Why Give to the OCCF?

Your donation allows us to respond to a broad range of needs, help nonprofits with special projects or expand their programs, and meet unmet needs in Ouray County…now and for years to come. Donations of all sizes are encouraged and appreciated.

All donations are tax deductible. You can write a check, donate appreciated stock, or use the charitable IRA rollover technique to donate to OCCF.

You might want to consider leaving a gift as part of your will or estate plans. This can be as simple as naming OCCF/Western Colorado Community Foundation as charitable beneficiary in your IRA or other bank/investment account or including us in your will. The regional Community Foundation has the capacity to handle unusual or complex estate gifts like real estate and royalty interests.

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Giving back today…. Moving forward tomorrow
About the Ouray County Community Fund

The Ouray County Community Fund (OCCF) is a charitable investment account to benefit the people of Ouray County. Community-minded donors can make contributions of any size. Funds are used to support local nonprofit organizations and community improvement projects through a competitive grants application process.

A local steering committee made up of community leaders reviews grant applications and makes decisions once a year. Funds are distributed in November, and can be used for projects the following year.

For more information about the application process or to view the on-line application, visit wc-cf/nonprofits/grantmaking/ouraycountycommunityfund.

Our donors share a connection to the place they live and a commitment to make their community better. Ouray County does not have a community-wide funding vehicle like a United Way. The Western Colorado Community Foundation has partnered with OCCF to create such a vehicle. It is also a permanent charitable endowment that distributes its earnings each year into the community and will continue for generations to come.

“Thank you for your generosity and for your commitment to a positive future for all of Ouray County’s children.”

– Lisa S. Thomason, Executive Director, Voyager Youth Program

By contributing to the Ouray County Community Fund, you help invest in innovative solutions and respond to our communities’ unmet needs. Your donation of any size makes a difference and changes lives.

Sampling of OCCF 2016 Grants

- Friends of the Wright Opera House – restoration
- Ouray County Arts Association – Artists Alpine Holiday Show
- Ouray County Food Pantry – food for families in need
- Ouray County Historical Society – photo display system
- Ouray County Performing Arts Guild – Children’s Chorale
- Ouray Public Library – STEM technology for youth and teens
- Ouray Mountain Rescue Team – rescue training, equipment
- Ridgway Chautauqua/Sherbino Theater – new sound system
- Ridgway Community Garden – garden at Green Street Park
- Top of the Pines – recreational equipment
- Voyager Youth Program – enrichment and after-school programs
- Weehawken Creative Arts – scholarships for children’s arts programs