

2022 Funding Request Summaries

| Outside Agency Program Applicant | Description of Program | Description of Request |
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| Active Transportation Advisory Team | The Wheat Ridge Active Transportation Advisory Team serves and engages the community by connecting people of all ages, resources and abilities with positive opportunities to safely navigate the city without a car. | Request includes funding to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue current initiatives, focusing on increasing safety through education, outreach and enforcement. • Support and provide input on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and the NRS. • Focus on sidewalk and bike lane policy discussions. • Improve outreach encouragement with vulnerable populations including seniors, kids and low income residents. • Purchase low-cost replacement parts to refurbish bikes for community members in need. |
| Applewood Community Foundation | The mission of Applewood Community Foundation is to support business and community development in the greater Applewood area. It endeavors to foster community pride, local leadership, and neighborhood improvement in all aspects of our charitable activities. | Request includes funding for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of grant opportunities for community activities, schools, non-profits and small businesses in Applewood. |
| CASA of Jefferson & Gilpin Counties | CASA of Jeffco/Gilpin's mission is to recruit, train and manage volunteers who serve as independent lay advocates for children who are victims of neglect and physical and/or sexual abuse. | Request includes funding for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CASA Jeffco/Gilpin to recruit, train and manage additional CASA volunteers, who in turn would advocate for child citizens of Wheat Ridge who have been abused or neglected. |
| Community Table | Community Table strives to improve the quality of life for neighbors in need by providing the food and resources people need to lift themselves from poverty. | Request includes funding for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunger Relief - A portion of funding will be used for emergency food assistance—Client Choice Pantry and Feeding the Future • Self-Sufficiency. The remaining funds will be used to support the emergency financial needs of struggling families and continued efforts to help them become self-reliant. |
| Family Tree | Family Tree's mission is to help Wheat Ridge children and families overcome child abuse, domestic violence and homelessness. | Funding request would help to support direct services to Wheat Ridge residents and foster positive, transformational impact in their lives and the community |
| Feed the Future (WR) | The program provides food to eligible elementary aged children throughout the school year. The program helps ensure that children have a healthy and reliable source of food over the weekend enabling them to come to school better prepared to learn. | All the money raised by the Wheat Ridge Backpack program is used to pay Community Table for the food provided the three-area Wheat Ridge Schools. |
| Friends of Paha | Friends of Paha is a non-profit organization comprised solely of volunteers with the goal of raising funds to help financially support Camp Paha, the City of Lakewood's summer day programs for youth and young adults with disabilities. | Friends of Paha is requesting funding to provide direct program support to provide camperships to youth and young adults to participate in Camp Paha in 2022. |

