

Swan Valley Community Foundation Small Grant Program

Spring 2025 Application Information and Instructions

1. Overview: The Swan Valley Community Foundation (SVCF) Community Support Fund is a small grant program administered by SCVF. Its purpose is supporting eligible Swan Valley non-profit organizations and affiliated groups in their efforts that benefit the Swan Valley Community. Multiple grants will be awarded.
2. Eligible Applicants: IRS designated charitable organizations, governmental agencies, and educational institutions. If an applicant is not a designated charitable organization, government agency, or educational institution, it may be sponsored, in writing, by an eligible non-profit organization. The applicant must be located in and/or provide services directly benefiting the community of Condon and the Swan Valley. SVCF does not fund grants for political or advocacy purposes.
3. Maximum Individual Grant Amount: \$1500.00; Financial participation/matching funds in the project by the applicant is encouraged but not required.
4. Targeted Use of Funds: Community service or development projects that address one or more of the following: strengthening community connections, welcoming residents to rural living, celebrating the rich history, traditions, and rural culture of the Swan Valley and enhancing its ecological, financial, and economic stability.
5. Review Process and Criteria: The SVCF Board of directors will review all applications. The Board will utilize both objective and subjective criteria evaluating of project viability, design, and content; impact on quality of life in the community; recipient organizational capacity to implement and financially support the project; the level and type of community engagement and extent of partnership collaboration in the project. Please provide the following information. Note: Be concise. Most grants only require three pages.
6. A one-page budget form with projected sources and use of funds.
7. A one-page narrative with:
 - Project summary, goals and objectives
 - Community needs and who benefits
 - Project timeline, tasks, and outcomes.
 - Describe how success of the project will be measured
 - Key individuals/organizations and their primary responsibilities
8. And one page additional information as needed:
 - A copy of the organization's most recent IRS charitable certification. If the applicant does not have non-profit status, an organization with IRS charitable certification willing to receive the grant funds and administer the project on behalf of the applicant is acceptable. The sponsoring organization must submit a letter stating this, along with a copy of their most recent IRS charitable certification.
 - A paragraph outlining your organization's primary mission/purpose if it is not included in the narrative, and a list of board of directors with names, addresses and phone numbers.
9. Email the application to treasurer@swanvalleyfoundation.org or mail to Swan Valley Community Foundation Attention: Treasurer, P.O. Box 961, Condon, MT 59826. Please email or mail postmarked on or before **May 15, 2025**. Complete applications are required for grant consideration.
10. Applications can be downloaded from <https://www.swanvalleyfoundation.org/grant-applications/> or contact Deborah Hallman, Treasurer, Swan Valley Community Foundation.

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APPLICANT ORGANIZATION INFORMATION:

Name of Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Website Address: _____

PRIMARY CONTACT/AUTHORIZING INDIVIDUAL:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ☐ IRS designated charitable organization (please specify) _____
- ☐ Governmental agency (please specify) _____
- ☐ Educational institution (please specify) _____
- ☐ Sponsoring Organization (please specify) _____

AMOUNT REQUESTED: _____ TOTAL PROJECT COST: _____

Will these dollars be used to leverage or match additional funding? Yes _____ No _____

Summarize your project budget with income and expenses as applicable and the portion covered by the SVCF request by completing the form below. If the category is not applicable leave blank

Date Submitted: _____ Expected Completion Date: _____

Grant Purpose:

Personnel: -----	\$ _____
Travel: -----	\$ _____
Equipment: -----	\$ _____
Supplies: -----	\$ _____
Contractual: -----	\$ _____
Other: -----	\$ _____
TOTAL SVCF Funds Requested -----	\$ <u> </u>
Applicant Funds Provided by other sources -----	\$ _____
TOTAL Project Budget -----	\$ <u> </u>

PROJECT NARRATIVE: Provide a one-page project narrative that answers the following questions:

1. Describe the proposed program or project, including goals and objectives.

2. Describe the community needs the project addresses, how it benefits the Swan Valley Community and how many people it will affect.

3. Describe the project plan, timeline, and expected results.

4. Describe how the project success will be measured.

5. Identify key individuals and organizations and their primary responsibilities.

Applicant/Project Name: _____ Page 3

Attach IRS Certificates, Sponsorship letters and any other supplemental materials here.