

Foothills United Way: Community Resilience Grants

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Targeted Vision and Mission

A community working together in which all people can achieve their full potential.

Collaboratively:

- Identify community priority needs and desired outcomes
- Unite community resources in pursuit of agreed upon goals
- Take action



Our Actions are Your Opportunities

LIVE UNITED Accreditation

- Public recognition of impactful, collaborative community-building activity

Funding Opportunities

- Community Conversation Capacity Grants
- Emerging Partnership Planning Grants
- Impact Initiative Grants
- Community Resilience Grants





Why Community Resilience at Foothills United Way?

- 2008 Economic Downturn
- 2010 Fourmile Canyon Fire-Most Destructive Wildfire at the time-169 Homes Lost
- 2013 Flood-We are still trying to recover!

These crises deepen the challenges for individuals and communities.



What is Community Resilience?

A resilient community is...

- A community whose members are physically and mentally well.
- A community that works together and plans effective strategies to overcome community stressors.
- Residents that are engaged yet self-sufficient within their community.



Community Resilience in the Works!

- Inter Mountain Alliance
- Mountain Emergency Radio Network
- Bocostrong
- Boulder County's Circles Program
- Mountain Mid-Life Social Events
- Saws and Slaws
- YWCA's "Getting Ahead in 2016"
- FHUW's Personal Investment Enterprise
- Welcome center for Nederland Elementary
- Boulder County Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)





Let's Talk about our Community Resilience Grants!



Let's keep it simple!

Successful community resilience projects will focus on two main priorities:

1. Building Connections
2. Providing resources that build independence for our most vulnerable





Social Capital:

- *Definition:* networks of social relationships built on trust and reciprocity.
- Using those connections to provide people with access to opportunities or other resources.

Increasing human connectedness leads to better health and lower risks of death.



Linking Connections

(Building relationships across political, organizational, hierarchical boundaries)

Bonding Connections

(Building relationships within networks, organizations, communities)



Bridging Connections

(Building relationships between networks, organizations, communities)



Remember: Successful Grants Build Connections **AND** Resources!



- Resources: Assets, Skills, Knowledge and Experience
- “Vulnerable” Population: You define this. Tell us how your project is serving vulnerable community members.

“Using *connections* to provide vulnerable people with access to opportunities or other *RESOURCES*.”



Community Resilience Grant Info:

Successful Community Resilience grant applications will outline how your project builds resilience by BOTH building Social Capital AND resources to a vulnerable population.

Project goals must be completed within a one year time frame. Grants will not be made for the same project goal more than once.

- Foothills United Way's resilience dollars should be used to complete some aspect of your project that clearly builds resilience in the population served or the applying organization.



Community Resilience Grant Info:

Why will these grants only fund a project goal once for one year?



Grant Timeline

- June 2016: The grant application will be available online and a pre-application will also be available for those who would like technical assistance prior to completing the full grant application.
- August 2016: Applications are due
- November 2016: Announce grant recipients



Grants will be assessed on:

- *Innovation*
- *Integrity*
- *Inclusivity*
- *Integration*

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- ***Innovation:*** Is the project a new idea or more effective process to improve available resources and build relationships?
- ***Integrity:***
- ***Inclusivity:***
- ***Integration:***



Grants will be assessed on:

- *Innovation:*
- ***Integrity:*** Does the project build social capital using trust, reciprocity, shared understanding, or shared values as key indicators?
- *Inclusivity:*
- *Integration:*



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- *Innovation:*
- *Integrity:*
- ***Inclusivity:*** Does the project meet the needs of vulnerable populations?
- *Integration:*



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- *Innovation:*
- *Integrity:*
- *Inclusivity:*
- **Integration:** How well does the project integrate vulnerable populations in a network of resources?



FAQ:

- ***Where do I apply:*** Applications will be available on our website.
 - **www.UnitedWayFoothills.org**
- ***Do I have to be a 501c(3)?*** NO
- ***How many grants will be awarded?*** 6-12 grants will be awarded. Awards range from \$500-\$50,000.
- ***Can one organization apply for more than one grant?*** YES. Though your projects would be in competition with each other.
- ***Can one organization apply for more than one Foothills United Way grant?*** YES.



FAQ:

- *Does my project have to build all three types of Social Capital?*
NO. Different communities may prioritize a certain type of networking and the resources gained based on such connections.
- *How often will I have to report on the success of our project?*
You will need to produce a post project report.
- *Does my project have to address BOTH resources AND relationships? YES.*

Additional Questions?

Please Contact our Community Impact Team!

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Please add your name to the sign in sheet if you would like more information.

