



# 2026 Tin Cup Challenge RULES & PROCEDURES

**GIVING PERIOD | JUNE 12 - JULY 24**  
**EVENT DAY | SATURDAY, JULY 18**

## ABOUT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF TETON VALLEY

For more than 18 years, the Community Foundation of Teton Valley has been dedicated to elevating lives through the power of generosity. The Foundation organizes the annual Tin Cup Challenge, hosts professional development workshops for nonprofits, distributes grants through our Competitive Grants and Youth Philanthropy programs, and assists donors in establishing philanthropic funds.

## ABOUT THE TIN CUP CHALLENGE

The Tin Cup Challenge embodies Teton Valley's generous spirit; one in three households participates in charitable giving through this event! Since 2008, this collaborative program has raised nearly \$31 million to support local nonprofits dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in Teton Valley.

Donors can support as many nonprofits as they wish by making a single gift to the Community Foundation during the Tin Cup Challenge, confident that each organization will receive 100% of all designated gifts along with a percentage-based Match Grant from the Community Foundation. This Match Grant is made possible through the generosity of donors who contribute to the Challenger Fund annually. Tin Cup Challengers cover the costs of this program, ensuring participation is free for eligible organizations.

The 19th Annual Tin Cup Challenge Event Day is scheduled for Saturday, July 18, 2025, at Driggs City Park. This community celebration highlights the power of generosity in Teton Valley and raises awareness about the vital programs and services provided by local nonprofits. The event will feature a competitive 5K/10K run, a 5K fun run/walk, complimentary beverages, snacks, family-friendly activities, and informational booths from nonprofits.

## ABOUT THE CHALLENGE GRANT

The structure of the Tin Cup Challenge Grant is designed to provide Match Grants that broadly support local organizations, as outlined below:

- Gifts allocated for specific organizations, up to \$25,000 per organization, are eligible for a percentage Match Grant.
- Organizations with fiscal sponsorship operate under their sponsor's \$25,000 cap.
- The percentage of the Match Grant varies each year. This percentage is based on the ratio of eligible designated gifts received to the total amount raised in the Challenger Fund.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Organizations must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, a government entity, or faith-based organization.
2. All 501(c)(3) organizations must maintain good standing with the Internal Revenue Service.
3. Organizations must be in good standing with the Community Foundation of Teton Valley.
4. At the discretion of the Community Foundation of Teton Valley, organizations *MAY BE* eligible to participate through fiscal sponsorship by another eligible organization.  
***Organizations requiring a fiscal sponsor should contact the Community Foundation before applying for participation.***
5. Related organizations may be required to participate as a single entity, eligible for one Match Grant, with a shared cap of \$25,000.
6. Qualifying organizations may participate in either the Tin Cup Challenge or Old Bill's Fun Run, but not both.
7. An organization must qualify as "local" pursuant to **ANY ONE** of the definitions below:
  - An organization that predominantly serves Teton Valley (Teton County, Idaho and/or Alta, Wyoming) with Teton Valley representation on the board, **OR**
  - An official Teton Valley chapter in good standing of a state/regional/national membership organization, with a local advisory board comprised predominantly of Teton Valley residents, **OR**
  - A state organization with Teton Valley representation on the board; at least one paid employee whose responsibilities are predominantly comprised of program work in Teton Valley; and dedicated office space in Teton Valley, **OR**
  - A regional/national organization with a board or local advisory board comprised predominantly of Teton Valley residents; at least one paid employee whose responsibilities are predominantly comprised of program work in Teton Valley; and dedicated office space in Teton Valley.

## RULES & PROCEDURES

Due to the complexity and size of the Tin Cup Challenge, the Foundation has established Rules & Procedures governing participation in the program. Participation in the Tin Cup Challenge depends on adherence to the Rules & Procedures outlined in this document. Failure to comply may result in forfeiture of the Match Grant and disqualify the organization from participating in the Foundation's future programs. The Foundation reserves the right to verify compliance with any of the following:

1. All organizations must operate within the spirit of the Tin Cup Challenge: to act ethically and honestly with mutual respect to promote community harmony.
2. Funds raised through the Tin Cup Challenge **MUST**:
  - a. Be used for non-religious, charitable programming only.
  - b. Be used to benefit Teton Valley. Programs must take place in Teton County, Idaho or Alta, Wyoming.
  - c. Not be used for political activity or lobbying.
3. Match Grant Funds:
  - a. Cannot be endowed.
  - b. Cannot be subsequently granted to another participating organization.

