

# THE BOW VALLEY'S COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



BANFF  
CANMORE  
FOUNDATION



# FLOWING RESOURCES: A YEAR IN REVIEW

Here's what we  
accomplished  
this year—  
together:

**\$1.5M**

flowed into the  
community—an  
increase of nearly  
30% over last year

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**86 grants  
awarded**

supporting  
initiatives that  
strengthen  
belonging,  
affordability,  
and community  
well-being

**50 local  
organizations  
supported**

from grassroots  
groups to long-  
standing charities

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**10 scholarships  
awarded**

with \$26,400  
invested in the  
next generation  
of leaders

**38 long-term  
funds**

are now held at BCF,  
with the addition  
of two new long-  
term funds

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**1,502 donors  
contributed**

demonstrating the  
depth of community  
commitment

**1,359 were  
first-time  
donors**

many inspired by  
BCF's quick action  
in creating the  
Rocky Mountain  
Community Relief  
Fund to support  
Jasper wildfire  
recovery





# ROCKY MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY RELIEF FUND

When the wildfire swept through Jasper in July 2024, it wasn't just homes that burned—it was the invisible architecture that communities spend lifetimes building.



More than **\$500,000** in wildfire relief has flowed through the Rocky Mountain Community Relief Fund and into the community—thanks to the generosity of donors and the trust placed in us to steward it well.

Thanks to a leadership pledge from Calgary Foundation to cover BCF's administrative costs, we were able to assure donors that 100% of every gift would flow to Jasperites impacted by the fire.

But the real story isn't just the total. It's how the funds moved—and who they empowered.

We partnered with the **Jasper Community Team Society (JCTS)**, a long-standing, deeply trusted local organization. Through this partnership, wildfire relief funds supported:

- **Emergency housing** and temporary shelter for displaced families
- **Food and essentials** for residents living in hotels, RVs, or with friends
- **Outreach and wellness services** to help people process trauma
- **Operational capacity** so JCTS could scale up for the long haul



JCTS's Julie Des Becquet and Wild Flour's Parv Shah



# COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

## **AFFORDABILITY & ECONOMY**

Strengthening a sustainable, locally owned, and resilient economy.

## **HEALTH & WELLBEING**

Supporting housing, food security, mental health, and vital social services.

## **ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE ACTION**

Protecting local ecosystems and reducing emissions through community-led solutions.

## **TRUTH & RECONCILIATION**

Supporting Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, advancing inclusion, and increasing Indigenous Cultural awareness.



# MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING FUND

## CARE:

Empower community connectors to foster a culture of guidance and support.

## CONNECT:

Expand networks of belonging, especially for those with few connections.

## GRASSROOTS:

Back volunteer-driven initiatives, rather than relying solely on professional providers.





FUNDS WE STEWARD

1000 Voices Fund  
Amrize Educational Endowment Fund  
Banff Alpine Racers Fund  
Banff and Lake Louise Tourism Community Impact Program Fund  
Banff Centre Endowment Fund  
Banff Poet Laureate and Literary Arts Fund  
Banff Public Library Fund  
Bow Valley Victim Support Fund  
Canadian Rockies Public Schools Fund  
Canadian Rockies Science Fair Fund  
Canmore Public Library Fund  
Community Granting Endowment Fund

*Comprised of legacy gifts that continue to support community grants:*

Anonymous  
Banff Elder Fund  
Banff Sports Hall of Fame Fund

Brewster Memorial Trust  
Collison Family Fund  
Denis Shuler Fund  
Dimanno Sisters Fund  
Environmental Education and Stewardship Fund  
Starratt Family Fund  
Widmer Family Fund  
Young Adult Fund  
Yvonne & Doug Machuk Fund  
  
David M. Bayne Legacy Fund  
Don and Linda Edward Family Fund  
Employee Housing Initiative Fund  
Foreman & Wong Scholarship Fund  
Glover Family Fund  
Hopps/Mezei Fund  
In Memoria Alan McRoberts Fund  
In Memoria Jim Buckingham Fund  
Jasper Recovery Granting Fund  
Jasper Recovery Hospitality Workers Fund

Jones Family Fund  
JPL for Jasper Fund  
Lamphouse Endowment for the Arts  
Loretta M. Chaplin Memorial Fund  
Mactaggart Collison Fund  
Mactaggart Foundation Fund  
Marika Laub Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Mini Hrpa Fund  
Paddy Mulloy Memorial Fund  
Pauw Foundation Fund  
Pursuit Community Fund  
Pursuit for Jasper Fund  
Rockies Ride for Kids Fund  
Sather Fund  
Starratt Family Fund  
The Hughes Fund  
United Way Alberta Capital Region for Jasper Fund  
Victim Services Support Fund  
YWCA Banff Dr Priscilla Wilson Change Maker Fund



# FUNDS AT BANFF CANMORE FOUNDATION

## BCF COMMUNITY FUND

**Endowed core fund** supporting BCF’s charitable purpose and strategic priorities, including Community Grants.

## FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

FUND NAME	TYPE	PURPOSE
Environment Fund	Flow-Through	Supports community-led environmental and climate action projects.
Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund	Flow-Through	Strengthens community mental health and resilience, addressing urgent challenges like food insecurity.
Operating Fund	Operating	Provides unrestricted support for BCF operations and initiatives.
Rocky Mountain Community Relief Fund	Flow-Through	Disaster response for Jasper and Canadian Rockies communities; currently focused on Jasper wildfire recovery.
Truth and Reconciliation Fund	Flow-Through	Supports Indigenous-led projects and TRC Calls to Action; currently supporting the Mîni hrpa initiative.
Bow Valley Emergency Fund	Flow-Through	Supports immediate and emerging community needs in the Bow Valley.



