Community Leadership:

Community foundations take on challenging issues, pursue cross-sector solutions, engage citizens, and marshal the needed resources to improve their communities and provide opportunity for all.

(from CF Leads, Community Foundations Leading Change)



The Community Foundation of Mendocino County extends it community engagement beyond grant-making by bringing people together to develop connections and find new ways to respond to community issues.

2000

Arts Council of Mendocino County: The Community Foundation convened county artists and then established an Arts Council Coordinating Committee. The Community Foundation met with the committee throughout the formation of the Arts Council of Mendocino County, which the Community Foundation helped to incorporate.

Homeless Youth Task Force: The Community Foundation initiated the meetings and provided a facilitator to a local coalition of service providers. These efforts resulted in funding for transitional housing for foster youth.

2001

2003-04

Cultural Plan: The Community Foundation developed funding and coordinated (with the Arts Council) a comprehensive county-wide planning process that resulted in the Mendocino County Cultural Plan.

Women's Network: The Community Foundation convened women on the coast and inland to discuss issues facing their communities including education, health care, and economic development. A Women's Network discussion planted the seed for Art Center Ukiah.

2004-06

2010-11

Arts in the Schools: The Community Foundation's efforts to raise money and awareness of the importance of arts in the schools brought together artists and arts educators who formed the Mendocino County Alliance for Arts Education and advocated heavily for the reintroduction of art education in many of the county school districts.

Broadband: The Community Foundation brought together the Economic Development and Financing Corporation (EDFC) and the County of Mendocino to form a working group to develop broadband access for individuals, business, and key county institutions. This led to the creation of the Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County which is currently supported by the County of Mendocino and is a part of the North Bay Broadband Consortium.

2011present

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North Coast Executive Directors Lunches: The Community Foundation convenes non-profits on the coast for informal connecting and problem solving resulting in better coordination of fundraising and collaboration on events and other activities.

Work Force Development: The Community Foundation convened local business and education leaders to promote work force readiness in local schools and provide job shadowing opportunities.

2015present