4. Must be utilized within 18 months from the issuance of grant checks per the approved Tin Cup Challenge *Use of Funds* statement and must be returned to the Foundation if not used.
5. The Community Foundation sends Tin Cup Challenge brochures to all residences and post office boxes in Teton County, Idaho, and Alta, Wyoming. In response to donor concerns about waste and expense, please refrain from any box holder mailings to Teton Valley residents.
6. Official Race Entry and Donor Forms can be found at the Community Foundation office, local businesses, nonprofits, and online at [www.TinCupChallenge.org](http://www.TinCupChallenge.org) during the Giving Period.
7. All contributions received through the Tin Cup Challenge are subject to the Community Foundation of Teton Valley's variance power. This means that the Foundation's Board of Directors has the authority to modify or eliminate any restrictions, conditions, limitations, or trusts placed on any funds or property vested in this corporation. If, in the sole judgment of the Board of Directors, such restrictions, conditions, limitations, or trusts are deemed unnecessary, incapable of fulfillment, or inconsistent with the charitable needs of the community or area served.
8. Participation does not *guarantee* that organizations will receive funds. Organizations are responsible for soliciting donations on their behalf.

## DEADLINES & MANDATORY MEETINGS

Refer to the attached Important Dates document.

## MARKETING

Tin Cup is what you make of it! More information will follow to upload the following marketing pieces:

- **Featured Image** – Use an impactful photo that reflects Tin Cup funds at work in the community.
- **Additional Images** – Opportunity to add two more photos illustrating your impact.
- **Quote** (with optional photo) – from you, a volunteer, donor, or constituent detailing the impact and benefits of your programming or mission.
- **Video** – Short video sharing your programming in action.
  - Information is displayed dynamically; if you don't upload anything to a section, the section will not display.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

- Gifts are accepted during the 2026 Tin Cup Challenge Giving Period: June 12 through July 24 at 5:00 pm. Contributions received after July 24 will be returned.
- Organizations are prohibited from submitting donations on behalf of donors. Donors should mail or deliver their contributions and an official donor form to the Community Foundation.
- Organizations should not issue tax receipts for contributions made through the Tin Cup Challenge since these donations go directly to the Community Foundation of Teton Valley. Consequently, the Community Foundation issues all tax receipts.
- Contributions must be 100% tax-deductible, as follows:
  - **Eligible contributions:** Checks (made payable to the Community Foundation of Teton

Valley and accompanied by an official donor form), online credit card gifts at [www.TinCupChallenge.org](http://www.TinCupChallenge.org), corporate matching gifts received by the deadline, gifts of stock, or wire transfers.

- **Ineligible contributions:** Gifts made in exchange for goods and services include, but are not limited to: proceeds from events raised through raffles, drawings, and auctions; fees for programs, admission, registration, and event tickets; membership fees; tuition; and pledge payments (gifts cannot be made to fulfill a legally binding pledge agreement).

## GIFT REPORTS

- The Community Foundation provides participating organizations access to spreadsheets (Gift Reports) for viewing Tin Cup contribution information. Gift Reports include donor names, addresses, gift amounts, and any restrictions donors provide with their gifts.
- The approved contact person for each organization will receive an email containing their username and login instructions. The Community Foundation shares this information only with the organization's designated contact person, who is responsible for distributing the password appropriately.
- Gift entry and adjustments may continue through the week of August 17, 2026.

## MARKETING & USE OF LOGOS

The Community Foundation plays a key role as a grant maker in Teton Valley through the Tin Cup Challenge and values recognition in the marketing materials of participating nonprofits, such as newsletters, social media posts, articles, and annual reports.

To create a supportive marketing experience for the Tin Cup Challenge and help our generous donors connect with participating nonprofits, we're excited to offer access to the Tin Cup Challenge Logo in our Media Kit! Once participation is confirmed, you can proudly use the logos throughout the Giving Period. Just remember to wait for your approval before promoting the Tin Cup Challenge and refrain from altering the logo. Mark your calendars—the Giving Period kicks off on June 12!

Participating Nonprofit logos will be featured in **Community Counts ads** in the Teton Valley News during the Giving Period. Download **Flat Tinny** from our [Media Kit](#) to help tell your nonprofit's story, tag the Community Foundation on social media, and encourage the community to give!

