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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. Only grant requests for charitable purposes that have a public benefit will be considered.

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.

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 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. Programs and services that receive funding from the Yampa Valley Community Foundation shall not include any political or religious intentions.

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:

A Letter of Intent must be submitted no later than June 1st to be considered for funding. Eligible organizations must be a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization or fiscally sponsored by a qualifying organization. The Letter of Intent should be limited to two pages or less, provide an overview of the project or program to be funding as well as the amount requested. The Grants Committee will review all Letters of Intent and invite those that meet the criteria and are of interest to the Committee to submit a full proposal. The 2011 deadline for those selected to submit full proposals is August 1st 4pm. Ten (10) copies of the cover letter, narrative and project budget should be submitted to the YVCF office and all other attachments shall be submitted as one single electronic PDF via disk or to jennifer@yvcf.org. The YVCF will broadcast proposals that meet the criteria to other potential donors within the YVCF network of funders. Award notification and funding will be in September. Organizations receiving grants are required to acknowledge YVCF in their materials, press and publications.

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