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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 2023 Youth Philanthropy program awarded \$37,500 in grants to 21 local nonprofits. Youth Philanthropy provides students at the five Teton County, WY high schools with a hands-on learning experience in philanthropy. Participating students review grant proposals, discuss their community impact, and make difficult granting decisions 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, nearly 50 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 broad array of arts, conservation, education, recreation, and health and human service programs in Teton County.

Youth Philanthropy applicant Climb Wyoming was granted \$3,000 for its proposal entitled *Dress for Success: Giving Low-Income Single Mothers in the Tetons the Tools to Start New Careers*. “As our Climb participants are starting new jobs, the last thing we want them to be worried about is if they have the right equipment or clothing for the position,” said Climb’s Teton Area Program Director Christy Thomas. “The Youth Philanthropy grant will help our participants get the necessary clothing, such as steel toe boots and hardhats for commercial driver’s license training, or scrubs for a Certified Nursing Assistant training, or professional office clothing for an administrative position. The right clothing also helps participants feel confident and prepared for their new career!”

Youth Philanthropy saw a record ask this year with 27 organizations requesting a total of \$72,800, and local students rose to the decision-making challenge. “Our reviewers 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 Community Foundation Director of Grants Annie Riddell. “Youth Philanthropy gives teens a unique lens into the work of our nonprofits and helps light their fire as next-generation philanthropists.”

The Community Foundation is pleased to recognize exemplary student leaders in the Youth Philanthropy

program. The Future Old Bill Award is given to a student from each school who, in the example of Mr. & Mrs. Old Bill, demonstrates leadership, thoughtfulness, commitment, and a charitable spirit throughout the grant-making process. Each winner receives \$400 to allocate to the local nonprofit(s) of their choice. This year, the Future Old Bill Award winners are:

- Jackson Hole Classical Academy: Jackson & James Neishabouri (joint prize)
- Jackson Hole Community School: Dylan Visosky
- Jackson Hole High School: Sayre Jorgenson
- Mountain Academy of Teton Science Schools: Sophie Neilson
- Summit Innovations School: Hugo Loeza

Youth Philanthropy 2023 Grant Winners

Animal Adoption Center | Canine Behavior Manager | \$500

Art Association of Jackson Hole | Avery Mathieu Scholarship Fund | \$2,500

Astoria Park Conservancy | Launching Place-Based Education at Astoria to Inspire Natural Community Connections | \$1,000

Boundless | Opportunities for Children | \$1,500

Camina Conmigo | Library Gear | \$1,000

Center for the Arts | HACER | \$1,000

Climb Wyoming | Dress for Success | \$3,000

Coombs Outdoors | Backcountry Ski Club | \$1,800

Energy Conservation Works | Community Mobilizer Fund | \$1,500

First in Family Jackson Hole Scholarships | Books for Local First Generation Scholars | \$3,000

Girls Actively Participating (GAP) | Munger Elementary Leadership Program | \$500

Good Samaritan Mission | Totes of Hope Food Program | \$3,000

Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance | Conservation Leadership Institute Speaker Equity Fund | \$1,500

Jackson Hole Public Art | Art Making Materials for Community Art | \$1,000

Jackson Hole Writers | Almost Authors Kids Free Writing Workshops | \$1,950

Off Square Theatre Company | Off Square Players | \$1,500

Protect Our Water Jackson Hole | Teton County E. Coli Monitoring | \$3,000

Teton County Search and Rescue Foundation | Getting You Home Animated Video | \$1,000

Teton Raptor Center | Recovering from Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza | \$3,000

Vista 360° Inc. | Scholarships for Hands-On Workshops in Cowboy Craft Traditions | \$2,250

Voices Jackson Hole | Latinx Professionals Empowerment Series | \$2,000

About the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole

The Community Foundation of Jackson Hole has been inspiring donors, investing in nonprofits, and enriching our community for over 30 years. Since inception, donors have relied on the Foundation's experienced staff to assist with current and planned giving by simplifying administration and providing insight about community needs. The Foundation also administers various grant programs to address critical needs in our community and support organizations based on impact, collaboration, innovation, and capacity.

Annually, the Foundation organizes Old Bill's Fun Run, which has raised over \$228 million for local nonprofits since inception. The Foundation is accredited in compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations and has consistently ranked in the Top Ten among U.S. community foundations in gifts per capita, grant activity and transactional volume since 2014 according to CF Insights annual survey—the only community foundation to do so in all three of these categories.

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