



Lyons Community Foundation

Serving the Greater Lyons Area

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BOULDER COUNTY

2021 Annual Report for Town of Lyons

We exist to improve the quality of life, build a culture of giving, and create positive change in the greater Lyons area

Introduction

LCF was established in 2007 when several area residents saw the need for a locally based philanthropy and began the hard work of setting up the Lyons Community Foundation. John Burke, Gary LaFever, Rick England among others were key in laying this groundwork. Connie Eyster and Christy Crosser were the first Advisory Board co-chairs. LCF was established under the umbrella of the Community Foundation of Boulder County and remains one of their funds.

The reasons for having a local-based nonprofit included the ability to address the unique needs of a small and diverse community. There are projects that otherwise could not occur given the budget and constraints of a small town. Also, it gives local businesses and individuals a go-to centralized resource to help and enhance their community.

LCF's Response to 2013 Flood: "Rebuild Lyons" campaign

In no time was the need for a local foundation more critical than during the flood. Because LCF existed, the **"Rebuild Lyons One life at Time"** grant program was able to spring into action, awarding over \$1M to local residents and businesses when they needed it most. Funds were given out within three months of the flood to address critical needs.

LCF's Response to COVID-19: Lyons Share Fund

In the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic and economic crisis, the Lyons Community Foundation launched **"The Lyons Share - a small business economic relief fund"** in partnership with the St. Vrain Market (SVM). The fund, seeded with proceeds from the market and matched by LCF, was designed to help local businesses survive the impact of COVID-19's forced business closures. With the added donations from the Town of Lyons and area residents, the Lyons Share Fund provided \$43,000 to local businesses.

LCF's Contributions in 2021

Community Support Grants: \$37,000

As a community foundation, LCF's main purpose is to raise money to support a diverse range of projects and populations in order to improve the quality of life, build a culture of giving and encourage positive change in the greater Lyons area. By offering a centralized source for fundraising, nonprofits can focus on their projects. Thanks to LCF's Community Support Grants, local non-profits received \$37,000 in community support grants to put towards 15 separate projects which focus on four key areas: Community Connectivity, Human Services, Youth Investment and Local Ecology.

- **Community Connectivity: \$15,200**
 - Town of Lyons: Sandstone Summer Concert Series (\$3,775), Parade of Lights (\$3,275) and the Winter Wonderland Series (\$1,600)
 - TOL Arts & Humanities Commission: heARTS Outdoor Art (\$3,500) and Creative Outlets (\$1,000)
 - TOL Parks and Recreation Commission: Lights Out Lyons Night (\$850)
 - Town of Lyons: Senior Programming (\$1,200)
- **Human Services: \$17,050**
 - LEAF - Food Pantry (\$4,500)
 - LEAF - Meals on Wheels (\$3,800)
 - LEAF - Basic Needs (\$3,000)
 - LEAF - Mental Wellness (\$4,500)
 - LEAF - Lyons Volunteers (\$1,250)
- **Youth Initiatives: \$500**
 - LHS After-prom (\$500)
- **Local Ecology: \$4,250**
 - TOL Ecology Advisory Board: Colorado Noxious Weed Identification Booklet (\$750)
 - Lyons Community Farm Project: Lyons Food Forest (\$3,500)

Senior Scholarships: \$7,500

Thanks to LCF's Scholarship Fund, six graduating high school seniors received a scholarship ranging from \$500-\$2000 to attend a post-secondary institution. This amount is included in Youth Investment in the pie chart below.

