Hello and welcome to this month’s Round Up from Community Foundation Boulder County. In this edition:

We celebrate 30 years since the Community Foundation began our work.
We announce the 2021 Community Trust and Veterans Fund grants.
We remind you of some important things to keep in mind for the year-end giving season.
We share news we’ve made this month you may have missed.

Dear friends,

As we begin to look towards 2022, your Community Foundation is embarking on exciting changes that will enhance our ability to serve our community. We have spent the better part of this year listening to you, our community, regarding your hopes and dreams for the future of our county and improvements we can make to better support those dreams. We’ve heard from donors on how we might improve their philanthropic experience – from the nuts and bolts of our grantmaking infrastructure to exciting opportunities for collective learning. We have explored with our grantees improvements we can make to our grantmaking processes and focus. We have also heard from many partners in the community on how we might best serve our collective goals through convenings and thought leadership. We are deeply grateful for everyone’s passion, time, and insights in this endeavor to help us to chart a path forward as an organization.

Based on your feedback, we will be making improvements to the following areas:
- Technology upgrades beginning January 2022
- More opportunities for convening and shared learning (COVID dependent)
- A more accessible digital experience for our TRENDS report
- Continued exploration on enhancing our discretionary grantmaking

For those of you who hold donor-advised funds, you will receive more information on the upgrades to our donor portal later this week. For our grantees, expect simplified grant applications and more efficient delivery of grant funds in 2022. For the community at large, anticipate opportunities to learn about the most pressing issues in our community and sharing expertise.

In the meantime, we hope you stay healthy and safe during your holiday celebrations.

Warmly,
Tatiana Hernandez

30 Years of Community Foundation Boulder County

This year marks 30 wonderful years since the
Community Foundation Boulder County was founded. The Community Foundation’s work in partnership not only with the nonprofit organizations in our communities, but with individuals, government and the for profit sector connects our community, helps people make better choices in their philanthropy and catalyzes ideas that inspire action. Over the last 30 years our communities have donated more than $100M to help us be better stewards of the inspiring work happening in the broad community that makes up Boulder County. Give today and support our work so we can continue to transform Boulder County together into an equitable, welcoming community for everyone.

Watch this video to learn more about the amazing work we’ve done together >

Over $370K in Grants Announced for nonprofits serving Boulder County

The 2021 Community Trust grants were distributed to 110 county-serving nonprofits in the following focus areas: Animal Care and welfare, Environment, Education, Arts and Culture, Civic Engagement and Health and Human services. In total, the foundation’s Community Trust granted $370,000 during 2021 bringing the program's total support beyond $6M since its inception.

“Nonprofit organizations have worked tirelessly over the last 18 months to support our community’s needs. It is our honor and privilege to work side by side with them to help build a more equitable Boulder County,” said Tatiana Hernandez, CEO of the Community Foundation.

The Community Trust is the permanent grantmaking fund of Community Foundation Boulder County (CFBC) that addresses broad needs throughout Boulder County. CFBC centers equity in our grantmaking, and grant decisions are made in a process that is facilitated by Community Foundation staff, advised by Boulder County volunteer reviewers, and approved by Community Foundation Boulder County leadership.

Learn more about the impact of the Community Trust in Boulder County, and how to give.

Boulder County Nonprofits Serving Veterans Receive almost $10K

On Veteran’s Day we announced $9,423 in grants from the Veterans Fund to three nonprofits serving local veterans, including Boulder County RSVP Board dba Cultivate, Qualified Listeners Corp and Homeless Outreach Providing Encouragement (HOPE).

“The Community Foundation Boulder County joins in the collective salute to honor the men and women who have served in the U.S. armed forces. We are proud to recognize the service of the nearly 14,000 Boulder County veterans. Their unique experiences, perspectives, and leadership are vital to the community in all aspects of community life,” said Tatiana Hernandez, CEO of the Community Foundation.

Give to the Veterans Fund Today >

The Veterans Fund at Community Foundation Boulder County makes grants to nonprofit organizations that are essential to the well-being of Boulder County veterans. Historically, the Committee has funded projects that provide...
Some Important Things to Keep in Mind for Year-End Giving

Community Foundation Boulder County could not do this work with you and we want to be sure to give you the best experience possible as you plan your year-end giving.

CFBC Holiday Schedule
CFBC will be closed in observance of the holidays from November 22 through November 26, and December 24 through December 25.

Deadline for Gifts to CFBC
Community Foundation Boulder County appreciates your support! Gifts received or postmarked by December 31 will be credited to the 2021 calendar year. If your contribution is made later in December, you may not receive your acknowledgment letter until January 2022. You can make your year-end gift through our online donation page.

Deadline for Grants to Nonprofits
To ensure that a nonprofit receives your grant before the end of the year, please submit your request by 10:00 am MT on Thursday, December 9, 2021. Grant recommendations received after this deadline will be processed in January 2022. To expedite grant processing, submit your requests online, through Donor Portal.

Expect Delays Sending Gifts Through Mail
Be aware that as of October of 2021 the United States Postal Service implemented changes to mail service that may create significant delays in delivery times for many across the country and in our community. Mail that you were accustomed to being delivered in 1-2 days can now be expected to be delayed to up to 3-5 days.

In Case You Missed It

Here are some of this month's headlines from your Community Foundation and other local news outlets.

KGNU's *A Public Affair*: Nino Gallo Award and Gallo's Legacy
LONGMONT LEADER: Housing, economy, isolation among community concerns in Boulder County survey
OEDIT: Funds to connect artists and organizations to local initiatives
TRENDS DIARY: Artist makes his own path, connections to art
TRENDS DIARY: The Healing Power of Community Support

Was this newsletter forwarded by a friend? Sign up to receive it monthly in your inbox.

Make a Gift You Can See. Donate today to Community Foundation Boulder County, and make a gift with an impact you can see in our community.