Applications and data are confidential and only reviewed by the Yampa Valley Community Foundation and the Grantmaking Advisory Committee.
- By submitting this application, you guarantee that all information in regards to the request is truthful and correct. Providing false information will require that grant funding be returned.
- Grants will be reviewed on a bi-monthly basis with decision notifications to applicants on or around the 5th and 20th of each month. **If your request is urgent, please make note of that in your application and we will review immediately.**