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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.

Grants may be awarded for innovative programs demonstrating progress toward achieving community goals in five focus areas: *Arts and Culture, Education, Environment, Health and Human Services, and Recreation.*

In addition to the YVCF Community Grant Fund, the Foundation manages multiple charitable funds including: the Steamboat Ski and Resort Corporation's Employee Environmental, Recreation and Charitable Funds and the Arthur Anderson Memorial Endowment. The SS&RC Recreation funds will be granted in both rounds. The SS&RC Environmental funds will only be granted in the first round.

Please submit one proposal that clearly delineates all of the programs and their budgets for which you are applying. The YVCF will direct your proposal to the funds which provide the best match for intended outcomes.

The YCVF 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 Colorado Common Grant Form must be used and include all of the requested information. The form is available at either www.coloradocommongrantforms.org or www.yvcf.org. Please contact the YVCF staff with any questions regarding the application form or grant criteria.

Proposal Procedure:

The 2010 proposal deadlines are **March 15th and September 15th, 5pm**. The YVCF will broadcast proposals that meet the criteria to other potential donors. Award notification for the first round will be in June, and for the second round in November. Organizations receiving grants are required to acknowledge YVCF in their materials, press and publications.