



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
OF JACKSON HOLE

## 25th Anniversary Old Bill's Song Contest REQUEST FOR SONGS

This year marks the 25th anniversary of Old Bill's Fun Run! To commemorate two and a half decades of this one-of-a-kind community celebration and over \$189 million raised for local charities, the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole is pleased to host the **25th Anniversary Old Bill's Song Contest**. The winners and their favorite nonprofits collectively win **\$3,000 in prize money!**

### HOW IT WORKS

#### A. Contest details and specifications

- Prize money
  - Two contestant categories: Adult and Youth (under 18).
  - The winning songwriter in the Adult category will receive \$1,500, and an additional \$500 will go to the participating Old Bill's nonprofit of their choice.
  - The Youth winner will receive \$500, and an additional \$500 will go to the participating Old Bill's nonprofit of their choice.
  - In the event the winning songwriter is different from the performing musician(s), the prize money will be split equally amongst contributing individuals. The remaining \$500 will go to the participating Old Bill's nonprofit of the winners' choice.
- Songwriting specifications
  - In **3 minutes or less**, songs should capture the history, spirit, impact and/or legacy of Old Bill's as perceived by the songwriter.
  - Songs must have original music and lyrics.
  - The 3 finalists must agree to give the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole free rights to their songs for Old Bill's promotional purposes.
  - Songs should be easily shortened to **60 seconds** to fit the parameters of certain media productions (e.g. movie theater ads).
  - Songs must **not** be specific to any nonprofit(s) nor reveal the identities of Mr. and Mrs. Old Bill. In addition, they should try to avoid referencing the event's 25-year anniversary so they can be used well into the future.
- Song recording
  - Songwriters are responsible for facilitating their own recordings.
  - Songs will be judged on their artistic content, not their technical rendering.
  - Teton Music School has generously offered free use of its music rooms in the Center for the Arts to contest participants: Wednesday & Thursday, 3:30-5:30pm, June 23-July 22. (Recording equipment is not available, just the space.) Please email

[admin@tetonmusicschool.org](mailto:admin@tetonmusicschool.org) to reserve, and specify that you will be recording an Old Bill's song.

- Videos accompanying songs are discouraged. **Only audio files will be accepted, .WAV files are preferred.**
- Song file submission
  - **Deadline: Friday, July 23rd at 5pm MDT**
  - Audio files should be emailed to Suzanne Rees, [srees@cfjacksonhole.org](mailto:srees@cfjacksonhole.org) or delivered to the Community Foundation (Attention: Suzanne Rees) at 245 East Simpson Avenue in Jackson. Label your media "Old Bill's Song Contest" and include your name, contact information, and photo to be used for publicity.
  - At the time of submission, contestants must specify a participating Old Bill's nonprofit partner. Nonprofit partners will help promote the song and win \$500 if the song wins the contest.
- Community voting
  - Three finalists in both the Adult & Youth categories will be announced on Monday, August 2.
  - Jackson Hole community members will choose the winning Old Bill's song. Voting will occur online August 13-20 at 5pm. Finalist songwriters and their partner nonprofits are invited to encourage their friends, families and stakeholders to vote for their songs.
- Live (or virtual) performance at Old Bill's Fun Run
  - The winner will perform their Old Bill's song on **Saturday, September 11**. *Please save the date in case you are a finalist!*

## B. Contest Timeline

- **May 24 – July 23:** Songwriters compose, record and submit original songs celebrating Old Bill's. Upon submission, they must specify their partner nonprofits to the Community Foundation.
- **July 23: deadline to submit an original Old Bill's song.**
- **July 23-August 2:** an anonymous panel of judges reviews submissions and selects 3 finalists, who will be notified by August 2.
- **August 13 (Giving Season starts):** the 3 finalists in both categories are announced.
- **August 13-20:** the 3 Youth & Adult finalist songs are posted online for community voting.
- **September 11 (Old Bill's Run Day):** the winning songs/songwriters/musicians/nonprofits are announced and perform live (details TBD).

Please contact Old Bill's Coordinator Suzanne Rees with questions about this contest:  
[srees@cfjacksonhole.org](mailto:srees@cfjacksonhole.org) or 307-739-1026.

*Thank you in advance for participating in the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Old Bill's Song Contest!*