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GDCF FUNDING IN DEMAND

Community Grant Program receives 23 applications

(Golden) – The ninth round of grants applications by the Golden & District Community Foundation has generated a record number and value of requests.

A total of 23 applications were received, searching for some of the \$20,000 available through the Foundation's community grants programs and Golden Youth Opportunities Council grants program. With over \$87,000 in requests, the Grants Advisory Committee knows that there will be some tough decisions ahead.

Executive Director, Ryan Watmough reported, "The Community Foundation received more than double the usual number of applications this year and more than triple the request for funds. The wide-range of community project proposals will be evaluated through the month of November to determine if they meet the foundation's granting goals and address community need."

Applications up 22% for Whitetooth Affordable Ski Program

Created by the Whitetooth Ski Society, the Whitetooth Affordable Ski Program makes a limited number of skiing or snowboarding packages available to Golden and Area A children between the ages of 8 and 18, where family incomes are limited. This \$25,000 program can include season passes, lessons, rental equipment and transportation and is a cooperative effort between the Golden & District Community Foundation, Kicking Horse Mountain Resort and Golden Community Resources Society. A total of 22 applications were received in October, up from 18 in 2008.

The Golden & District Community Foundation attracts and effectively grows permanent funds; provides leadership and administration that helps in addressing significant community needs; and help donors fulfill their philanthropic interests.

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