**Park County Community Foundation grants $500,000 in arts funding**

**Educational programming and community activities top the list**

The community foundation’s Board of Directors approved the grants based on recommendations and insight from the newly formed Park County Council for the Arts.

Funding is being distributed in four programs areas:

* **Community art week activities**, $128,500
* **School-based arts programming** for grades 3-12 in the Livingston Public School district, $120,000
* **Art-focused community gathering spaces**, including performance space enhancements in the Gardiner School and at the Shane Center, $100,000
* **Crazy Mountains Oral History Project**, a program of the Park County Environmental Council that brings together diverse voices from local communities, including Indigenous perspectives, to create a rich archive of stories that reflect our region’s connection to the land and environment, $51,500.

In addition, the Livingston Center for Art & Culture will receive $100,000 over 3 years for fiscal sponsorship of the Park County Council for the Arts as they become a stand-alone nonprofit to guide the vision for a vibrant and inclusive arts culture throughout Park County.

Recipients of 2024 Arts Funding

* Livingston School District, [East Side School](https://www.livingston.k12.mt.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=2057497&type=d&pREC_ID=2122244): "In the Studio" program to provide arts education to students in grades 3-5, partnering with [The Art Room East](https://www.theartroomeast.com/), $88,000 over 3 years.
* Livingston School District - [Music Programs](https://www.parkhigh.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=2090101&type=d&pREC_ID=2139599): School Performing Arts Enhancements, $32,000.
* Collaborative project of [The Danforth Museum of Art](https://thedanforth.org/), the [Livingston Center for Art and Culture](https://www.livingstoncenter.org/), and the [Livingston Depot](https://www.livingstondepot.org/): Art Week - Countywide Celebration of the Arts, $96,500 over 3 years.
* [North Yellowstone Education Foundation](https://www.gardinernyef.org/): Performance space enhancements at [Gardiner School](https://www.gardiner.org/), $50,000.
* [Park County Environmental Council:](https://www.pcecmt.org/) Crazy Mountains Oral History Project, $51,500.
* [The Cottonwood Club](https://www.facebook.com/thecottonwoodclub/): Park County "Bring Your Own Art" Festival, $32,000.
* [The Shane Lalani Center for the Arts](https://www.theshanecenter.org/): Completion of the Pavilion at the Shane Lalani Center for the Arts, $50,000.