



Fact Sheet for Participating Members:

Kittredge Improvement Fund is in cooperation with Evergreen Legacy Foundation.

The Evergreen Legacy Foundation (ELF), a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, collects a 1% voluntary donation from customers of participating businesses on purchases of goods or services. This money is used for infrastructure projects to fill a void because Evergreen and Kittredge is unincorporated and thus considered "rural," exempting it from amenities such as sidewalks, crosswalks, bike lanes, and paved shoulders.

PARTICIPANTS: Participating businesses throughout Kittredge include restaurants, retail shops, lodges, health and beauty service providers, and other professional businesses. Some businesses and individuals make annual contributions as well.

CUSTOMERS MAY OPT OUT: It is the choice of each customer whether they want to donate 1% or not. It is not a "tax," it is a "voluntary contribution." If a customer does not wish to participate, you must remove the donation from their bill or receipt.

HOW MONEY IS USED: The 1% collected by businesses is sent to the Evergreen Legacy Foundation (ELF) with a KIF designation, which saves it in interest-bearing accounts until needed by the County for a specific project. The Legacy Fund reserves the first \$90,000 of donations each year to apply towards cash-match grants for the express use in infrastructure improvements within the Kittredge Improvement Fund (KIF). Grants replenish the KIF fund, enabling 80% of each dollar donated to be recycled multiple times.

KIF was formally formed in April 2026 to undertake and maintain these infrastructure improvements. As excess donations are available, funds are used for soft infrastructure such as marketing, beautification, and other local projects to benefit the community.

PROJECTS: KIF was formed in April 2026. We are working on a booklet to showcase the projects we plan to complete. We can't wait to share this with you.

Kittredge Improvement Fund (KIF) Committee:

Molly Nelson (President) | Evan Jeffries (Vice President) | Alli Mueller (ELF Board Member) |
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