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Our Valley receives Community Foundation grant to fund local projects

WENATCHEE — Our Valley Our Future has been awarded \$130,000 over the next three years by the Community Foundation of NCW to support projects and programs identified by the community through Our Valley Our Future that aim to improve the region's quality of life.

Organizations leading the 149 projects listed in Our Valley's 2017-21 Action Plan can apply for the funds. Our Valley is establishing criteria to evaluate applications, which will be available online.

The grant award was announced today at the Our Valley Action Plan Unveiling Luncheon at the Wenatchee Convention Center.

The Community Foundation of NCW and the United Way of Chelan and Douglas Counties jointly applied on behalf of Our Valley for support from Philanthropy Northwest with funding through The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

"We are thrilled with this grant from the Community Foundation, as it will provide lead partners seed money to get their projects or programs off the ground and toward a successful conclusion," said Shiloh Schauer, an Our Valley Core Team member and executive director of the Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce. "Many thanks go to the Community Foundation and United Way for leading the way and securing these funds."

"The Community Foundation of North Central Washington is so very proud to be able to support the projects identified, promoted and ultimately accomplished by our local citizens," said Beth Stipe, Community Foundation executive director. "We can't thank Philanthropy Northwest and The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation enough for supporting those dreams and goals, and helping us turn them into reality."

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