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.

Emily Beyer

Making grants is easy
Please contact Emily Beyer (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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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.

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

**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.

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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.

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

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

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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.

- **Primer, paint, sealer, rollers, respirators and other supplies @ $3,570**
- **Power washer rental to clean building @ $70**
- **Scissor Lift rental for one month @ $1,360**

**WHY SUPPORT US?**
We are looking to paint this mural from August through September and have it finalized by November 2018.
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?**
- Contract with technical preservationist @ $1,000/nomination

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

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

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.

The Steamboat Art Museum is the voice of 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.

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

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

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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.

**Grant Requested**
- Conductor fees (curriculum development and implementation) @ $500
- Complimentary student concert tickets @ $500
- Musician fees @ $3500

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**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) @ $5,000
- 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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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.

**Grant Requested**
- Scholarships including supplies and healthy snacks 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.

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

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**West Slope FM**

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

**Grant Requested**
- Computer hardware and equipment @ $3,000
- Satellite Antenna @ $798
- Transformer @ $296
- Assorted connectors @ $466
- Labor and truck freight @ $1,825

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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.

**Grant Requested**
- Part-time program staff @ $5,000
Healthy Communities - Families, Children and Youth

**Boys & Girls Clubs of NW Colorado**

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.

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

**WHY SUPPORT US?**
All youth need adult support, a safe and positive place and meaningful programs to reach their full potential.

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**Family Development Center**

**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.”

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

**WHY SUPPORT US?**
More than one-million new neural connections are formed every second in the first years of life.

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**Fatherhood Program of Routt County**

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.

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

**WHY SUPPORT US?**
The FPRC cannot apply for funding offered to 501c3s and lost a major funding partner in 2017.
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.

**Grant Requested**
- Scholarships for 73 girls to participate @ $55/girl

**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

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

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.

**Grant Requested**
- Scholarships for youth @ $1,500
- Wages @ $1247
- Transportation @ $753

**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

**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 @ $2,000
- Trauma sensitive supplies for supervised visitation space @ $1,000

**Why Support Us?**
We have more case related expense requests each year than we have money for. Supervised visitation is new for 2018.

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.

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

**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

WHY SUPPORT US?
Without AmeriCorps members, payroll costs have increased by 77% for this program.

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.

SOS Outreach

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

WHY SUPPORT US?
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Yampa Valley Pregnancy Center

GRANT REQUESTED
- Part-time program staff @ $5,000

WHY SUPPORT US?
This is a newly created position in 2018, expanding capacity for the organization.

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.

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

WHY SUPPORT US?
The needs are increasing - we have more children that need assistance.

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.
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.

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**Freedom Hooves Therapeutic Riding**

**GRANT REQUESTED**
- General Operating @$5,000

**WHY SUPPORT US?**
We are becoming fiscally stable by moving to employees in-lieu of contracts as well as owning horses.

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**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.

**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

**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.

**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.**

**The Memorial Hospital Foundation**

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

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

**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.**

**Northwest Colorado Health**

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

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

**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.**

**YAMPA VALLEY AUTISM PROGRAM**

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

**WHY SUPPORT US?**
- 190 women will die from uterine or cervical cancer in Colorado in 2018. 62% of Steamboat Springs patients are uninsured.

**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.**

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

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

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

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

**WHY SUPPORT US?**
We expect that we will increase school programming by 14% this next year and need funding for the additional programs.
Healthy Communities: Human Services

Advocates Building Peaceful Communities

- Shelter Manager & Advocate staff position $5,000

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

- New website $5,000

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

- Food Bank and Emergency Financial Support $5,000

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

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.

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

NorthWest Colorado Center for Independence

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.

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

Reaching Everyone Preventing Suicide

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.

**GRANT REQUESTED**
- Grant writer @ $2,500
- Program Coordinator @ $2,500

Routt County Council on Aging

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.

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

Senior Social Center

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

**GRANT REQUESTED**
- Instructors @ $1,520
- Equipment @ $1,500
- Materials and Supplies @ $392
- Advertising and Administration @ $1,000

The Haven Assisted Living

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.

**GRANT REQUESTED**
- 11 Dining chairs @ $2,750 ($250/chair)
- 4 Dining Tables @ $2,100 ($525/table)
BOOKTRAILS is an innovative literacy program for children that combines reading and writing with outdoor exploration. We offer weeklong learning experiences for children ages 7-12 at our Reading Ranch located in North Routt County. We are requesting funds to support low-income children from rural areas to attend our program to improve their literacy skills and explore the outdoors.

- 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.

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.

- 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 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH CORPS is expanding rapidly, including Moffat County in 2018. Number of youth served is growing about 20% annually.

SEA 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.

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

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

GRANT REQUESTED
- 600 brand new children’s books @ $1,500
- Pediatrician and clinic training @ $1,000

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

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

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

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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.

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.

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**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.

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.
BOOKTRAILS is an innovative literacy program for children that combines reading and writing with outdoor exploration. We offer weeklong learning experiences for children ages 7-12 at our Reading Ranch located in North Routt County. We are requesting funds to support low-income children from rural areas to attend our program to improve their literacy skills and explore the outdoors.

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.

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 again. Our grant request is for money to purchase frozen rats for the raptors who are in our care.

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

WHY SUPPORT US?
Wildlife rehabilitation is very expensive and we rely totally on donations and grants.

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.

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

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

**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.

**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

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**GRANT REQUESTED**

**WHY SUPPORT US?**

- **Continental Divide Trail Coalition**
  - Gateway Community Signs (4) and Banners (2) @ $1100
  - Maps (500) @ $950
  - Business Toolkits (100) @ $250
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- **Craig Sea Sharks**
  - Temporary swimming pool @ $5,000
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- **Friends of Wilderness**
  - Mount Zirkel Wilderness Maps @ $2800
  - Pruning saws and chainsaw @ $1075
  - Volunteer scheduling software and handbooks @ $750
  - Stickers and booth at Farmer’s Market @ $375

- **Northwest Colorado Recreation Foundation**
  - 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

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

**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 items.

**WHY SUPPORT US?**

- Steamboat Springs just became the 13th CDT Gateway Community.

**OCCASIONS IN WHICH SUPPORT IS CRUCIAL**

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**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** 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.

**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.
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.

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 @ $1,500

WHY SUPPORT US?

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