

# LUFKIN FAMILY FOUNDATION

## GENERATIONAL BREEDING PROJECT PILOT

The Lufkin Family Foundation generational Breeding Project was created to honor the wishes of long time Routt County rancher, the late Donald C. Lufkin, and his legacy of sustaining beef production in Routt County. Through Mr. Lufkin's generous endowment, this project supports local 4-H youth in starting or expanding their own cattle breeding operations by providing grants up to \$1,500. Funds from the project may be used to purchase breeding females, breeding males, semen for artificial insemination, and more approved expenses.

### PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

To participate in the Lufkin Family Foundation Generational Breeding Project, members must meet the following criteria:

- Be an active Routt County 4-H Member in good standing.  
*Note: Older 4-H members are still encouraged to apply even if they will age out of the program within three years. They may fulfill the three-year requirement by creating an annual marketing video and completing breeding project records to share with the committee during the scheduled check-ins.*
- Submit a complete business proposal by February 1, 2026, including:
  1. Three year plan for the breeding operation (production cycle, marketing ideas, etc.).
  2. A specific request for funds
  3. Projected costs and expected outcomes
  4. Anticipated goals of the project
  5. Description of facilities, feed resources, and animal care plan
- Contribute their own funds or resources towards the project (grants will provide up to \$1,500 in additional funding).
- Use funds for approved livestock breeding expenses (breeding animals, breeding fees, etc.)
- Exhibit their project one of two ways:
  1. Show their animals they have invested in at the Routt County Fair each year as part of their project commitment. Expected progress over time includes:
    - Year 1: Show a heifer calf
    - Year 2: Show your bred heifer
    - Year 3: Show your cow-calf pair to demonstrate a sustained breeding program.
  2. Create a marketing video showing the project. Videos should be put together and displayed in a way that allows the viewer to get a full view of the project.
- Provide regular progress updates to the committee throughout the year. Check-ins will include:
  1. June 15<sup>th</sup>: Video/In-Person Showcase Update
  2. August 1<sup>st</sup>: Video Check-in/Marketing Video Due
  3. Routt County Fair: Exhibit or Marketing Video
  4. Fall: Email Check-In
- Agree to mentor younger participants as they gain experience.

Failure to meet the three year commitment or program guidelines may result in paying back initial funds, loss of funding, or ineligibility for future support. Members who complete at least 3 years of this project will receive an award at the end.

**APPLY NOW**

Submit your business proposals to Millie Delaney Biggart and the committee by February 1, 2026.

For questions and more details please reach out to Millie directly.

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