

Anaconda Community Foundation

Community Grants Handbook

Supporting charitable initiatives that strengthen Anaconda- Deer Lodge County

Grant Program Guide • Application • Review Tools • Reporting

Prepared for the Anaconda Community Foundation Board and Community Partners



Mission Statement

To build a permanent financial legacy for Anaconda through the generosity of its citizens and friends in order to develop and maintain a thriving community forever.

Vision Statement

The Anaconda Community Foundation helps the community respond to the challenges of our citizens, our infrastructure, and our environment in a meaningful and effective way.

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About the Anaconda Community Foundation

The Anaconda Community Foundation (ACF) works to strengthen Anaconda-Deer Lodge County by supporting charitable initiatives that improve quality of life, encourage collaboration, and create lasting community impact.

Through donor generosity and community partnerships, ACF provides grants to nonprofit organizations and initiatives that serve the people of our community.

Grant Program Overview

ACF offers semi-annual community grant opportunities to support local nonprofits and community initiatives.

Grants support programs and projects that address community needs and improve quality of life for residents of Anaconda and Deer Lodge County.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants include:

- IRS recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations
- Public agencies or units of government
- Organizations operating under an approved fiscal sponsor

Funding Priorities

ACF prioritizes initiatives that demonstrate:

- Community impact
- Collaboration among community partners
- Responsible stewardship of resources
- Support for vulnerable or underserved populations
- Long-term sustainability

Community Collaboration

ACF values partnerships that strengthen the community and maximize charitable impact.

Applicants are encouraged to demonstrate how their work complements existing services and how they collaborate with other organizations, schools, agencies, and community groups.

Grant Application Overview

Applicants should provide:

- Organizational information
- Project summary and community impact
- Population served
- Description of collaboration
- Budget and financial information

Required Attachments

- Organizational budget
- Financial statements
- List of board members
- Key staff information

- IRS determination letter or fiscal sponsor documentation

Board Grant Review Criteria

ACF board members review applications based on:

- Community impact
- Alignment with ACF mission
- Organizational capacity
- Collaboration
- Financial stewardship
- Sustainability

Grant Cycle Timeline

Typical cycle:

- Applications Open
- Application Deadline
- Staff Review
- Board Review
- Grant Awards Announced
- Grant Distribution
- Impact Reporting

Grant Reporting Expectations

Grant recipients may be asked to submit a brief impact report describing outcomes, community benefit, and use of funds.

Partnership Expectations

Organizations receiving grants are asked to:

- Use funds for approved purposes
- Acknowledge the Anaconda Community Foundation when appropriate
- Share impact updates or stories
- Steward grant funds responsibly

Contact Information

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