



Yellowstone Club Community Foundation

2025 Fall Grant Guidelines

The Foundation's Community Grant funding seeks to uplift organizations that enhance livability, health & wellness, environment, arts, and education. We support nonprofit programs and capacity building that build on community assets and drive lasting impact.

Eligibility

Applications are welcomed by nonprofit organizations and qualifying government entities such as schools and libraries that serve communities within Gallatin and Madison Counties where the Big Sky workforce lives and works.

All applicants must be invited by the Foundation to apply for funding.

Eligible organizations include:

- Tax-exempt organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
- Tax-exempt educational institutions
- State, Tribal, or local government agencies

Funding Priorities

The Yellowstone Club Community Foundation prioritizes partnerships across five key impact areas.

- Environment: Supporting stewards of this wild and wonderful place and its wildlife and natural resources now and for generations to come.
- Livability: Uplifting individuals and families through partnerships that enhance the quality of life through affordable housing, childcare, food security and transportation.
- Health and Wellness: Promoting holistic well-being by ensuring access to physical and behavioral health services, robust recreational opportunities, and affordable care.
- Arts and Culture: Investing in programs that promote creative expression and cultural connection to foster pride, belonging and community spirit.
- Education: Prioritizing safe, accessible, high quality and diverse lifelong learning for all Big Sky community members and visitors, from infancy to adulthood.

Fall 2025 Application Calendar

Week of September 15 - Invitations issued to selected grantee partners

September 22 - Application portal open for all invited applicants

September 30 NOON - Grantmaking Overview Webinar; information sharing and Q&A

October 22 - Application portal closes

December - Award announcements and allocations

Application Process

- Invitations to apply will be issued by Foundation staff by September 22 and will include a direct link to the application.
- The application portal will be open September 22 – October 22 for invited applicants.

- Applicants must create an account with the grant application platform, Submittable.
- Approved grants will be disbursed by check.

Decision Making Process and Criteria

- Prior funding does not guarantee an invitation to apply for grants; each cycle is competitive.
- An invitation to apply does not guarantee a grant award.
- Applications are reviewed by Foundation staff and the Board of Directors. The Board, comprised of Yellowstone Club members, governs the Foundation and makes final decisions on grant awards.
- Decision making criteria will be shared in the invitation email and may include:
 - Clear metrics for impact
 - Evidence of collaboration
 - Fiscal responsibility
 - Matching funds for sustainability
 - Commitment to continuous improvement

We are here to support you! Please reach out with any questions.

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