

John Galusha, Chairman
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HUERFANO COUNTY GOVERNMENT BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

Date: April 25, 2023
To: Huerfano County Board of County Commissioners
From: Carl Young, County Administrator
Re: Community Development Funding Recommendations

Summary: On February 16, 2023 the County opened our 2023 Community Development Funding Request Process. The application window closed on March 21, 2023. We received 22 Funding Requests from 15 organizations totaling \$353,199.78. A committee of staff and elected officials reviewed the applications has recommended the award of \$128,000 in Community Development Spending. \$89,000 of which was competitively awarded will come from the American Rescue Plan State and Local Funds and \$39,000 of which was not competitively awarded and will come from the Local and Tribal Consistency Funds. This leaves \$11,000 remaining in American Rescue Plan State and Local Funds for that have been obligated for non-profit support.

Requested Motion/Action:

Motion to authorize the following expenditures from the American Rescue Plan State and Local Funds:

- \$5,000 to Museum of Friends;
- \$3,000 to La Veta Village, Inc.;
- \$8,000 to Two Peaks Fitness Inc.;
- \$5,000 to Huerfano County Youth Services;
- \$22,000 to Panadero Ski Corporation;
- \$2,000 to Metro Volunteers;
- \$1,000 to Huajatolla Heritage Foundation;
- \$2,000 to The American Legion, Post 16 Huerfano;
- \$3,000 to La Veta Trails, Inc.;
- \$4,500 to Walsenburg Downtown Revitalization Committee;
- \$1,000 to La Clinica;
- \$2,500 to Rocky Mountain Farmers Union Educational & Charitable Foundation;
- \$20,000 to Spanish Peaks Community Foundation Inc.; and
- \$10,000 to Scenic Highway of Legends Inc. for Grant Administration

Motion to authorize the expenditure of \$39,000 from the Local and Tribal Consistency Fund for free concerts and outdoor movies to the Spanish Peaks Community Foundation.

Background:

On February 16, 2023 the County opened our 2023 Community Development Funding Request Process. The application window closed on March 21, 2023. We received 22 Funding Requests

from 15 organizations totaling \$353,199.78. The committee met on April 11, 2023 and reviewed the applications made the following recommendations:

Applicant	Recommendation
Museum of Friends	\$5,000.00
La Veta Village, Inc.	\$3,000.00
Two Peaks Fitness Inc.	\$8,000.00
Huerfano County Youth Services	\$5,000.00
Panadero Ski Corporation	\$22,000.00
Metro Volunteers	\$2,000.00
Huajatolla Heritage Foundation	\$1,000.00
The American Legion, Post 16 Huerfano	\$2,000.00
La Veta Trails, Inc.	\$3,000.00
Walsenburg Downtown Revitalization Committee	\$4,500.00
La Clinica	\$1,000.00
Rocky Mountain Farmers Union Educational & Charitable Foundation	\$2,500.00
Spanish Peaks Community Foundation Inc.	\$20,000.00
Scenic Highway of Legends	\$10,000.00
Total	\$89,000.00

The Cuchara Foundation was recommended for award, but withdrew their request on Friday, April 21, 2023.

The Committee recommends that the above recommended \$10,000 for the Scenic Highway of Legends, which was requested for grant administration fees, be set aside until the grant is awarded. The Committee also requested County Staff reach out to SCEDD to see if they might be able to assist with that grant administration at a lower amount.

The Committee made a non-competitive recommendation to provide \$27,000 in funding for a free concert series and another \$12,000 in funding for a free outdoor movie series with the Fox Theatre Walsenburg as the selected partner. This was submitted through a Community Development Funding Request Application, but not considered with the other applications.

The total amount recommended to be awarded is \$128,000.

Signature of the Chair

Approved

Approved with Changes

Denied

