

Ripples of Good

Dear Friends,

As we observe the pace of the world around us continuing to accelerate, we find comfort in knowing that the work we do at the Community Foundation is focused on the long-term health of the community here in the Gunnison Valley.

Like you, we must adapt to outside forces, like inflation or stock market downturns. Our vision of a future where everyone in the Gunnison Valley has the opportunity to thrive guides us to make decisions for the long term. We can be more strategic, and less reactive, due to the groundwork laid by current and previous leadership and the ongoing generous support of donors and fund advisors who love the Gunnison Valley as much as we do.

Your impact is immediate, and it sets off ripples that bring good to the community for many years to come. The stories from 2022 that follow highlight some of what we accomplished together in the last year, but they can't capture it all. As your Community Foundation, we are uniquely positioned to engage in thoughtful, nonpartisan efforts in collaboration with others in the community that pay dividends over the long term. Thank you for recognizing the value this offers our shared community.

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Excellence. Accountability. Impact."

Program Highlight: Inaugural TICtalks

What is the power of an idea—a truly great one?

Can it **inspire** a community? Can it **connect** people?

Can it bring us closer to our vision of a Gunnison Valley where everyone has the opportunity to **thrive**?

Early in 2022, we approached eight individuals in the Gunnison Valley and invited them to bring us their best ideas to do just that: Thrive, Inspire, Connect. With this, we planted the seed for our first year of TICtalks in the Gunnison Valley.

In September, we brought the community together to hear what our thinkers came up with. For two nights, one hosted at the Gunnison Arts Center and the other at the Center for the Arts, people gathered to learn from each other. Our eight speakers each presented an idea and then after, invited the audience to discuss these ideas. The ideas were wide-ranging. We heard about basic income guarantees. We learned about microloans. Ian Billick, Ph.D. observed that social capital is universally good and community housing increases our social capital as a community. Dr. Jeni Blacklock challenged us to rethink what an engineer is and how working with engineers in unconventional ways could help us solve some of our community's most challenging problems.

We left the talks feeling grateful to all of our speakers who took the time to share their ideas and to all of the people in the Gunnison Valley who came out to hear them. We look forward to seeing how the ideas shared in September spread through the community for years to come.

SPEAKERS:

Drew Brookhart, Gunnison County Libraries
Delaney Keating, Pando Telecom
Ian Billick, Ph.D., Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory
Matt Aronson, Ph.D., Western Colorado University
Chris Cappy, Pilot Consulting
Jeni Blacklock, Ph.D., Paul M. Rady School of Computer
Science and Engineering
Jeff Hermanson, Urban Villages
John Hausdoerffer, Ph.D., Western Colorado University



Dr. Jeni Blacklock spoke at TICtalks on Sixth.



John Hausdoerffer asked us to consider what kind of ancestors we want to be.



Delaney Keating gave an overview of microloans at TICtalks on Main.

Collaborative Action on Behalf of the Gunnison Valley Ecosystem

Critical community needs can be most effectively addressed through collaborative efforts and collective impact. In our 2021 Annual Report, we introduced you to our Gunnison Valley Community Ecosystem approach. Over the last year, we have put this into practice, serving as your eyes, ears, and voice at the table, working with nonprofits, government agencies, and private individuals and businesses to tackle our community's biggest challenges.

Common Purpose

Over the last decade, the Gunnison Valley has seen an increase in collaborative action to address the complex issues that challenge our community's resilience. This move towards collaboration accelerated with the arrival

of the COVID-19 pandemic. During March of 2020, it became very clear that our best chance of making it through the next several months was working together as one Valley. Existing collaborative structures grew and improved rapidly when we needed to adapt to an entirely new way of living in the first year of the pandemic. While this moment in time stressed our resources as a community, we are now reaping the benefits of the connections that we developed to endure the strain.



Rural Welcoming Initiative Site Team members say "welcome" in many languages.

Nurturing Connections

In 2022, your CFGV staff members served on a handful of cross-sector teams that are paving the way towards

a brighter future. Scott joined Gunnison's Rural Welcoming Initiative site team, a part of Welcoming America. This group continues to work to make Gunnison a more inclusive community. Alicia serves on the Gunnison



Members of the Resiliency Project represent CFGV, the City of Gunnison, and the Gunnison Country Chamber of Commerce. Photo Credit: Luna Anna Achey.