LCF's Plans for 2022

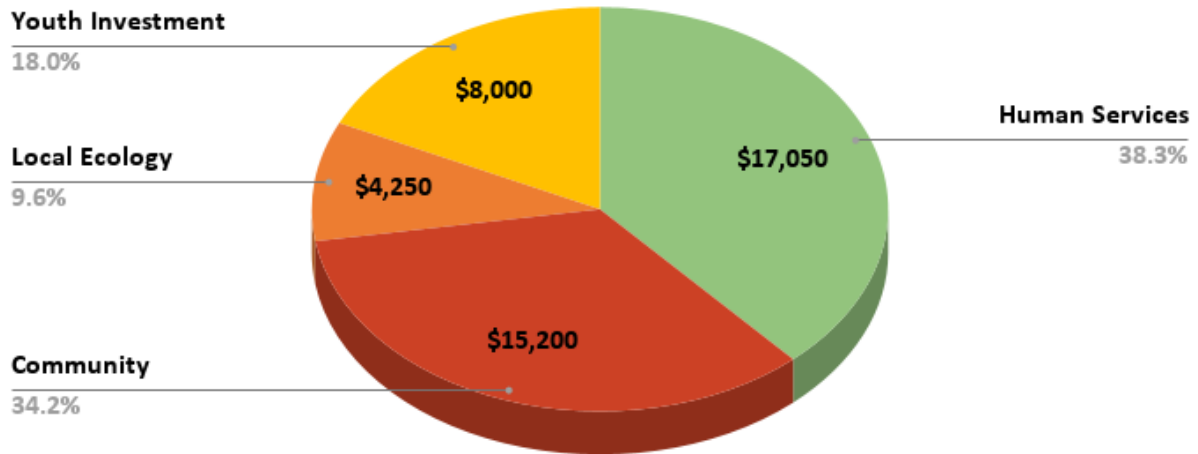
Thanks to the community's support during our first ever Hootenanny and our Community Builder/Annual Appeal Campaign, the Lyons Community Foundation had a better year than anticipated in 2021. This year, the LCF Advisory Board hopes to repeat the success of the Hootenanny by holding this family friendly event at River Bend on Sunday, August 28th, 2022. LCF is happy to partner with the Town of Lyons at local events by participating in the Winter Wonderland Concert Series, the Sandstone Concert Series as well as the Parade of Lights. Please keep us informed if the Town of Lyons decides to hold another Artisan Market. People love our root beer floats!

Community members are encouraged to get involved with the Lyons Community Foundation. Either they can respond to the postcard appeal to be sent in the spring and become a Community Builder by donating monthly OR they can include LCF in their year-end giving by responding to our annual appeal OR they can volunteer to join one of the Advisory Board's many committees.

Our continued goal is to improve the quality of life, build a culture of giving, and create positive change in the greater Lyons area. We hope to accomplish this by encouraging philanthropy, volunteerism and community connectivity through participation in the Lyons Community Foundation.

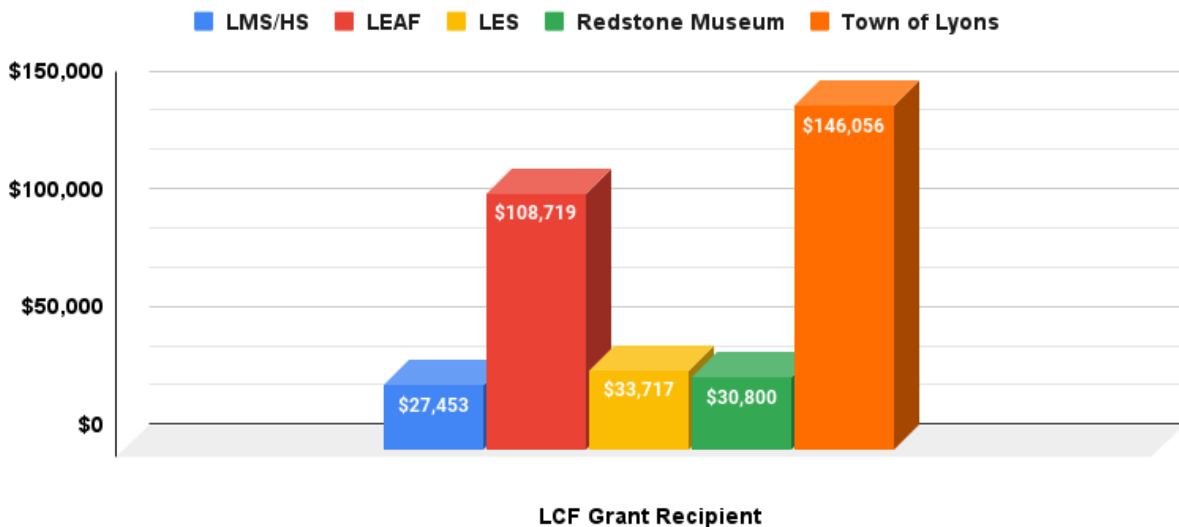
Appendix A: LCF Grants Distribution 2021

