



2021 ANNUAL REPORT



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
of the GUNNISON VALLEY

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Dear Friends,

The last few years have triggered a shift in perspective for all of us. Enduring the first global pandemic in a century has caused us to change how we approach so many aspects of our lives including how we work, how we stay in touch with family, and how we nurture community.

In some ways, we were fortunate that this pandemic arrived when it did. The foundation of technology that we've come to rely on over the last few years was already familiar to many. How would work from home have gone if video conferencing hadn't already been around for over a decade? Remote schooling would have been even more challenging 25 years ago when households were lucky to have any internet, even a dial-up connection.

As a global community, we were able to use existing solutions to address new problems and adapt to a world that shut down overnight.

Likewise, in 2021, we at CFGV were able to move forward from the emergency phase of the pandemic. We looked at how we could build upon our existing tools, knowledge, and relationships to cultivate a brighter future for our community. We developed a plan to adapt our approach to the increasingly complex challenges we face in the Gunnison Valley. And, we found that sometimes, zooming in to get a new perspective provides a different way of looking at something, whether it be a familiar object like the dandelion on the cover of this newsletter or a community challenge like the need to address behavioral health barriers and limitations for our community members.

We look forward to rising up to face new challenges together,

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The Gunnison Valley is an Ecosystem

Traditionally, many people have viewed charitable giving as a one-to-one interaction. However, if there is one thing we've learned as a community over the past few years, it's that we're all connected. The best chance we have of tackling the challenges we face in the Gunnison Valley is to bring everyone involved together and develop innovative solutions to complicated problems.

In other words, we have to think of the Gunnison Valley as an ecosystem. The National Geographic Society defines an ecosystem as "a geographic area where plants, animals, and other organisms, as well as weather and landscape, work together to form a bubble of life." In biology, the relationships that exist between the different parts of the ecosystem are complex. Changing one part of the ecosystem can have unexpected ripple effects on the ecosystem as a whole. However, biologists have shown us that unexpected effects are not necessarily unpredictable if you take the time to look at the web of interactions that make up an ecosystem.

The same is true in the Gunnison Valley. Changes to housing supply impact residents, local businesses, the school system, and more parts of the ecosystem. Zooming out from looking at an individual organization or relationship and looking one or two degrees beyond that point in the ecosystem allows us to make better, more strategic choices because we can predict chain reactions . . .



The beauty of our ecosystem lies in how it's all connected



In November of 2021, after months of planning, we debuted a new strategic plan for CFGV based on the idea that the Gunnison Valley is an ecosystem. We also introduced a new vision: **The Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley inspires and connects people so everyone can thrive.** We see our role in advancing that vision aligned around three main elements:

Connections

We connect resources to community needs. Donors trust us as a resource when they make philanthropic decisions. They also know that by contributing to CFGV funds, they are amplifying the impact of their financial support to address our community's most complex challenges.

Leadership

We are a community leader. We provide resources to local nonprofits in the form of training, education, partnerships, and funding. We also have a bird's-eye view of what nonprofit organizations are doing individually and how their missions fit into the overall ecosystem of the Gunnison Valley. We're positioned well to predict those chain reactions and help steer decisions to provide the best outcomes for community members.

Stability

We provide stability to meet long-term community needs. We have nurtured relationships across the community for many years. Our board, advisory council, and staff members are committed to addressing the needs of the community for the long term and we manage the financial resources with which we've been entrusted to support the community today, tomorrow, and into the future.

We are here for the good of the Gunnison Valley in all of its complexity, and our new strategic plan provides us with a tool to support our ecosystem in new and exciting ways.

Here for Good!



Our understanding of our Gunnison Valley ecosystem continues to grow. Want to add your ideas to our ecosystem map? Contact CFGV at 970.641.8837.



Mapping Our Ecosystem

The relationships that exist between the different parts of the ecosystem are complex.

