

PARK COUNTY
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

Park County Arts Council: Call for Grant Proposals
DEADLINE for applications is 5:00 pm on Tuesday, September 10, 2024.

OVERVIEW

A generous donation from the JAKET Foundation to the Park County Community Foundation (PCCF) established the Park County Fund for the Arts in 2023.

The JAKET Foundation provided additional funding for PCCF to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the arts to better understand current needs and challenges. That assessment, completed in December of 2023, generated a robust list of opportunities and led to the creation of the Park County Arts Council (PCAC) to help realize a coordinated vision for the arts in Park County.

Park County Arts Council (PCAC)

The newly established Arts Council is composed of Park County residents who have expertise across multiple facets of the arts. They are tasked with supporting and guiding a vibrant and inclusive arts culture throughout Park County. Their work will build on the thriving arts sector that has garnered Park County the rank of #14 in vibrant rural arts communities as per the SMU DataArts 2024 Arts Vibrancy Index. The vision is to solidify the arts as an integral part of Park County with an eye to maintaining the region's natural beauty, acknowledging our heritage, growing economic opportunities, and improving the well-being of communities throughout the county.

To that end, PCAC and PCCF are soliciting proposals for “transformational” grants:

PRIORITY FUNDING AREAS

The Park County Fund for the Arts is intended to provide transformational grants to organizations or programs based on one or more of the following priority funding areas:

- Support existing Park County arts organizations in their work
- Support innovation in the arts in Park County
- Expand and integrate the arts throughout Park County

GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility requirements for applicants:

- Must be a charitable organization that meets the IRS's requirements to receive exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Code — or is fiscally sponsored by a qualified organization — and is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, OR a public school based in Park County, OR a city or county agency located in Park County.
- Applicants are not required to have offices in Park County, but the work must benefit Park County. If multiple applications are received for a similar project, then funding decisions will prioritize Park County organizations.
- Applicants must complete a grant agreement to receive the funds and submit a final report upon completion of the grant period. Multi-year projects will also require interim reports.

NOTE: Preference will be given to projects that can begin or be underway by December 2024. Funds must be used within 1 - 3 years.

ANTICIPATED # OF GRANTS TO BE FUNDED: 2 – 6

SUGGESTED FINANCIAL REQUEST FOR EACH PROPOSAL: \$25,000 - \$150,000

FUNDABLE AREAS:

Proposals must be “transformational” in nature, ie: able to produce a big change or improvement for your organization and your community.

Proposed projects may include but are not limited to:

- Projects that collaborate across multiple arts organizations or stakeholder groups to increase the visibility or accessibility of art in rural areas of Park County.
- Renovation or expansion of existing arts spaces and/or the creation of new ones.
- Event-based public projects for the benefit of Park County residents.
- Projects that expand the capacity or sustainability of an existing organization or group of organizations.
- Projects that expand access to arts education (youth and adult) in Park County.
- Projects that fill material needs (studio space, equipment, art supplies) of a variety of art makers across Park County.

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit PCCF's online grant portal at: <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon>

Questions? Contact Barb Oldershaw at barb.oldershaw@pccf-montana.org or 406-570-4580.