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## **GRANT MAKING GUIDELINES**

### **Mission:**

The Yampa Valley Community Foundation provides leadership in raising funds, in partnership with community members, to support innovative programs benefiting the Yampa Valley community.

### **Granting Criteria:**

Successful grant proposals should

- Promote the mission of the Community Foundation
- Serve either a broad or underserved population in the Yampa Valley
- Demonstrate the anticipated impact in the Yampa Valley
- Define the process you will use to measure success and evaluate expected results
- Effectively leverage the Yampa Valley Community Foundation's resources
- Exhibit sound business and financial practices

**Evaluations for previously awarded grants must be received before new grant proposals will be considered.**

### **Funding Guidelines:**

The YVCF accepts proposals from organizations and individuals engaged in not-for-profit activities in Routt and Moffat Counties that benefit the Yampa Valley. **Organizations may only receive funding once per calendar year unless an emergency arises.**

Grants may be awarded for innovative programs demonstrating progress toward achieving healthy community goals in five focus areas: *Arts and Culture, Education, Environment, Health and Human Services, and Recreation*. *The current focus of the Yampa Valley Community Foundation is Youth.*

The YVCF does not grant for debt reduction, endowments, political purposes or religious purposes. Proposals are typically declined for individual or professional development, team or travel expenses, retro-active grants for projects already completed or in process, or 100% of funding for a project.

The current proposal form must be used and include all of the requested information. Please contact the YVCF staff with any questions regarding the application form or grant criteria.

### **Proposal Procedure:**

Proposals are accepted year-round and reviewed semi-annually. The YVCF will broadcast proposals that meet the criteria to other potential donors. 2008 deadlines are March 17<sup>th</sup> (notification June 2<sup>nd</sup>) and September 15<sup>th</sup> (notification December 1<sup>st</sup>). Organizations receiving grants are required to acknowledge YVCF in their materials, press and publications.