501(c)(3) Organizations
Chambers of Commerce
Community Foundation
of the Gunnison Valley
Philanthropists
Tourism and Prosperity Partnership
Volunteers

Community Influencers
Full-Time Residents
Local Media
Part-Time Residents
Small Businesses
Vail Resorts

Elected Officials
Government Employees
Gunnison County Libraries
Gunnison-Crested Butte
Regional Airport
Gunnison Valley Health
Gunnison Watershed School District
Public Transportation
Region 10 Colorado
Western Colorado University

Climate
Economy
National and State Policies
Public Lands
Water

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Fund Highlight: An Endowment to End Hunger

Gunnison Country Food Pantry was founded on a basic idea: “No one should go hungry in Gunnison County!” Over the last decade, current Food Pantry Vice President Katie Dix has made a personal commitment that anyone who needs food, for whatever reason, gets fed. A dedicated core of volunteers have built the infrastructure and public will to take on hunger now and ensure that the Pantry has the resources and leadership needed to feed our community for years to come.

A big part of this vision came to fruition when the Pantry partnered with us to establish an Agency Endowment in late 2021. Tracy Leonard, Pantry Board President, Katie, and the Board members knew they wanted to set the next generation of leadership up for success financially, and so they started exploring the process to establish an endowment in January of 2021. After meeting with CFGV Executive Director Lauren Kugler and STEP Advisor Hap Channel several times, they felt comfortable to move forward on their Endowment. In talking with Katie, it's clear that the relationship between our organizations didn't arise over the course of 2021. We've been partners for a long time.



Launching the Food Pantry Agency Endowment

From Community Grants to the Nonprofit Network and our Sustainable, Tough, Efficient, and Purposeful (STEP) Program, there are few organizations as plugged in to the resources we provide nonprofits as the Food Pantry. As soon as Katie started volunteering with the Pantry in 2013, she started attending our Nonprofit Network events. People she met at those workshops years ago are people she has tapped either as board members or to provide advice as she and the rest of the board have transformed the Food Pantry. They have used the STEP Program seven times since 2013 for everything from financial planning to website development and HR. Katie is a STEP Advisor herself, providing guidance to other nonprofit organizations going through transformative or tough times.

The Food Pantry has received numerous CFGV grants over the years via both Community Grants and our COVID-19 Recovery Fund. Katie admits that she did fuss a bit about the complexity of the first Community Grants application she submitted to CFGV, but now readily testifies that the standard set by the process helps teach Gunnison Valley nonprofits to write exceptional grants. Over the years, grants from CFGV have helped the Pantry secure Spanish speakers to be on duty on all shifts and a Cora speaker for Wednesday nights, helped the Pantry provide more healthy food, and allowed the Pantry to transition to a Preferred Choice Model. During the pandemic, when Pantry client numbers doubled, CFGV grants helped fund a distribution site in Somerset, food for children who were out of school, and the Emergency Food Network.

Years of working together led us, the Pantry and CFGV, to where we are today: partners in a new endeavor. The Pantry's new Agency Endowment will provide a permanent source of ongoing revenue to improve food security. Since establishing the Endowment, the Pantry has also purchased a building to better serve the community. Part of the reason they were comfortable taking on that risk, including the cost of the renovations the building will require, was the security of knowing that they had an endowment to lean on. We're proud to stand side-by-side with the team at the Pantry to provide food assistance for our neighbors-in-need in Gunnison County.

Fund Highlight: **Rosalind Cook Artistic Encouragement Award**

Center for the Arts Crested Butte. The Vatican. Cleveland Heart Clinic in Cleveland, OH. Kilohana Farms Plantation, Kauai, HI. Sculpture Park of Louisville, Colorado. The Mt. Crested Butte Wedding Garden. Elk Avenue. What do all of these places have in common? They all feature the bronze sculptures of Crested Butte resident Rosalind Cook.

“If you look up the definition of the word ‘significant,’ it simply means making a difference.”

