



## Community Foundation OF JACKSON HOLE

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### Jackson Hole Youth Grant \$37K to Local Nonprofits

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JACKSON, WY – The Community Foundation of Jackson Hole announced today that its 2022 Youth Philanthropy program awarded \$37,500 in grants to 22 local nonprofits. Youth Philanthropy provides students at the five local high schools with a hands-on learning experience in philanthropy. Participating students review grant proposals, discuss their community impact, and make difficult granting decisions in order to fund nonprofit initiatives.

Last December, local nonprofits submitted grant applications, and the high school Youth Philanthropy committees met throughout the winter to review applications and decide which projects to support. This year, 40 students from Jackson Hole High School, Summit Innovations School, Mountain Academy of Teton Science Schools, Jackson Hole Community School, and Jackson Hole Classical Academy participated in the Youth Philanthropy program. The grant proposals they reviewed represented a wide array of arts, conservation, education, and health and human service programs in Teton County.

One of the grant winners, Energy Conservation Works, received \$2,500 for its Jackson Hole Power Challenge initiative. “The Youth Philanthropy Grant program is a unique program and an amazing opportunity we should be proud to have in this community. I remember being a student at JHHS, reviewing grant applications and awarding organizations funding. It's been fun to participate in Youth Philanthropy on the other side as an applicant! At ECW we're excited about the JH Power Challenge and look forward to working with the schools to launch the online action-oriented climate platform with over 110+ measurable solutions.”

Historically the Community Foundation has provided \$5,000 per school to grant, but the generosity of Old Bill's 2021 CoChallengers enabled the Foundation to provide \$7,500 per school this year. With these additional funds, students were able to fund 68% of the total amount requested. “Students engaged in thoughtful, high-level discussions over a compelling set of proposals, and they ultimately funded those they believe will most benefit our community,” said the Foundation's Education & Outreach Officer Annie Riddell. “It's inspiring to watch the next generation of philanthropists cut their teeth on this program.”

Each year, the Community Foundation honors an exemplary senior in the Youth Philanthropy program with a \$1,500 college scholarship and \$500 to donate to the nonprofit of their choice. This year, Summit Innovations School senior Monica Almanza received the *Future Old Bill Scholarship*. According to her nomination by teacher Brian Hager, “Monica has the unique ability to see things from multiple perspectives

and was very fair in her evaluations of the grant proposals. She knew when to ask the right questions, when to listen, and when to advocate.”

### **Youth Philanthropy 2022 Grant Winners**

Art Association of Jackson Hole – *Avery Mathieu Scholarship Fund Support (\$3,000)*

Boundless – *Opportunities for Children (\$1,200)*

Center for the Arts – *Diverse Arts Initiative: Colleen Friday Artist Visit (\$1,000)*

Climb Wyoming – *Technology Helps Low-Income Single Mothers Access Free Career Training + Placement (\$1,500)*

Energy Conservation Works – *Jackson Hole Power Challenge (\$2,500)*

First in Family Jackson Hole Scholarships – *GradSnapp for More First in Family Scholars and Graduates (\$2,000)*

Good Samaritan Mission – *Totes of Hope (\$2,950)*

Grand Teton Music Festival – *Gateway Series Fall 2022 Concert (\$1,000)*

Grand Teton National Park Foundation – *Pura Vida en Grand Teton National Park – Family Passes (\$2,920)*

Immigrant Hope – *DACA Workshop for Immigrants who Arrived in the US as Children (\$1,070)*

Jackson Hole Community Radio/KHOL – *Spanish Language Coverage (\$3,000)*

Jackson Hole Therapeutic Riding – *Larger Herd, Greater Impact (\$1,750)*

Jackson Hole Writers – *Almost Authors Youth Writing Workshops and Conference (\$1,000)*

Legacy Philanthropy Works/Voices JH – *Latina Empowerment Circle (\$2,095)*

Off Square Theatre Company – *Youth Internship Program (\$1,120)*

Riot Act, Inc – *Puppet Show (\$350)*

Slow Food in the Tetons – *Teton Farmer Fund (\$1,300)*

Teton Literacy Center – *Parents as Teachers (\$2,820)*

Teton Raptor Center – *Sporting Lead-Free High School Education Curriculum (\$1,000)*

Teton Youth & Family Services – *Casey Life Skills Project (\$1,825)*

Vista 360 – *Youth Design Team for the Green Power Stimulus Plan (\$500)*

Wonder Institute – *JH RoboBronc Programming Training (\$1,600)*