Valley Community Organizations Active in Disaster Team, a group that is working to build our capacity to respond to the aftermath of disasters. Our first responders have long been prepared to handle emergencies in the moment, but COVID taught us that sometimes a disaster and its aftermath last years, rather than weeks or months. Community foundations like us are often critically important to disaster recovery. Maryo continues to be a light on the Resiliency Project, which was formed to build community

Community leadership is a key element to maximize our force for good in our community.

in Gunnison and continues to nurture connection in the Valley as a whole. Together, Maryo and Scott also serve on the Gunnison Valley Community Health Coalition. We have and will continue to cover their work in our monthly email newsletters, so make sure you subscribe to keep up to date on their collective impact approach to community health in the Gunnison Valley.

Shared Vision

Lauren serves on the One Valley Leadership Council and Mayors and Managers. In these two groups, she works with elected officials, government and quasi-government leaders, and non-governmental agencies to develop a comprehensive and shared understanding of regional priorities and action areas. At the end of 2022, we secured a Boettcher Foundation Catalyst Grant to help support work on a One Valley Resiliency Roadmap. The project's total budget is \$85,000, with the Catalyst Grant supplementing funding already received from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Community Builders, and local collaborators. Identified regional outcomes for the Roadmap include a Housing Strategy; a Framework for Land Use, Transportation, and Infrastructure; and a Community Engagement and Civic Capacity Action Plan. This project will reduce friction between stakeholders and ensure that our community's different layers of leadership are working toward a shared vision while incorporating each entity's unique and valuable perspective.

Our 2022-2024 Strategic Plan identified community leadership as a key element to maximize our force for good in our community. These partnerships we've nurtured over the course of the last year will continue to lay a strong foundation for the Gunnison Valley ecosystem for many years to come.



Local musicians took to the streets for the 2022 Music Cruise events. *Photo Courtesy of City of Gunnison and Matt Burt.*



For the third summer in a row, mobile Music Cruises brought community to Gunnison.

Photo Courtesy of Crested Butte Music Festival.

Financials and Community Investment Report

CFGV's financial position remains strong, despite 2022's volatility. Reuters reported the US stock market ended 2022 with its biggest annual drop since 2008 and our decline in assets is reflective of that national trend. However, we are a long-term investor, and we are still showing remarkable growth over the last 5 years even with the 2022 downturn.

Financial Activity Snapshot

 Total Assets-January 1
 \$14,792,294.82

 Contributions
 \$1,125,213.73

 Investment Gains (Losses)
 \$(2,211,579.84)

 Other Revenue
 \$171,842.01

 TOTAL REVENUE
 \$(914,524.10)

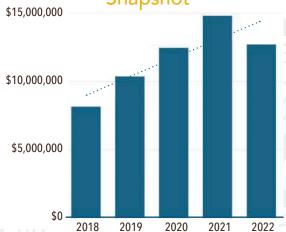
Grants & Scholarships \$687,105.53
Operating & Misc Expenses \$548,816.61

TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,235,922.14

Total Assets-December 31 \$12,641,848.58

*financials are unaudited

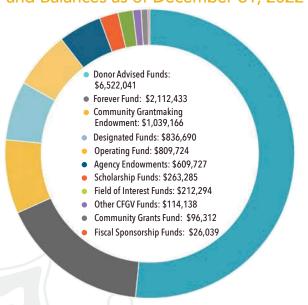
CFGV Assets: Five-Year Snapshot





2022 Community Grants Recipients gathered at the Center for the Arts to celebrate the impact of your investment in the community.

Fund Balances as of December 31, 2022



You're Here for Good:

In 2022, Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley invested over \$659,000 in nonprofits and community partners via grantmaking.

Arts & Culture \$97,850

Center for the Arts Crested Butte Music Festival Crested Butte Music Festival Crested Butte School of Dance

Gunnison Arts Center Gunnison Watershed School District

Athletics & Recreation \$52,896

Adaptive Sports Center
Crested Butte Avalanche Center
Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association
Crested Butte Nordic
Crested Butte Search and Rescue, Inc.
Gunnison Nordic
Gunnison Trails
Silent Tracks

United States Naval Academy Foundation

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here for community. here for good. here forever.