### In Reference to:

**Acceptable** - Tin Cup Challenge, 2026 Tin Cup Challenge, Tin Cup 2026, 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Tin Cup Challenge, Community Foundation of Teton Valley, Community Foundation.

**Unacceptable** - TCC, CFTV.

**Informational Reminders:** In promotional collateral, organizations are encouraged to include the following:

1. Tin Cup Challenge Event Day is Saturday, July 18, 2025, at 9 am in Driggs City Park.
2. Organizations receive 100% of all gifts designated for them, plus a Match Grant from the Community Foundation.
3. Donors are encouraged to designate gifts to multiple organizations with a single contribution.

4. Contributions to participating organizations must be accompanied by an official Donor Form and made directly to the Community Foundation of Teton Valley.

## **EVENT DAY BOOTHS**

- Booth space requests are part of the nonprofit application process. The Foundation will email the contact person of each approved organization with details about hosting a booth on event day.
- Booths are encouraged, though not required, as an opportunity to promote understanding of your organization's mission within Teton Valley.
- Organizations are prohibited from displaying or distributing religious or political materials, as well as information about programs or activities that do not qualify for Tin Cup Challenge funding.
- No financial transactions or selling of goods or services are permitted at Tin Cup. If donors wish to support your organization on Event Day, please direct them to the Donations & Information booth to make their contribution.

## **STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?**

Contact the Community Foundation of Teton Valley by phone at 208-354-0230, email Program Manager Brian Thysell at [bthysell@cftetonvalley.org](mailto:bthysell@cftetonvalley.org), or visit 189 N. Main Street, Suite 112, Driggs, ID 83422.



## 2026 Tin Cup Challenge - Important Dates

### MARCH

Tuesday, March 10, 9:00 – 9:30 am: **MANDATORY KICK-OFF MEETING FOR NEW NONPROFITS** at the Community Foundation office to review Rules & Procedures, required for organizations that have never participated or did not participate in 2025. Attendance is strongly encouraged for nonprofit staff members new to the Tin Cup Challenge.

Tuesday, March 10, 9:30 –10:00 am: **Personalized help with your Tin Cup application & logins.**

Tuesday, March 10, 9:00 am: **APPLICATION AVAILABLE** for nonprofits at [TinCupChallenge.org](https://TinCupChallenge.org). Please contact [Brian Thysell](#) for application support.

### APRIL

Friday, April 3, 5:00 pm: **APPLICATION DEADLINE** – Tin Cup Challenge applications due and must be submitted to participate. Grant Reports from the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Tin Cup Challenge are due, as part of the application process (*if organization participated*). Notification of acceptance will be emailed in late April.

### MAY

Thursday, May 14, 3:00 – 4:30 pm: **MANDATORY MARKETING MEETING** at Driggs Senior Center. At least one representative from each participating nonprofit should attend this informative and inspirational meeting – increase your nonprofit’s involvement, bring a Board member!

### JUNE

Thursday, June 4, 5:00 pm: **MARKETING DEADLINE** – upload requested materials for supplementary advertising opportunities during the Tin Cup Challenge.

Friday, June 12, 9:00 am: **GIVING PERIOD OPENS!** Donations accepted at [tincupchallenge.org](https://tincupchallenge.org), via mail, and in person at the Community Foundation office. Brochures are available at the Community Foundation and mailed to all Teton County, ID residents.

### JULY

Friday, July 17 at 5:00 pm: **ONLINE TIN CUP RACE REGISTRATION DEADLINE** – Final day for online 10k, 5k, and Fun Run registration. In-person registration available on Event Day.

Saturday, July 18: **19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TIN CUP CHALLENGE EVENT DAY!**

7:00–7:45 am	Booth check-in at Driggs City Park. <b>Please do not arrive earlier than 7:00 am.</b>
9:00 am	Competitive 5K/10K Run Start
9:03 am	5K Fun Run/Walk Start
9 am-12 pm	Family Activities & Nonprofit Booths at the Driggs City Park

Friday, July 24, 5:00 pm: **GIVING PERIOD CLOSES** – Deadline to donate through the Tin Cup Challenge.

### AUGUST

Wednesday, August 26, 6:00 – 8:00 pm: **AWARDS CEREMONY at Moose Creek Ranch!** Celebrate all that Tin Cup does for our community and leave with your organization’s grant check! Checks for all participating nonprofits **must** be picked up by a representative.