WHAT WE’LL COVER IN THIS INFO SESSION:

- Organizational eligibility
- Decision-making criteria for PCCF community grants
- The two types of grants available in 2022
  - Main application, no cap on amount requested
  - Alternate application for requests of $3,000 or less
- Review of the actual questions in each version of the grant application
- Available resources to assist in your grant development process
IS YOUR ORGANIZATION ELIGIBLE?

PCCF awards annual grants to nonprofit and local government entities serving people living or working in Park County, Montana.

- Applicants must be a qualified 501(c)(3) organization or have a fiscal sponsor that is a 501(c)(3) organization, or be a public entity located in Park County or with projects and programs in Park County, Montana.
- Organizations who have received previous funding through the PCCF annual grants program must be current on any final grant reports due to the Park County Community Foundation.

PCCF PROCESS FOR MAKING FUNDING DECISIONS:

Funding decisions are made by our PCCF grants committee, which is a sub-committee of our volunteer Board of Directors; Barb facilitates the process but is not a voting member.

In addition to evaluating your program design, we are also evaluating how well you completed the application:

- Please answer clearly but succinctly; pay attention to word count limits, but don’t feel you need to use the entire amount available.
- Pay special attention to completing the Budget Form; if you have questions about how to use this form, please ask well in advance of the grant application deadline.

RE: your proposed programming:

- The grants committee wants to see that your programming will impact a significant number of Park County residents; your application materials should clearly articulate the intended reach and impact of your project.
- Funding priority goes to programs aligned with the priorities identified in the We Will Park County visioning process.
Everyday, local nonprofits, schools, health care providers, businesses and governments make plans about Park County's future. But in many instances these decisions are not coordinated with other entities, nor aligning towards mutual goals or based on a common set of data.

We WILL Park County is a citizen-driven initiative of the Park County Community Foundation that offers a common vision and data set to help coordinate the limited resources of these hard working entities. Think of this project as a useful tool, or a common language that everyone in Park County can use to better inform, coordinate and develop solutions for Park County's most pressing needs.

The Park County Community Foundation articulated the community vision after hearing thoughts from more than 700 community members including discussions with nonprofits and other community leaders, a county-wide survey with more than 900 responses, and six focus groups in Livingston, Dyke Park, Willow, Emigrant, Gardiner and Cooke City.

1. We will continually strive to improve the well-being of all our residents. View the report on Health, Safety, and Education.
2. We will support development of diverse and viable economic opportunities consistent with the character of our community. View the report on Economic Performance.
3. We will support good solutions that address affordability for all who choose to live and work here. View the report on Housing and Affordability.
4. We will enhance and sustain our sense of community. View the report on Small Town and Rural Lifestyle.
5. We will remain one of the most beautiful places to live on earth. View the report on Landscapes and Natural Beauty.
NOTE:

The following is an overview of the questions you’ll find in each grant application.

All applications must be submitted through our online portal.

PART 1:
PROJECT & PROGRAM DESIGN

On both applications:
- Project Name
- Amount Requested
- Statement of Condition/Need
- Project Summary & Population Served
- # of Park County Residents to be served
- How your organization will define "success" for this project
- Proposal alignment with We Will Park County focus area

Additional information on main application:
- Tell us more about how your proposal fits within the selected We Will focus area
PART 2:
WHY YOUR ORGANIZATION IS WELL SUITED TO PROVIDE THIS PROGRAMMING IN PARK COUNTY

On both applications:
- Organization Mission Statement
- Current Board of Directors or Project Leaders

Additional information on main application:
- Describe your formal or informal collaborations and partnerships
- Has your organization completed a strategic planning process? If it was within the past 5 years, explain how this project fits within your strategic plan.
- Impact(s) of any previous funding from PCCF
- Supporting Materials (optional)

PART 3:
PROJECT LOGISTICS & FINANCIAL DETAILS

On both applications:
- Project Budget
- Project Workplan – in broad strokes

Additional information on main application:
- Additional funding sources – secured or pending
- Impacts of partial funding, i.e., how will the project proceed if we can only fund a portion of the request
- Sustainability plan - if project will require continued funding
- More details request on the Project Workplan
- Opportunity to upload a Project Workplan Document
PART 4: ORGANIZATIONAL FINANCIALS & DOCUMENT UPLOADS

On both applications:
- Organizational Budget
- Statement of Financial Activity (Profit & Loss statement)
- Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)
- Opportunity to provide comments on the uploaded financial materials
- IRS 501 (c) 3 document

Additional information on main application:
- Opportunity for organizations with large operating budgets to explain why PCCF funding is needed despite having substantial financial reserves

ACCESSING THE PCCF ONLINE GRANTS PLATFORM:
ACCESSING THE APPLICATIONS:

[Image of Applicant Dashboard]

Click here to access the 2022 applications.
KEY DATES & DEADLINES:

- **Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022**: Grant applications due at 5:00 pm MST
- **April 2022**: Final reports due for 2021 Grant Cycle
- **May 2022**: Funding decisions announced

- QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
- ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Recordings and handouts from previous PCCF trainings are available here:
https://www.pccf-montana.org/nonprofits/nonprofit-network/

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