

The Community Foundation exists to encourage philanthropy and create opportunities to improve the quality of life in Boulder County, now and forever.



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BECAUSE YOU LOVE THIS PLACE

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If you're like most people in Boulder County, you feel fortunate to live here, perhaps to raise a family or grow a business here. Now there's a perfect way to give back to the community you love. The Community Trust, a permanent endowment of the Community Foundation Serving Boulder County, is the one broadly-defined fund that allows the foundation to respond to the community's greatest needs, now and in the future.

Established in 1991, The Community Foundation Serving Boulder County is a non-profit community organization created by and for the people of Boulder County. The foundation:

- Makes grants and provides technical assistance to non-profit organizations
- Helps donors create an individual or family legacy through donor advised funds, providing an efficient and cost-effective alternative to private foundations
- Provides expertise about the community's needs and the array of non-profit organizations which meet them
- Provides educational opportunities to anyone who would like to learn more about the importance of giving and ways to give
- Keeps track of emerging issues and priorities in the community
- Promotes a culture of giving in Boulder County

Why Is the Community Trust Important?

A gift into the Community Trust is a visionary gift, for it is a gift to the community now and forever. It suggests a belief in the wisdom of Boulder County residents today, as well as those of the future, and provides funds for sound community decisions for those who love this place.

- It functions like a community savings account with resources available in lean times as well as good times.
- It provides flexibility for project funding when timing may be crucial.
- It provides a source of funding sometimes not otherwise available to address emerging needs in Boulder County.

What is the Grant Process?

As an unrestricted endowment fund of The Community Foundation, The Community Trust is central to the mission of the foundation. Grants are made to Boulder County non-profit organizations via a formal application process. All applications are reviewed by the Foundation staff, with guidance from committees composed of Boulder County residents. Interviews and site visits are commonly part of a committee's evaluation process. The foundation's Board of Trustees provides oversight, and the process is guided by staff expertise determining where the needs are greatest, along with citizen evaluation and recommendation.

How Is the Community Trust Invested?

The Community Trust is invested by professional investment managers in a diversified portfolio to protect principal and promote long-term growth of capital. The foundation's general distribution policy is to make available annually 5% of the value of the Community Trust for grants.

How Can I Make a Gift to the Community Trust?

You can make a gift into the Community Trust with:

- Cash
- Publicly-traded or privately-held stock
- Real estate
- Retirement plan assets
- Life insurance
- Bequest in your will or revocable trust
- Other assets

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