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| <p>Institute for Environmental Solutions (IES)</p> | <p>IES tackles problems such as climate change, community health, ozone air pollution, and contaminants from pharmaceuticals and personal care products in waterways. IES designs and implements scientifically proven strategies to solve Colorado's most pressing environmental problems.</p> | <p>Funds would be used to plan and implement the Creekside Restoration Project along the Wheat Ridge Greebeld. IES will collaborate with Wheat Ridge Parks and Recreation District and Kullerstrand Elementary School to complete the project.</p> <p>Support from the Wheat Ridge Outside Agency Fund will pay for the educational personnel and supplies to develop and implement two workshops, two planting days, and the summer maintenance program.</p> |
| <p>Jefferson Center for Mental Health</p> | <p>Jefferson Center provides a variety of outpatient programming for both groups and individuals; has established a presence in primary care offices across the area to offer integrate primary/behavioral healthcare; offers essential case management and public resource navigation services; and delivers effective substance use and withdrawal management services to the area.</p> | <p>Requested funding would be used specifically to support the 0.5 counseling position at Kullerstrand Elementary. Approximately 200 students enrolled at Kullerstrand Elementary School will have continued access to mental health services, something that has emerged as especially critical due to the psychological toll of the COVID-19 pandemic on individuals nationwide, including youth. (Everitt and Stevens are bigger schools with higher enrollment and more funding available to support counseling services).</p> |
| <p>Jefferson County Library Foundation</p> | <p>Jefferson County Library Foundation (JCLF) provides critical support to Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL), expanding free programs and services to all Jefferson County residents. Through public outreach, advocacy and fundraising JCLF strengthens JCPL and promotes greater awareness of its valuable resources and services, helping JCPL ensure free and equal access to information and great literature to all Jeffco residents.</p> | <p>Requested funds would be used to benefit elderly and/or homebound adults through a photography project. The library will distribute disposable cameras to seniors at the library, through connections at the Senior Resource Center, and to senior homes in the city of Wheat Ridge. The library will use its own resources to host a photography lecture at the Wheat Ridge Library to drum up interest and to give photography pointers. Seniors will be encouraged to fill up the disposable camera roll with photos of their choice, whatever resonates with them through the viewfinder.</p> |
| <p>Jewish Family Services</p> | <p>JFS helps seniors maintain a high quality of life, provides quality mental health counseling to children and adults, offers training and job placement to people with significant barriers to employment, and provides food and financial aid to individuals and families in crisis.</p> | <p>Requested funding would be used to support the vital services that ensure the health, safety, and welfare of older adult residents of Wheat Ridge. ACC care managers offer information about, referrals to, and assistance connecting with community resources designed to help older adult residents in Wheat Ridge maintain their independence and quality of life.</p> |
| <p>Outdoor Lab Foundation</p> | <p>The OLS aims to develop stewardship of self, community and environment. It builds social cohesion among Wheat Ridge students by teaching and focusing on I CARE core values—Integrity, Commitment, Awareness, Respect, Empathy. OLS also improves students' physical health, health literacy and emotional well-being through physical activity, self-care and healthy eating, and offers a 24-hour clinic led by a registered nurse. Finally, through its programs, the OLS is increasing students' passion and knowledge of STEM through daily activities in the natural environment.</p> | <p>The requested funding would support OLF in ensuring that all students have the opportunity to participate in programming, regardless of their ability to pay. Funding will be used to offset program costs for Everitt Middle School students qualifying for free and reduced-priced lunch (67%).</p> |

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| Regional Air Quality Council | The RAQC's program help ensure that residents can enjoy the beautiful outdoors of Colorado by maintaining federal health standards for pollutants. | The RAQC uses the funding from its local government partners to implement air quality programs and to match federal grants that provide programs which allows the RAQC to provide services to Wheat Ridge and the nine-county Denver metro/North Front Range area including: Ozone State Implementation Plan work (compliance with federal air quality standards), Fuels and Motor Vehicle Work, Charge Ahead Colorado, Governor's ALT Fuels Program, Clean Air Fleets Program, Outreach and Public Education, Simple Steps. Better Air, Public alerts regarding high ozone days to citizens, Mow Down Pollution Residential Lawn Mower Exchange Program, Mow Down Pollution Commercial Program, Voluntary Optical Gas Imaging Camera Loan Program, Transportation/Air Quality Planning and Coordination work, Local Government Assistance. |
| Robbie's Hope Foundation | This nonprofit organization gives teens an outlet and a platform to voice their opinions on their own mental health and giving adults a way to support their children. | Robbie's Hope is looking for funding to offset the printing costs of the free mental health resource, the Adult Handbook. This handbook is a guide of the two-way conversation of mental health between a teen and their trusted adult to drive a much-needed exchange. |
| Seniors' Resource Center | <p>The Seniors' Resource Center is dedicated to enhancing the independence, dignity and quality of life for seniors in the Metro Denver Area and surrounding communities.</p> <p>Services include transportation, in home care and adult daytime programs which provide life enriching activities and support both older adults and their caregivers.</p> | The funding request would be used to support its Community and In-home Care Services, and Adult Day and Respite Services. Requested funds are needed to pay essential program and operating expenses, and other overhead expenses that allow SRC to provide direct services for older adults. |
| Sunshine Home Share | Sunshine promotes aging in place through a safe, care-managed, home-sharing model that generates income and assistance for seniors while accessing untapped affordable housing for home seekers. | The requested funding would support a portion of the cost of the Executive Director/Program Manager positions for one year. These roles provide organizational development and client services. |
| The Action Center | The Action Center's mission is to provide an immediate response to basic human needs and promote pathways to self-sufficiency through a variety of client services. With the assistance of a dedicated staff and volunteer case management team, participant's needs are addressed and met. | <p>The requested funding would go toward the operational costs of running the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Rescue/Grocery - The grocery is designed with a Client Choice model where our neighbors can select a five-day food supply up to nine times per year, choosing from a variety of nutritious foods including fruits, vegetables, grains, meats and other proteins, and dairy items, along with dried and canned goods. • School Supply Distribution programs - Involves the distribution of grade-appropriate backpacks of supplies to as many students as possible. |