Distribution of Grants 2021

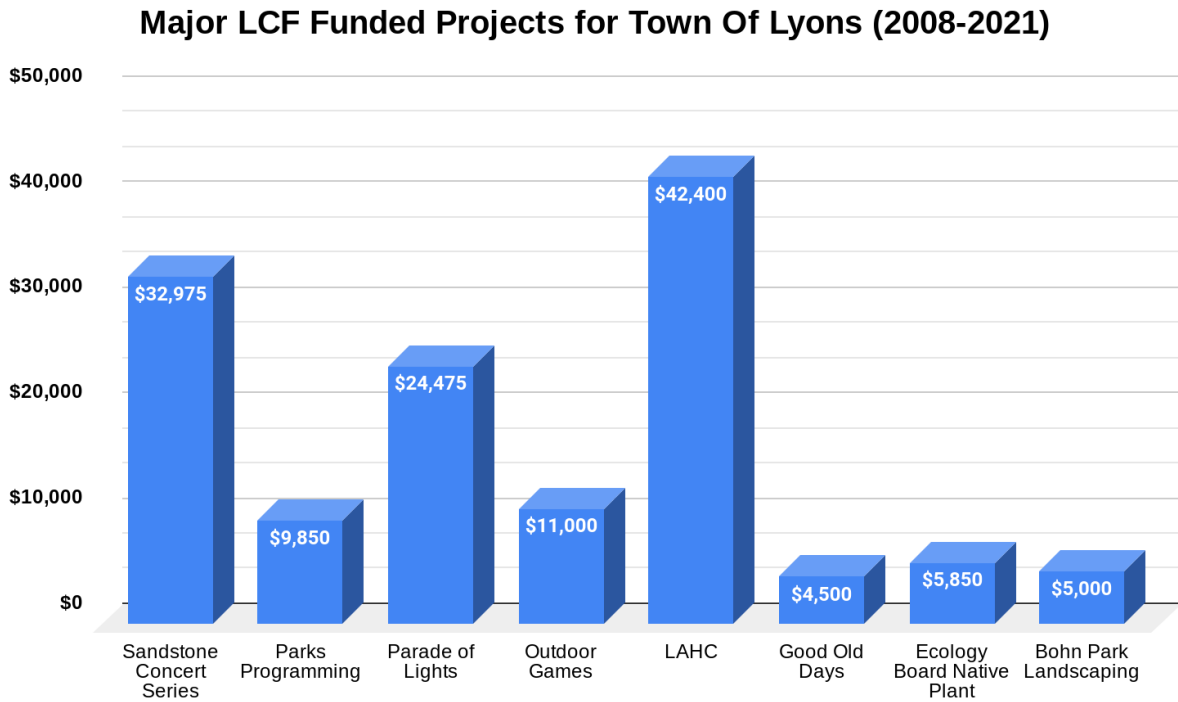


Appendix B: LCF Grant Distribution to Local Non-Profits

Major LCF Grant Recipients 2008-2021



Appendix C: LCF Grant Distribution (2008-2021) to Town of Lyons by project



Appendix D: 2021 LCF Grants to Town of Lyons by project

