



2024 Salida Community Grants

Mr. Mayor, City Councilmembers, and staff,

It is with great excitement that I submit this proposal to you for \$93,798 in funding for the City's 2024 Community Grants, to be managed by the Chaffee County Community Foundation. The partnership between the City of Salida and CCCF has facilitated high impact investment in our local nonprofit organizations through a transparent, community reviewed process. We are honored to be considered again for 2024 to steward the community grants funds to organizations providing a great benefit to our local residents and community.

Over the years of our partnership we have made significant adjustments which have allowed the community grants program to be more effective:

- Funding of operating support fills a necessary gap in available funding for our local organizations, allowing them to have the resources they need to operate effective programs.
- Creating a streamlined application process that encompasses both Buena Vista and Salida Grants reduces the strain on nonprofit leaders and creates a streamlined review process.
- The adjusted timeline allowed for notable systemic improvements including allowing the budget processes for each municipality to fully run their course prior to launching applications.
- Renewed commitment to funding broad impact areas, allowing our nonprofit sectors the opportunity for innovation and requesting support for current community needs.

We look forward to another year of partnership with the City of Salida. Thank you for your stewardship and leadership of this incredible community.

Sincerely,

Betsy Dittenber
Executive Director

2024 Community Grants Process & Budget

Budget

2024 Funding Request:	\$93,798
CCCF 4% Administration Fee:	\$3,751.92

Amount Available for 2024 Community Grants Program: \$90,046.08

Process

Timeline

- Application Launch: January 8th
- Deadline: February 19th
- Recommendations Deadline: April 1st
- Awards distributed by April 15th

2023 Grant Review Committee

- 2 CCCF Grants Committee Members
- 1 BV Trustee
- 1 Salida Councilmember
- 2 BV Residents
- 2 Salida Residents

Process

- 1) Initial committee meeting: First week in February
 - a) Conflicts of Interest disclosed
 - b) Training on online portal and grant making considerations
- 2) CCCF conducts initial eligibility screening
 - a) Review for complete applications and meet basic requirements of IRS and Colorado Registrations.
- 3) Applications assigned for review – Monday, Feb. 12
 - a) Conflicts of interest did not get assigned review
 - b) Reviewers evaluate the impact of each proposal, the potential for organizations to achieve their described impact, identify follow-up questions, and their recommended funding amount.
- 4) Post-review Committee Meeting – Week of Feb. 26
 - a) As applicable, follow-up questions compiled & assigned
- 5) Follow-ups completed by March 4th via phone calls, emails and site visits.
- 6) Final work sessions conducted – Week of March 18th
 - a) Hold two 2-hour meetings to review impact and make funding decisions
- 7) Council decision – Tuesday, April 2nd
- 8) CCCF to execute awards within 5 business days of executed grant agreements



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2023 Community Grants Summary

- The 2023 Grant Process received 47 applications for funding. Two applicants did not have complete applications and were unable to complete them by the deadline.
- Six applicants were not recommended for funding.
- 36 applicants were allocated funding from the Salida Community Grants Fund totaling \$73,277. In addition, \$23,000 was designated to three organizations, bringing the total funding from the 2023 Salida Community Grants Fund to \$96,277.
- The Grant Review Committee consisted of 8 volunteers who contributed at least 25 hours of their time to review applicants and make funding recommendations. CCCF is incredibly grateful for these dedicated volunteers who made it possible to have a balanced and in-depth review of the applicants.
- The Grant Review committee strived to base all decisions on objective and defensible data. Inevitably tough decisions were made in order to meet the budget available and were based on a formula or an objective data source. The review decisions were based on a combination of quantitative and qualitative review techniques allowing the committee to use both data and follow up interviews to determine the highest impact projects.