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| Wheat Ridge Community Foundation | By enabling community organizations to accept charitable and tax-free donations, the Wheat Ridge Community Foundation directly supports the efforts of the participating organizations in their missions to improve the health, safety, welfare and quality of life for Wheat Ridge residents. | The funding requested would support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Accounting • Client Fund Manager • WRCF Endowment Matching Donation |
| Wheat Ridge Grange | The Wheat Ridge Grange is a safe place in the heart of Wheat Ridge to gather and come together as a community. | The funding requested would support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support community programming • Building updates and repairs |
| Wheat Ridge High School STEM program | The STEM program educates students in Wheat Ridge and provides learning opportunities in the areas of design, manufacturing, assembly, multi-media, professional presentation practices, working in group situations and working with the community and City to allow for large hands-on open-ended projects. | The funding requested would support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini Battle Bot testing arena for student safety as they enter the National Robotics League Competition • Beginning students Rover Projects (2) • 3D printing material for two 3D printers |
| Wheat Ridge Kiwanis | The Wheat Kiwanis Club's mission is to encourage positive change in the world one child and one community at a time. Members are committed to helping the youth in our community, while enjoying the lasting friendships that come from sharing a common goal. | Funding would be used toward: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting a Builders Club • Providing a monthly breakfast for Everitt Middle School students and their parents, • Rebuilding the Key Club at Wheat Ridge High School • Continuing the sponsorship of the local Cub Scout Pack. |
| Wheat Ridge Optimist Club | The Wheat Ridge Optimist Club focuses on providing services to Wheat Ridge youth, primarily through involvement with Wheat Ridge schools. Their motto is: "By Providing Hope and Positive Vision, Optimists Bring Out the Best in Youth, Ourselves and Our Community". | This funding will be used 100% for the Christmas program. The requested funding would support the Christmas Program. The Optimist Club provides gift certificates for clothing and food along with toys to Wheat Ridge families in need as chosen by Wheat Ridge school administrators. |
| EVENTS | | |
| Lutheran Med Center Foundation - Heroes of Hope | The Heroes of Hope race is Lutheran Medical Center Foundation's annual event to support Cancer Centers of Colorado at Lutheran. These funds help to provide patient navigation, survivor and nurse education, patient care for those facing a cancer diagnosis, advanced medical equipment and treatment options, and much more for our community members and families who are going through cancer treatment. | Requested funding would go toward the cost of the annual Heroes of Hope race. This race raises funds for Lutheran's cancer services program, including the Wellness that Works and Bridge to Wellness program for cancer patients. |
| Farmers 5000 | Farmers 5000 is an annual fundraising event for Wheat Ridge High School. | Requested funding would go toward the cost of the annual Farmers 5000 race. The funds raised are used to support WRHS students, enhance learning experiences, provide necessary school and personal items for the most needy, and update equipment for a variety of departments, from Science to Music. |
| Friends of Stevens | Friends of Stevens is the parent/teacher/student/family/community non-profit Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) for Stevens Elementary, and FOS funds are managed through the Wheat Ridge Community Foundation | Funds would support the Community Celebration Event. The money would be used to purchase food and related supplies for attendees (e.g., burgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, beverages, ice, cups, plates, utensils, etc.) and support activities for attendees (e.g., the purchase of sidewalk chalk, rental fees for an inflatable jumping castle - the largest ticket-item for the event, etc.). |