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

DENVER, CO – For the 17th straight year, The Denver Post Community Foundation (DPCF) will be awarding grants in each host community during the Ride The Rockies Bicycle Tour, taking place June 10 – 17, 2017. The Tour, which is in its 32nd year overall, brings approximately 2000 cyclists on an unforgettable 7-day trip through Colorado's Rocky Mountains. The DPCF grants will be given to programs that support recreation and/or youth education, with priority given to those that incorporate cycling safety and bicycle use or increase access for low-income participants.

Since 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 years, 108 grants have been distributed totaling more than \$585,000. The grants are presented 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 Renee Wheelock, Tour Director. "This grant program is our way to give back and leave a lasting impact in the communities that were so welcoming to Ride The Rockies."

Grant applications are only available to nonprofit agencies in the communities where Ride The Rockies, starts, stay overnight, or where the Tour concludes. Qualifying communities for 2017 include: Alamosa, Pagosa Springs, Durango, Ridgway/Ouray, Montrose, Gunnison and Salida. These represent the communities RTR will visit in 2017, from start to finish. 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 Bill Almquist, Community Relations Manager, at (303) 954-6702 or balmquist@denverpost.com, or visit www.ridetherockies.com. Ride The Rockies is an event of The Denver Post Community Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization which serves to improve and enrich the lives of those in our community by raising and distributing funds to metro Denver and Colorado nonprofit agencies serving the areas of arts, youth, education, and human services. For more information, visit denverpostcommunity.com.

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