# 2025 COMMUNITY GRANTS AT A GLANCE

**\$200,000 awarded**  
— our largest year ever

**24 organizations  
supported**

across food security,  
culture, environment,  
and inclusion

**Volunteer reviewers**

business owners, climate leaders,  
grassroots organizers—guided  
every decision

**Local voices, local impact**

grants shaped by lived experience  
and community expertise

“Grantmaking here isn’t just a transaction

—it’s a journey.”





# BCF COMMUNITY GRANTS RECIPIENTS

**Biosphere Institute of the Bow Valley**  
\$6,000 | Harnessing the Power of Food for Connection, Inclusion and a Healthier Planet in the Bow Valley

**Biosphere Institute of the Bow Valley**  
\$1,000 | Accelerating Climate Action in the Bow Valley

**Bow Valley Connections Centre**  
\$9,000 | Artisans With Purpose

**Canadian Mountain Arts Foundation**  
\$7,240 | Stoney Language and Culture Classes in Mîni Thnî

**Canadian Mountain Arts Foundation**  
\$4,500 | United Fest

**Canadian Rockies Public Schools**  
\$10,000 | ELL/Physical Literacy CRPS

**Canmore Hospital Foundation**  
\$8,500 | 2025–26 Wellness programs for Cancer Patients at the Bow Valley Cancer Centre

**Canmore Museum**  
\$3,868 | Stories of the Land

**Homelessness Society of the Bow Valley**  
\$8,850 | Community Cupboard Pilot Program

**Îyâhrhe Nakoda Food Bank Society**  
\$15,000 | Health and Wellness Food Hamper Program

**McDougall Stoney Mission Society**  
\$8,000 | Historic Morleyville Interpretive Trail, Phase 3 Fabrication and Installation

**Ralph Connor Memorial United Church**  
\$9,000 | Mental Health and Life Skills Programming for Bow Valley Young Adults

**Rocky Mountain Adaptive**  
\$10,600 | No Limits Adaptive Sports and Recreation, Summer Program 2025

**Spirit North**  
\$7,500 | Voices of Resilience: Sharing Indigenous Stories Through Digital Storytelling

**St Georges in the Pines**  
\$15,000 | Banff Food & Friends

**St. Michael’s Anglican Church**  
\$13,692 | Food and Friends Critical Equipment Replacement

**St. Michael’s Anglican Church**  
\$4,000 | Solar Energy Installation

**The Bow Valley Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**  
\$1,750 | Bow Valley SPCA Spay and Neuter Community Affordability Assistance Program

**The Howl Experience**  
\$10,000 | Supporting Youth Engagement in ReconciliACTION in the Bow Valley

**Town of Banff — Community Development**  
\$13,000 | Oesa Community Coordinator

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\$8,000 | Bow Valley Pride Network, Workplace Training initiative

**Town of Banff — Community Development**  
\$7,000 | Banff Pride: Community Connects

**Town of Banff — Community Development**  
\$5,500 | Donut Decorating to Reduce Loneliness in the Bow Valley

**YWCA Banff**  
\$10,500 | Leadership Strategies for Mental Health Stigma Reduction, Boundaries and Human-Centered Support





# GET INVOLVED

The strength of Banff Canmore Foundation comes from the people who believe in the Bow Valley and want to make a difference. There are many ways to get involved. Whether you're giving time, resources, or expertise, your contribution helps build a stronger, more connected community.

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## DONATE:

Support the BCF Community Fund or one of our many dedicated funds to fuel local solutions. Every gift— big or small makes a lasting difference.

## START A FUND:

Create a legacy by establishing a fund in your name, in honour of someone you love, or for a cause that matters to you.

## VOLUNTEER:

Share your expertise by joining a grant review committee, lending your voice to community conversations, or helping with events.

## PARTNER WITH US:

Work with BCF as a business, organization, or community leader to amplify impact through collaboration.

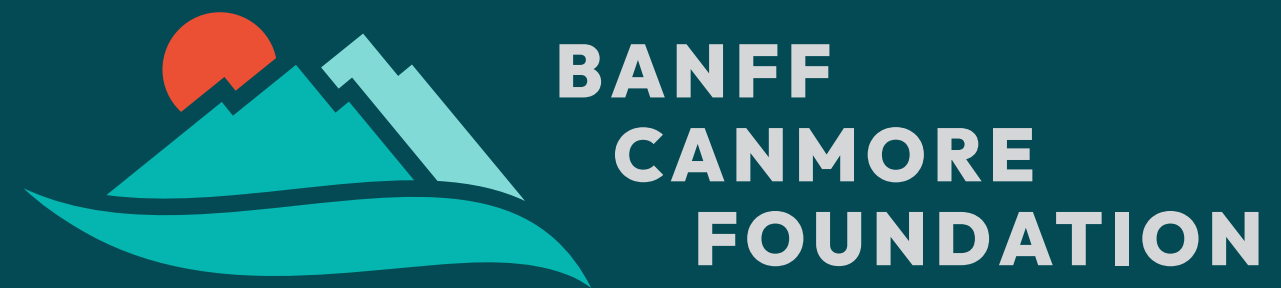
## STAY CONNECTED:

Subscribe to our newsletter, follow us on social media, and share stories of generosity that inspire others.

Together, we can ensure that generosity flows where it's needed most—today and for generations to come.

To learn more and get involved visit [banffcanmorefoundation.org](https://banffcanmorefoundation.org)





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