Roz and her husband Hal raised their three children in Tulsa, OK. Roz took up sculpture as a hobby while pregnant with her first child, but she didn't view it as a profession at that time. As her children grew older, she found that she was able to dive deeper into her hobby. She studied anatomy and sculpture, practicing her art and nurturing her talent.

In the 1980s, she began casting works in bronze and her career took off when she made her name producing remarkably expressive bronze sculptures that look like they're in motion. Giving back has been important to Roz her whole life, and her success in her art gave her the opportunity to do more of that. In Tulsa, Roz established the Rosalind Cook Artistic Encouragement Award Fund with the Tulsa Community Foundation after learning that many public school art teachers were spending their own money on supplies. She launched the Award to fund supplies, materials, and equipment for public school art teachers pursuing innovative programs with their students in the arts.

After visiting for many years, and owning a condo here since 2002, Roz and Hal took advantage of their respective retirements to make the full-time leap to Crested Butte in 2014. The Gunnison Valley is lucky they did, as their first order of business was immersing themselves in community service. Roz summed it up simply, “If you look up the definition of the word ‘significant,’ it simply means making a difference.” Roz said she intends to “finish strong in life” by giving of her time, talent, and money to make the world better. Serving on the board of the Center for the Arts in Crested Butte since 2019, she has been a champion for art exhibitors in the Kinder-Padon Gallery to extend their talents to the community through demonstrations, lectures, or offering enrichment programs at the Crested Butte Community School.



Crested Butte Artist Rosalind Cook

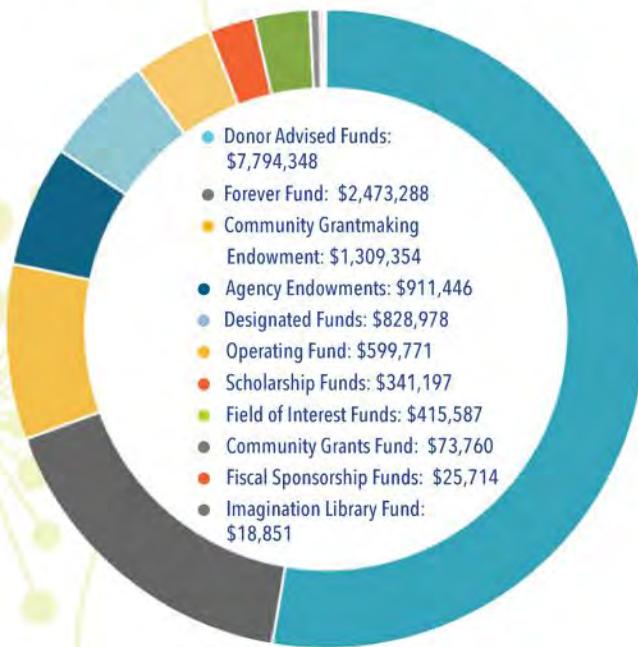
Prior to COVID, Roz had been volunteering with the art programs at Crested Butte Community School and raves about the programming led by the local art teachers. When COVID put her volunteering at the school on hold, she wanted to find a new way to help. So, in 2021, Roz made the decision to relocate the Rosalind Cook Artistic Encouragement Award Fund from the Tulsa Community Foundation to the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley. When we asked her why, her response was simple: “This is my home now.” Every year, a grant from her charitable fund at CFGV supports the arts program at Crested Butte Community School. We're grateful to be a partner with Roz as she continues to inspire young artists at the school.

If you have recently (or not so recently) decided to make the Gunnison Valley your full- or part-time home, we invite you to reach out and learn more about establishing a fund to help support your philanthropic efforts here.

Financial Activity Snapshot

Total Assets - January 1	\$12,441,125
Contributions	\$2,203,882
Other Revenue	\$1,863,292
TOTAL REVENUE	\$4,067,174
Grants & Scholarships	\$1,248,740
Operating & Misc Expenses	\$467,264
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,716,004
Total Assets - December 31	\$14,792,295

Fund Balances as of December 31, 2021



For more detailed financial statements, please visit cfgv.org/about-the-cfgv/financials/.



