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THE DENVER POST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND WELLS FARGO OFFERS GRANTS TO RIDE THE ROCKIES HOST COMMUNITIES

DENVER, CO – The Denver Post Community Foundation, in partnership with Wells Fargo, will be awarding grants in each host community during the 31st annual Ride The Rockies Bicycle Tour, June 11 - 17. These grants will support programs that benefit children and youth; arts and culture; education and literacy; and the provision of basic human services.

Beginning in 2001, Ride The Rockies host communities have been invited to apply for funding as part of the Ride The Rockies Community Grant Program. Over the past fifteen years, 102 grants have been distributed totaling more than \$555,000. The grants are awarded in each community on the same day the cyclists arrive in town.

"For the past three decades, host communities have embraced our cyclists and volunteers," said Chandler Smith, Tour Director. "This grant program is our unique way to give back and say thank you."

Grant applications are only available to nonprofit agencies in the towns where Ride The Rockies stay overnight or where the Tour concludes. Qualifying communities for 2016 include: Carbondale, Aspen & the Roaring Fork Valley, Copper Mountain (organizations that serve constituents in Copper Mountain and/ or Summit County), Grand Lake, Estes Park and Fort Collins. Award announcements for The Denver Post Community Foundation/Ride The Rockies Grant Program will be made in mid-April.

For more information or to request a grant application, please contact Renee Wheelock, Community Relations Manager at (303) 954-6704 or rwheelock@denverpost.com, or visit www.ridetherockies.com. Ride The Rockies is an event of The Denver Post Community Foundation, an IRS 501(c)3 designated organization.

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