



What is a Field of Interest Fund?

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado has funds specifically to support "fields of interest," such as the arts, civic engagement, education, environment or a geographic area (e.g., a county). A Field of Interest Fund is perfect for donors who have a specific passion, but don't want to be involved year after year in how the money is distributed (a Donor Advised Fund) and don't have a particular nonprofit that they want to designate as a beneficiary (a gift to a nonprofit endowment).

About the Archuleta Fund

The Archuleta Fund supports the nonprofit community. It makes money from the interest earnings and a small percentage of principle from the Field of Interest Funds available to the Grant Committee to award in a competitive process, based on the best programs and projects applying. These funds are flexible to meet emerging needs and opportunities in each area.

The goal of the Fund is to provide financial support for nonprofit organizations and government bodies (e.g., Town of Pagosa Springs) in Archuleta County. Once the Fund has hit a threshold and can begin grantmaking, the Grant Committee will consist of five individuals, such as a County Commissioner, a city employee, an Archuleta nonprofit Executive Director, a donor and a staff person from the Community Foundation.

Selecting the Organizations to Receive Grants

Grant applicants must be a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization (or have a 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor), or be a local, state or county government body that is located in Archuleta County.

Applications to the Archuleta Fund can be submitted by nonprofit organizations and governments at any time and will be considered on a semi-annual basis by the Grant Committee. Grant decisions will be made by the middle of the application deadline month, with checks to be distributed by the end of that month.