Special grant supported pandemic response planning for arts organizations

Our Donors are Here for Good:

In 2021, Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley invested over \$1.23 Million in nonprofits via grantmaking.

Animal Welfare \$8,748

Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League
Paradise Animal Welfare Society

Arts & Culture \$143,090

Celebrate the Beat
Center for the Arts
Crested Butte Arts Festival
Crested Butte Film Festival
Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum
Crested Butte Music Festival
Crested Butte School of Dance
Gunnison Arts Center
Gunnison Watershed School District RE-1J
Lighthouse Writers Workshop
Managing Results, LLC

Athletics & Recreation \$62,654

Adaptive Sports Center
Cattlemen's Days, Inc.
Crested Butte Avalanche Center
Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association
Crested Butte Nordic
Crested Butte Search and Rescue, Inc.
Gunnison County Community Development Department
Gunnison Nordic Club
Gunnison Trails
Gunnison Watershed School District RE-1J
Town of Mt. Crested Butte
Trinity Baptist Church
West Elk Hockey Association
West Elk Soccer Association
Western Colorado University
Western Colorado University Foundation

Community Development \$578,790

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The Equity Project LLC
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Hispanic Affairs Project
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Mountain Roots Food Project
NAACP Legal Defense & Education Fund, Inc.
Rocky Mountain Public Media, Inc.
San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation
Taylor Canyon Fire Station, Inc.
Town of Mt. Crested Butte
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You Can Vote

2021 Community Grants Recipients gathered at the I Bar Ranch to celebrate their achievements



**Education
\$163,519**

- Alfred University
- American Whitewater
- Center for the Arts
- Colorado State University -
Civil Engineering Department
- Dollywood Foundation
- Gunnison County 4-H
- Gunnison County Juvenile Services
- Gunnison County Libraries
- Gunnison Friends of the Library
- Gunnison Hinsdale Early
Childhood Council
- Gunnison Watershed School
District RE-1J
- Mountain Roots Food Project
- Paradise Place
- Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers
- Rocky Mountain Biological
Laboratory
- The Steamboat Institute
- Stepping Stones Children's Center
- The Trailhead Children's Museum
- United States Naval Academy
Foundation, Inc.
- Wake Forest University
- West Elk Soccer Association
- Western Colorado University -
Extended Studies
- Western Colorado University
Foundation
- Wonderland Nature School

**Environment
\$41,265**

- Coal Creek Watershed Coalition
- Crested Butte Land Trust
- Crested Butte Wildflower Festival
- EarthJustice
- Environment Colorado Research
& Policy Center

- High Country Conservation
Advocates
- Mountain Roots Food Project
- Natural Building Alliance
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- The Nature Conservancy
- Rocky Mountain Institute
- Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance
- Sustainable Crested Butte, Inc.

**Health & Human Service
\$228,379**

- CASA of the 7th Judicial District
Incorporated
- Crested Butte Fire & EMS Volunteer
Association
- Crested Butte State of Mind
- Gunnison Country Food Pantry
- Gunnison County Health &
Human Services

- Gunnison County Juvenile Services
 - Gunnison Hinsdale Early Childhood
Council
 - Gunnison Valley Health Foundation
 - Gunnison Valley Mentors
 - Homes for Our Troops
 - The Last Resort, Inc.
 - The Light House, Inc.
 - Lighthouse Pregnancy Center
 - Living Journeys
 - The Matthews House
 - Mountain Roots Food Project
 - Project Hope of Gunnison Valley
 - Six Points Evaluation & Training
 - Tough Enough to Wear Pink
- Historical Tradition &
Preservation \$6,000**
- Crested Butte Mountain
Heritage Museum