West Elk Hockey Association West Elk Soccer Association Western Colorado University

Community Development \$86,373

All Saints in the Mountains Episcopal Church

CARE

Center for Disaster Philanthropy Coldharbour Institute Colorado Public Radio Community Foundation Serving **Boulder County** Community Resource Center **Gunnison Congregational Church Gunnison County Libraries** Gunnison Valley Regional Housing

Authority **Gunnison Watershed School District** Habitat for Humanity Gunnison Valley **KBUT Community Radio** Mountain Roots Food Project Pamela G. Montgomery Nonprofit Leadership Fund Public Policy Forum of Crested Butte **REAL Consulting LLC** Rocky Mountain Public Media

Taylor Canyon Fire Station Union Congregational Church

Valley Housing Fund World Central Kitchen

Domestic Animal Welfare \$5,000

Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League

Education \$177,504

Alfred University **CBCS PTA**

Coldharbour Institute

Colorado State University - Civil **Engineering Department**

Crested Butte Friends of the Library

Friends of the Majestic

Gunnison County 4-H

Gunnison County Juvenile Services

Gunnison County Libraries

Gunnison County Veteran Services

Gunnison Ranchland Conservation Legacy

Gunnison Watershed School District Imagination Library of Colorado MasterDrive

Mountain Roots Food Project

Ozarks Technical College Foundation Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory

Rotary Club of Gunnison Sustainable Crested Butte

Tenderfoot Family & Development

Third Sector Innovations

Titans Booster Club

The Trailhead Children's Museum

Wake Forest University

Western Colorado University Foundation

Wonderland Nature School

Environment \$41,750

American Whitewater Carbon Leadership Forum Coal Creek Watershed Coalition Coldharbour Institute Crested Butte Land Trust Crested Butte Wildflower Festival **EarthJustice Environment Colorado Research** & Policy Center **High Country Conservation** Advocates Natural Building Alliance Natural Resources Defense Council

The Nature Conservancy Rocky Mountain Institute Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance Sustainable Crested Butte Sustainable Development

Strategies Group

2022 Grants by Type



Western Colorado University

Health & Human Service \$169,024

American Red Cross

CARE

CB State of Mind

Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma

Crested Butte Fire Protection District

Gunnison Country Food Pantry Gunnison County Health & Human Services

Gunnison County Juvenile Services Gunnison Valley Health Foundation Gunnison Valley Health Senior Care Center

Gunnison Valley Mentors Hospice & Palliative Care of the **Gunnison Valley**

International Rescue Committee Lighthouse Pregnancy Center Living Journeys

The Matthews House

Mountain Roots Food Project

Project Hope of Gunnison Valley

Save the Children

Six Points Evaluation & Training

Tough Enough to Wear Pink

Ukrainians of Colorado

Western Colorado University

Youth and Family Advocacy Services

Historical Tradition & Preservation \$29,135

Crested Butte Mountain Heritage

Gunnison County Pioneer & **Historical Society**

2022 Grants by Source



Grant Spotlight: New Two-Year Community Grants Program



End-of-season celebration for Community Kids. Photo courtesy of Adaptive Sports Center.

Year after year, when asked, you tell us that Community Grants is one of the most important programs for the community. We agree. Nonprofits in the Gunnison Valley enrich and support our lives in so many ways and our annual competitive Community Grants cycle is one way you support these organizations in delivering their missions.

Over the last few years, Community Grants has evolved dramatically. All nonprofits now apply for general operating support rather than for specific project funding. In 2021, we added collaborative grants, encouraging organizations to imagine how dedicated funding to support a collaboration could allow them to pursue opportunities that are too big to undertake alone. In 2022, we launched a pilot two-year general operating grant program.

Why did we do this? It's in line with a national trend towards "trust-based philanthropy," perhaps best exemplified by MacKenzie Scott's dramatic giving over the last few years. It's also a smart, efficient way to distribute Community Grants dollars to local organizations with a demonstrated history of delivering a big impact with your support.

Two-year grants have a lot of benefits. They cut down on the administrative burden for organizations. They provide a guaranteed stream of income that makes budgeting easier and provides organizations the freedom to adapt to changing realities. And, potentially most importantly, they can be leveraged to secure additional funding from outside the Gunnison Valley to further increase the impact of your local support.

