

Training Grant Exemplars

In 2016, the Lake County Community Fund (an action team under the Youth Master Plan Initiative) was awarded \$1350 for 3 members to attend the Colorado Association of Funders' Community Foundation Boot Camp.

Key Strengths of the Application:

- The applicants were able to clearly explain how their work tied back to the Youth Master Plan: *The LCCF is an initiative with roots in the Youth Master Plan, and which developed out of a Youth Master Plan action team that began meeting initially to develop a strategy for addressing long-term sustainability challenges in Lake County. Through that action team effort, the LCCF was born. The LCCF is dedicated to creating an abundance of sustainable philanthropic resources to support a thriving community in Leadville. In order to arrive at that vision, the LCCF provides a means to expand the capacity of local organizations, promote and facilitate giving opportunities, and inspire investment in Lake County. Given the LCCF's mission and vision, we anticipate the LCCF being an active member of the YMP Coalition now and in the future. Individual LCCF action team members and board members have been reliable and generous YMP Coalition partners active on multiple action teams over the past two years. The three LCCF Board members who would receive the training grant have been cornerstones of the LCCF effort and champions of the YMP and Lake County in general. Chris Floyd, the LCCF Board Secretary, has attended all but one action team and board meeting over the past two years. She also attended the YMP Annual Celebration and has lent her legal advice to other YMP efforts. Miguel Martinez has been a vocal supporter of the LCCF in the community and on Facebook and has assisted Build a Generation on the GOCO Inspire Project. Candy Elkind has been a tireless volunteer for the LCCF since mid-2015, obtaining many services for free for the LCCF, like the organization's logo. She is a champion of Lake County in her work at CMC and in surrounding communities.*
- The applicants were able to clearly describe how attending this training would support their work and allow them to make substantial and measurable changes in Lake County: *The LCCF aims to address a deep challenge in the community – the lack of resources to support long-term sustainability of many wonderful Lake County programs, projects and assets. In many ways, the LCCF will impact all youth and families in Lake County by providing a new source of funds to support youth- and family-serving programs, projects and assets. Success for the LCCF, at least initially, may come in the form of a handful of small grants made out to the community or in securing a few large donations. Eventually, however, a successful LCCF will be a resource for the community to reach out to for technical assistance, funding and guidance about how best to invest in Lake County. The LCCF is a huge step toward long-term sustainability for programs, projects and assets that benefit youth and families in our community. This training will go a long way toward building the capacity of LCCF Board members to do this work. With a well-trained LCCF Board, we will be able to more effectively and efficiently move toward our goals*
- Applicants were able to clearly identify how attending the training would help them move forward at least one YMP goal: *The LCCF initiative will directly address these specific Youth Master Plan Goals: 1) "To address the financial sustainability of youth programs currently in existence," (YMP, page 29), and 2) "To improve collaboration, coordination, and communication*

among youth service providers,” (YMP, page 29). While a great deal of the initial work of the LCCF will be securing donations to build the LCCF’s general fund, Pikes Peak Community Foundation – the LCCF’s Foundation Partner – has advised the LCCF Board to build grant-making into the LCCF’s budget and fundraising plan beginning in the very first year. The LCCF Board is committed to offering at least one grant-making cycle during 2016-17 as a means of demonstrating the opportunity that the LCCF offers. In doing this, the LCCF will provide a new funding resource for new and existing programs, projects and activities to pursue.

- Applicants were able to demonstrate significant match for their request: *One LCCF Board member will be covering the cost of her attendance through other means and all LCCF Board participants will cover the cost of their lodging, meals and transportation to and from the training. Total match is estimated to be around \$1,300.*

In 2016, Lake County Build a Generation awarded 8 scholarships to local community members to attend a course being offered by the Spring Institute and become certified interpreters.

Key strengths of some of the applications were:

- Some applicants were able to discuss how an increase in qualified interpreters would improve the ability of local agencies to serve Latino immigrants, and thus move forward the goals of the Youth Master Plan, as well as improve health equity for Spanish-speaking residents.
- Some applicants pledged some matching funding (from themselves or their agencies) to attend the training, as well as to highlight the contribution of their time to attend the training.
- Some applicants were able to discuss how the initiative to increase the number of certified interpreters in Leadville had grown out of the collective health equity work of local organizations who had attended the Health Equity Learning Series, and how they were attending at the request of organizations who had been inspired to improve interpretation at their agencies.
- Some applicants were able to discuss how they would personally use the training to move forward the goals of the Youth Master Plan or to improve Health Equity in Lake County.