Why Give to the WECF?

Your donation allows us to respond to a broad range of community issues, help nonprofits with special projects or expand their programs, and meet unmet needs in Paonia, Hotchkiss and Crawford ...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 WECF.

You might want to consider leaving a gift as part of your will or estate plans. This can be as simple as naming WCCF/West Elk Community Fund 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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Grantmaking support and investment services are provided by our partner organization:

Your partners in making a lasting difference in the West Elk Community.

Our regional community foundation has been making grants to benefit the West Elk region since 2013.
Meeting Community Needs Today and Into the Future

About the West Elk Community Fund

The West Elk Community Fund (WECF) is a charitable investment account to benefit the people of Paonia, Crawford, Hotchkiss and the surrounding region. Community-minded donors can make contributions of any size. Funds are used to support local nonprofit organizations and 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/westelkcommunityfund.

The West Elk region does not have a community-wide funding vehicle like a United Way. The Western Colorado Community Foundation has partnered with WECF 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 the residents in our community.”

- Alicia Michelsen, Executive Director;
  The Learning Council

By contributing to the West Elk 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 WCCF Past Grants

- A Little Help North Fork – general support
- Blue Sage Center for the Arts – Youth Development Arts program
- Crawford School Preservation
- Friends of the Paradise Theatre – Take a Seat Campaign
- High Country News – 40th Anniversary Research Fund
- Hotchkiss Public Library – general support
- Hotchkiss-Crawford Historical Society – building fund
- KVNF Community Radio – general support
- Mountain Harvest Creative – Teens on Farms program
- North Fork Seed Library – general support
- North Fork River Improvement – Paonia River Park
- North Fork Valley Historical Markers and Talks

Yes! I would like to make a contribution to help improve my community!

☐ Enclosed is my check (make payable to WCCF/West Elk Community Fund, P.O. Box 4334, Grand Junction, CO 81502)

☐ I would like to make a donation of appreciated stock (please call the WCCF office for stock transfer instructions)

☐ I would like to contribute my IRA minimum required distribution to support the community. Note: Donor must be 70½ and will not have to pay income taxes on this gift. Call the WCCF office for more information.

☐ I would like more information about including the West Elk Community Fund in my will or estate plans. Please call the WCCF office to talk with Anne or Kristin, (970) 243-3767.

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