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Nonprofit Center Viable for Park City? Survey Explores the Concept

The survey asks about facility, administration and service needs of nonprofit community

Summit County, Utah - The Park City Foundation (PCF) is conducting a survey of local nonprofit needs for distribution to Park City area nonprofits. The survey focuses on office space, equipment, administration and service needs of nonprofit organizations and will be distributed from Monday, May 17 to Wednesday, May 26 through an online service. It explores the concept of a nonprofit center; an idea that has been floated by community leaders, donors and nonprofit professionals for some time.

According to the Nonprofit Center Network, there are over 150 nonprofit centers across the United States. The survey is the first step in deciding if a nonprofit center would be viable and desirable in Park City. "In about two months time, we had a dozen people ask The Park City Foundation about the concept of a nonprofit center," says Trisha Worthington, Executive Director. "We decided to explore the idea with the logical first step: information gathering." The survey is adapted from one developed by Nonprofit Center Network.

"Nonprofits, especially small and grass-root organizations, expend both time and money on basic office functions," states Bill Coleman. "Donor dollars can have more impact if we increase efficiency." Coleman, PCF board member and long-time Park City nonprofit supporter, is heading a committee that is reviewing the feasibility of a nonprofit center. All nonprofits serving the people and workforce of Summit County are asked to participate in the survey, regardless of their interest in a center. "The data may reveal various ways our sector can collaborate and partner to be more effective," states Worthington. According to the Nonprofit Center Network, one of the most important benefits to shared workspace is the synergy of being with other mission-minded people.

The Park City Foundation is Utah's first community foundation. It supports nonprofits and donors throughout Summit County. It engages in grant making, asset building and community leadership activities. To learn more or access the survey, visit www.theparkcityfoundation.org.