Why Choose the Western Colorado Community Foundation?

Commitment to western Colorado – we are a regional, placed-based organization whose board and staff all live in the community.

Maximum tax benefits – we are a 501(c)(3) public charity offering full charitable tax deductions as allowed by the IRS.

Complex gifts – we can accept a wide range of assets, from cash and stock to real estate, royalty interests and business holdings.

Administrative ease – we take care of all legal, tax and accounting reporting so you don’t have to.

Low fees – our administrative fees are less expensive than establishing a private foundation.

Community expertise – we conduct research and share our knowledge of community needs and nonprofit organizations with our donors to help them maximize their philanthropic impact.

Community of donors – you are part of a larger circle of donors who can learn from each other and work together to make a difference.

Charitable legacy – your donation will be well-managed and used for the purposes you intend, invested over the long-term and benefiting the community for generations.

We help you make a lasting difference in our community.

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Confirmed in Compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations

Western Colorado Community Fund
The Western Colorado Community Foundation (WCCF) is a nonprofit public foundation established by local community leaders in 1996. We work with community-minded donors who share a connection with western Colorado and want to make a difference where they live.

WCCF serves a seven county region that includes Mesa, Garfield, Eagle, Delta, Montrose, Ouray and Rio Blanco Counties.

We currently manage over 250 charitable funds totaling $55 million in assets and award over $2 million in grants and scholarships annually.

Community Foundations are

- Tax-exempt, public charities dedicated to improving communities.
- A collection of many funds established by separate donors to carry out their charitable interests within a defined geographic area.
- Primarily endowed funds – invested to grow over the long-term, with the earnings available annually for charitable purposes.
- Experts on the needs and opportunities in our communities, providing grants, scholarships and other resources to the counties served.
- Community leaders, identifying problems and bringing together donors, nonprofits and other resources to help communities grow and thrive.

Community Needs Today and Into the Future

Your donation to our Western Colorado Community Fund allows us to address a broad range of issues, including health and human services, education, environment and arts/culture. These funds are used to tackle unmet needs in the community – supporting new programs that need seed funding in order to get started, or programs that are proven successful and are ready to expand. These funds are used to make an impact and improve the lives of a specific population group. These funds are used to encourage collaboration amongst organizations and partners to solve community problems. And these funds are used to leverage additional grants and resources for large-scale projects like construction and capital campaigns.

Our knowledgeable program staff determine areas of need and opportunities for high impact grantmaking... pooling your donation with those of others and putting that funding to work to improve our communities’ unmet needs, today and tomorrow.

Donations of any size are appreciated. We encourage community-minded donors to consider a bequest or estate gift to the Western Colorado Community Fund to benefit the community they live in and call home.

A sampling of Community Fund grants at work...

- Black Canyon Boys and Girls Club – Olathe Clubhouse
- Blue Sage Center for the Arts – art and music programs in Paonia
- Colorado Discover Ability – adaptive outdoor recreation
- Delta County School District – STEM programs
- Grand Valley Catholic Outreach – transitional housing for veterans
- Kids Aid – food backpacks for Mesa County students
- Lift Up – mobile food pantry in Garfield County
- Mesa County School District – mobile summer meal program
- Mesa Land Trust – Monument Road project
- Neighbor to Neighbor – meals for seniors in Ouray
- Neural Activity – innovative drug prevention for Mesa County teens
- Riverside Educational Center – tutoring and enrichment services
- Voyager Youth Program – enrichment programs in Ridgway
- YouthZone – prevention and enrichment programs
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