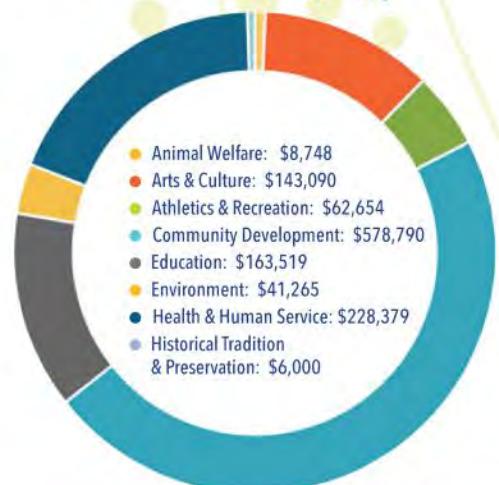
Thirty-six Community Grants were awarded in 2021. Sign up for our monthly email newsletter to hear their stories of impact over the coming months.



2021 Grants by Source



2021 Grants by Type



Grant Spotlight: Spanish Language Classes for Front-Line Staff

According to the recent 2020 US Census, 7% of Gunnison County residents speak Spanish as their primary language; that translates to about 1,200 community members. For years now, Gunnison County organizations serving the public from the Gunnison Watershed School District to key County departments like Public Health and Juvenile Services have struggled to find bilingual staff to fill front-line roles in their organizations. A common language is essential to serving all members of our community, especially to meeting basic needs like safety and health.

In spring 2021, a coalition of organizations led by Gunnison County Juvenile Services decided to invest in current staff members. They applied for and received funding to offer organization-specific language instruction grounded in the context of the Gunnison Valley through our Advancing Equity grant program funded by the United Philanthropy Forum's Momentum Fund and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Speaking to the importance of this grant proposal, one reviewer said, "The fundamental idea behind 'integrating' in a community is that everyone gives a little to gain a lot. So, just as we hope that newcomers learn English, we also know that if more of us learn Spanish—starting with the simple, respectful act of pronouncing one another's names correctly—we can more quickly build a community in which everyone can thrive."

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Since receiving funding, the coalition has worked to develop a framework specific to the Gunnison Valley that will be sustainable and ongoing. In partnership with Gunnison County Library District's Center for Adult & Family Education (CAFE), they brainstormed organizations and populations that might desire classes. Then, Juvenile Services took on the project within their department. Staff members conducted focus groups to generate lists of common phrases required by the staff members of participating organizations. Using the information learned from the focus groups, they created the courses specific for each group to learn how to pronounce names and basic phrases in addition to organization-specific phrases. Bilingual community members who speak Spanish as their first language are signed up to be "language mentors" to the students in the courses to build relationship and increase cultural understanding.

Courses launched in May 2022. The first two rounds of courses are for counselors and clinicians that work with and in the Gunnison Watershed School District and Gunnison County staff including public health nurses and juvenile services staff. One Project Manager said, "I'm excited to be able to communicate with parents and youth and meet them where they are at. It helps build trust across the community."

In addition to offering courses, the coalition also used grant funds to purchase a set of dual translation earbuds that allow for two people to speak different languages and understand each other. Organizations like the School District, Gunnison Valley Health, and Tenderfoot Family and Child Development Center are now testing them out to see if they help build stronger relationships.

We look forward to seeing how this program develops over the next few years and hope to see stronger relationships form on the foundation of a common language.