Aimee Hoyt, Grants Manager for the Adaptive Sports Center, sums up the benefit of the new two-year Community Grants perfectly, "A two-year general operating grant provides more funding for us to do what we do best–serve our participants." Jodi Payne, Gunnison Country Food Pantry Executive Director, explained that the two-year grant program opened up new opportunities for financial stability for the Pantry. She described how many federal and state grants require committed funds to ensure the applicant can meet the "cost share" requirements. A two-year Community Grant from CFGV has allowed the Pantry to explore new financial avenues, empowering the Pantry to provide food assistance to those in need while creating a stronger foundation for the future of the organization.

While it is still early days for the two-year Community Grants program, the impact of your investment in the community is already being felt by the recipients of this first round of grants and the communities they serve.

TWO-YEAR GRANT RECIPIENTS:

Adaptive Sports Center, Crested Butte Wildflower Festival, Crested Butte Nordic, Gunnison Arts Center, Gunnison Country Food Pantry, Gunnison Hinsdale Youth Services, Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League, Mountain Roots Food Project, and Six Points Evaluation and Training, Inc.

Program Highlight: STEP Program

Sustainable. Tough. Efficient. Purposeful. The STEP Program exists to foster these characteristics in local nonprofits. For over 10 years, the STEP Program has evolved from one that offers a lot of nuts and bolts advice from local experts to one that also offers support for local nonprofit organizations going through

transformational times, often from peers in the nonprofit community. Although brief, these interactions often change the trajectory for nonprofits for the long term.

STEP Advisor Shelley Popke has experienced both sides of STEP, formerly as Executive Director of the Crested Butte Museum who applied for and received STEP consultations, and now as a STEP Advisor herself with expertise in Executive Director Coaching, who also has expertise in Capital Campaigns, Earned Income, Facility Development, Fundraising, Grant Writing, Nonprofit Basics, Strategic Planning, and Volunteer Management.

Early in her role at the Crested Butte Museum, Shelley was really excited about the learning opportunities offered through STEP. She appreciated the ease of applying to work with an advisor and the opportunity to work with an

advisor who had already been vetted by CFGV and who was aware of the community ecosystem in the Gunnison Valley.

Like many STEP Advisors, Shelley was recruited by Maryo Ewell, CFGV Director of Community Impact, to join the roster of expert consultants. She enjoys the challenge of plugging in where a nonprofit has a need and the diversity of opportunities available through the program. In 2022, she helped facilitate a discussion for the future of one program in the valley as well as providing mentorship for a local executive director. In addition to work with local organizations, Shelley also appreciates the chance to work closely with other STEP Advisors because everyone is so passionate about what they do. Annual trainings and networking events offer the opportunity for STEP Advisors to convene and learn from each other.

If you have expertise that would be useful for Gunnison Valley nonprofits and are interested in becoming a STEP Advisor, please contact our Director of Community Impact, Maryo Ewell.

"Whether it's a question of policy, best practices, or networking, the Community Foundation has been my go-to source of nonprofit know-how for years. I can't count how many times I've called up Maryo, Lauren, or Alicia with a random question and gotten thoughtful, actionable answers almost immediately. The Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley is an incredible resource for the Land Trust and all of our fellow Gunnison Valley nonprofits. We're grateful for their financial support, and we rely heavily on them as an informational and networking resource as well." Ashley Upchurch, Development Director, Crested Butte Land Trust



Each nonprofit organization in the Gunnison Valley is eligible

to apply for up to 12 hours

annually of free consulting

applications were submitted

from 13 organizations who

were matched and worked

with STEP Advisors.

time. In 2022, 20 STEP

Ashley Unchurch

Fund Spotlight: William B. Endner Fund

Bill Endner was born and raised in Gunnison, like his father Harry before him. From 1917 to 1929, Endner Hardware was shipping as much as 60,000 board feet of lumber at a time on a dedicated rail spur along Georgia Avenue. The Endner family owned a quarry and the local hardware store, and Harry helped found Gunnison

Savings & Loan, which over the years has helped many Gunnison County residents finance their first homes.

In addition to their entrepreneurial side, the Endner Family also has a long history of generous support of the Gunnison community. It was very important to both Bill and his wife Patsy that their support of community-building in Gunnison lived on forever.

