

Four Way Community Foundation makes grants to area nonprofits

BY KATE DWYER

Get in on the grants, neighbors!

The Four Way Community Foundation makes capital grants of up to \$10,000 to nonprofits in Josephine and western Jackson counties. If your nonprofit organization has a project west of the 123rd line of longitude (Applegate Valley Fire District #5 is just a hair east of the line; Logtown Cemetery is just west of the line), go to fourwaycommunityfoundation.org/grants and learn more about funding opportunities. The capital grants application window closes April 1.

Groups funded in or near the Applegate in recent years include A Greater Applegate (those terrific Applegate Valley welcome signs), Applegate Partnership (the Agnes Baker Pilgrim memorial installation at Cantrall Buckley Park), Pacifica (most recently, fire sprinklers), Sanctuary One (a tractor for hay production), Sugarloaf Community Association (the Sport Court), the Williams Branch of Josephine Community Libraries (access ramp), and White Oak Farm (electrical upgrades).

In addition to making grants, the Four Way Community Foundation offers networking and technical assistance for nonprofits.



You can give back to your community with philanthropic gift instruments crafted to your specific wishes. The Four Way Community

Foundation has tools to help you leave a legacy that reflects your place-based life and values, supporting the nonprofits you care about most.

Four Way strives to keep the grant application process simple and the giving process enjoyable. Your success is our success; we live here too!

The foundation was originally founded in 1975 by members of the Rotary Club of Grants Pass. Although there has been no formal association with Rotary for decades, the foundation honors its origins and the high ethical standards it inherited by retaining its name, which derives from the Rotary "Four Way Test": Of the things we think, say, or do, ask (1) Is it the truth? (2) Is it fair to all? (3) Will it build goodwill and better friendships? (4) Will it be beneficial to all?

If you'd like to discuss a grant proposal or a gift, please call Executive Director Kate Dwyer at 541-474-9774 (office) or send an email to fourwaycommfdn@gmail.com.

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Las Palmas Mexican Cuisine. If you're like me, you've become a little spoiled by having Las Palmas parked by the Ramsay Realty lot at the Upper Applegate turnoff. Getting your carne asada fix and feel-good comfort food served by familiar smiling faces is a treat. So: Where's the truck?! Taco gods giveth and taco gods taketh away. What gives?

I caught up with Luis Jr. to get some answers. Sorry folks, but the truck won't be back to that location until renovations at the main restaurant are complete. Unfortunately, that date is unknown at this time as they are still in demolition mode from the fire damage. Meanwhile, you can cure your burrito cravings at the new Las Palmas Express trailer on Fourth Street in Jacksonville, parked along the Las Palmas property, or the new truck location near Rogue Community College on Table Rock Road in Central Point.

The Rodriguez family would like to thank everyone for their patience and for sticking with them as they navigate all the changes. "It's been challenging, to say the least. We are down to just core family and two previous employees, bringing the hardworking team to just nine people from 16. We already felt supported by the community, but it's even more so lately—first during COVID when people were still coming in and willing to eat off foil-lined plates. We know it's not the same as a hot plate at the table with friends and family. Then the fire happened, and the outpouring of loving support and heartfelt gestures have been overwhelming. We are beyond grateful."

Luis says they are still available for catering and events, large and small. For more information, you can reach Luis Jr. at 541-324-0625. The Table Rock food truck location is 6679 Table Rock Road, Central Point. Hours at both locations are 11 am to 6:30 pm Monday through Friday.

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