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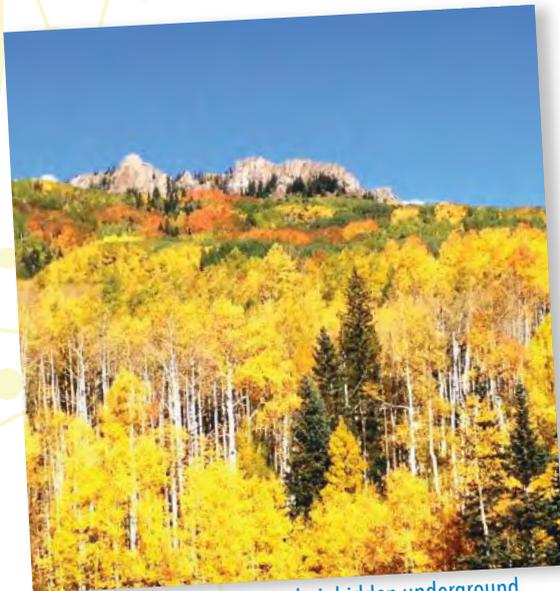


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2021 Scholarships and Teaching Award

In 2021, we awarded a record \$16,295 through five scholarship funds to local graduates in addition to awarding our annual Defensive Driving Scholarships and Excellence in Teaching Award. Five students will benefit from the generosity of donors who recognize the importance of supporting the next generation of leaders by investing in their success.

Scholarships Awarded

Elena Pedersen Scholarship

The Elena Pedersen Scholarship Fund was created in late 2020 to remember and honor Ellen Pedersen, a long-time Gunnison Valley resident and advocate for the immigrant community in the Valley.

Gunnison Memorial Scholarship

First established in 1967 to provide financial assistance with higher education costs to Gunnison Watershed Students with financial need, so far 180 graduating seniors have been recognized with the Gunnison Memorial Scholarship.

GHS Teacher of Tomorrow Scholarship

This new scholarship fund was established in late 2020 by two retired Gunnison Watershed School District teachers. They established the fund to support graduating seniors who are interested in pursuing a degree in education and becoming a primary or secondary school teacher.

Gunnison Kiwanis Club Scholarship

The Gunnison Kiwanis Club Scholarship is awarded to a student based on need, community commitment, and scholastic achievement with particular attention paid to community service outside of school projects.

Maxwell MacAllister Scholarship

The purpose of the Maxwell MacAllister Scholarship fund is to provide tuition assistance for any post-secondary educational endeavor to students who are first-generation college or vocation school bound.

Defensive Driving Scholarship

Grandparents Lee and Polly Spann saw astonishing improvement in their grandchildren's driving skills after sending them to MasterDrive, in Colorado Springs. Partnering with the Community Foundation, they created the Defensive Driving Award. Over 43 young drivers have benefited from the award.

Excellence in Teaching Award

The Dan Tredway Memorial Excellence in Teaching Award honors teachers who are dedicated to students, committed to the community, and who create a classroom atmosphere which promotes an excitement about learning.

2021 Scholarship Grantees

Name: Anna Gallowich

Scholarship: GHS Teacher of Tomorrow Scholarship
School: Western Colorado University
Major/Concentration: Education/Biology

Name: Ivy Pelletier

Scholarship: Gunnison Memorial Scholarship
School: Colorado State University
Major/Concentration: Kinesiology

Name: Juan Sabas Aguila

Scholarship: Elena Pedersen Scholarship
School: Colorado Mesa University
Major/Concentration: Nursing/Sports

Name: Madison Hadley

Scholarship: Gunnison Kiwanis Club Scholarship
School: University of Nebraska
Major/Concentration: Biochemistry/Molecular Biology

Name: Nelvi Lobatos

Scholarships: Gunnison Memorial, Elena Pedersen, and Maxwell MacAllister Scholarships
School: Colorado Mesa University
Major/Concentration: Nursing

2021 Defensive Driving Recipients:

Katie O'Neill, Nicholas Ferraro, Piper O'Neill, and Zoe Hanna

Dan Tredway Memorial Excellence in Teaching Award

In 2021, we honored Lisa Danos, long-time Gunnison High School teacher who has worn many hats: English teacher, librarian, testing coordinator, mentor, and more. She started as a substitute teacher in 1991 and has taught English for 24 years, impacting thousands of Gunnison High School students and earning the respect of her colleagues.



Lisa Danos

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