

Foothills United Way: 2017 Community Resilience Grants



Foothills United Way's Targeted Vision and Mission

A community working together in which all people can achieve their full potential.

Collaboratively:

- Identify community priority needs and desired outcomes
- Unite community resources in pursuit of agreed upon goals
- Take action



Partnering Opportunities

LIVE UNITED Collaboration

- Public recognition of impactful, collaborative community-building activity

Funding Opportunities

- Community Conversation Grants
- Emerging Partnership Planning Grants
- Impact Initiative Grants
- Community Resilience Grants





Why Community Resilience at Foothills United Way?

- 2008 Economic Downturn
- 2010 Fourmile Canyon Fire-Most Destructive Wildfire at the time-169 Homes Lost
- 2013 Flood – Nationally Declared Disaster
- Affordable Housing crisis
- Education Achievement Gap

These crises deepen the challenges for individuals and communities.



What is Community Resilience?

Being prepared for life's challenges.

A resilient community has the ability to withstand and recover from any type of community set-back. Together, neighbors can anticipate risk, limit impact, adapt and learn from change.



Community Resilience in the Works!

Strengthen and enhance the essential ham radio communication network for mountain communities, ensuring that vulnerable residents remain connected and get the assistance they need during times of crisis and disaster.

Connecting by Communicating - AirLink Amateur Radio Group/Jamestown BoCo Strong Resiliency Group

Equip teachers, students and their families with the skills and strategies to help them respond to emotional challenges both at school and at home.

Building Social and Emotional Resilience Through Conscious Discipline - Escuela Bilingue Pioneer Elementary School

Develop training materials for a job-readiness program which will transition formerly homeless individuals into the workforce and on to sustainable career paths.

CTK Job-Readiness Training Materials - Bridge House

Visit the website for more examples.

<http://www.unitedwayfoothills.org/community-resilience-grants>



Two main priorities

Successful community resilience projects will focus on two main priorities:

1. Building relationships
2. Providing resources





Relationships

- *Social Capital*: networks of social relationships built on trust and reciprocity.
- Using those connections to provide people with access to opportunities or other resources.

Increasing human connectedness leads to better health and lower risks of death.



Linking Connections

(Building relationships across political, organizational, hierarchical boundaries)

Bonding Connections

(Building relationships within networks, organizations, communities)



Bridging Connections

(Building relationships between networks, organizations, communities)



Resources

- Assets, Skills, Knowledge and Experience
 - Facilities
 - Technology
 - Training programs
 - Communication tools



“Using *relationships* to provide vulnerable people with access to opportunities or other *RESOURCES*.”



Project Duration

Project goals must be completed within a one year time frame. Grants will not be made for the same project goal more than once.

- Foothills United Way's resilience dollars are to be invested in the creation and establishment of a project that will have a sustained result.



Grants will be assessed on:

- *Improvements in social capital*
- *Providing resources*
- *Align with at least one of the Social Determinants of Health*
- *Completed within one-year time period*

Grant Timeline

- May 5 – June 16, 2017: Pre-Application Technical assistance prior to completing the full grant application. Not a requirement to apply.
- June 5 – July 12, 2017: Grant Application Accepted Available online. Deadline – 5 p.m. July 12
- Early December, 2017: Announce grant recipients
- Forms available online
<http://www.unitedwayfoothills.org/community-resilience-grants>



FAQ:

- ***Where do I apply:*** Applications will be available on our website.
<http://www.unitedwayfoothills.org/community-resilience-grants>
- ***Do I have to be a 501c(3)?***
NO
- ***How many grants will be awarded?***
6-12 grants will be awarded. Awards range from \$500-\$50,000.
- ***Can one organization apply for more than one grant?***
YES, though your projects would be in competition with each other.
- ***Can one organization apply for more than one Foothills United Way grant?***
YES



FAQ:

- ***Does my project have to build all three types of social capital?***
At least one. It is more common that a project focus on one.
- ***How often will I have to report on the success of our project?***
Twice, you will need to produce a mid-year report and post project report, and stay in contact with the Community Resilience team throughout the year.
- ***Does my project have to address BOTH resources AND relationships?***

YES



Additional Questions?

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www.BoCoStrong.org