Bill and Patsy entrusted their close friends and advisors Rikki Santarelli, Hal Yale, and Peggy Lue Reece to continue their philanthropic vision for Gunnison after they Over the last 15 years, the fund has granted over \$795,000 to local efforts aligned with Bill and Patsy's interests.

were gone, establishing a trust for "charitable, educational, and community-betterment purposes in Gunnison." After Patsy's passing in 2007, the trust was converted to an endowed fund at CFGV. The principle would grow over time and earnings would be granted to organizations in Gunnison under Rikki's, Hal's, and Peggy Lue's guidance. Over the last 15 years, the fund has granted over \$795,000 to local efforts aligned with Bill and Patsy's interests.

Anyone who has received cancer treatment at Gunnison Valley Health (GVH) since 2012 or given birth to a baby there since 2017 has been touched by the generosity of the Endners. Grants from the Endner Fund



The Endner Fund supported the renovation of the GVH Family Birth Center, which now offers a fully-contained, family-focused place for the Gunnison Valley's newest residents to enter the world.

supported renovations of both the GVH Cancer Treatment Center and the GVH Family Birthing Center. Jenny Birnie, director of the GVH Foundation, shared that these renovations have made a huge impact on the level of personal care GVH is able to offer at these pivotal times in people's lives. The Family Birth Center now offers more intimacy and privacy for welcoming Gunnison County's newest residents. A lead gift from the Endner Fund for the Cancer Center helped GVH create a comfortable, dedicated space for full- and part-time Gunnison Valley residents who are having infusions and seeing their oncologist.

The Gunnison County Library District, in partnership with Gunnison County, completed construction of a new public library in 2022. The 15,000 square foot building was financed through a combination of new municipal debt, savings, grants, and

private gifts. The Endner Fund made an early contribution to the project in the form of a matching grant that inspired others to donate. In total the Library District raised more than \$2.275 million dollars. This public-private partnership helped provide the community with a beautiful library that will meet the community's needs for many decades to come.

The Endner Fund has also offered key support to the Gunnison Arts Center's Framing our Future campaign. Hap Channell, co-chair of the campaign, explained that Endner Fund Advisors Hal and Rikki had been tangentially involved in the Gunnison Arts Center (GAC) since its founding, but he was still surprised and honored by the generous support the GAC received over the last three years. Hap explained the importance of the series of grants from

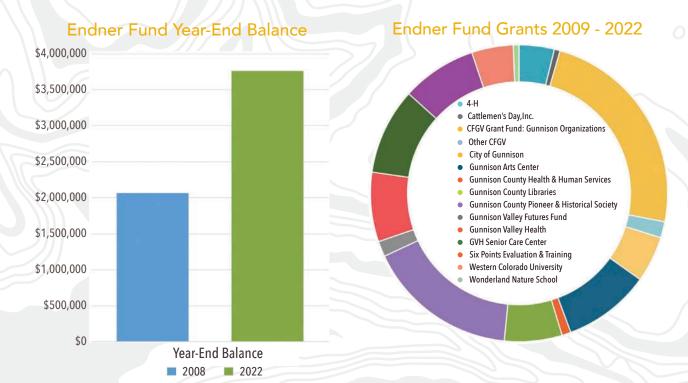


The Endner Fund contributed a matching grant early in the fundraising campaign for the new Gunnison Library.

the Endner Fund, "Outside funders, especially statewide and national organizations, want to see what local support you have for a project. When we can list the Endner Fund, along with other local entities and individuals, their impact is even greater because their gifts leverage additional dollars."

GVH, the Library, and the GAC represent just a few of many organizations who have received critical support from the Endner Fund. The legacy and generosity of Bill and Patsy will live on forever in Gunnison.

From first breaths at the Family Birth Center, to a lifetime of educational opportunities, to the feeling of community at the Cancer Treatment Center and the Senior Care Center, your life has likely already been made better by Bill, Patsy, Rikki, Hal, and Peggy Lue. This is the true meaning of community.



If you're interested in starting a charitable fund at CFGV to nurture our community in the future, like the Endner Fund, please contact Lauren.

Thank you to all of the individuals, businesses, and funds who made this work possible in 2022.

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