

CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM

DEPARTMENT	PRESENTED BY	DATE
Administration	Drew Nelson - City Administrator	December 21, 2021

ITEM

Funding Request - Boys and Girls Club

BACKGROUND

The Boys and Girls Club of Chaffee County has submitted a letter requesting capital funding in the amount of \$31,902 to finish of their campaign for facilities that serve youth in Salida and Chaffee County. Please see the attached letter for additional information.

FISCAL NOTE

\$31,902 has been requested for the capital campaign. This can be accommodated in the approved 2021 Annual Budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of funding the request in the amount of \$31,902.

SUGGESTED MOTION

A City Councilmember should state, "I move to approve funding for the Boys and Girls Club of Chaffee County in the amount of \$31,902", followed by a second and a roll call vote.

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.



Boys & Girls Clubs Of Chaffee County Salida Branch P.O. Box 1430 Salida, CO 81201 Tel 719-539-9500 Fax 719-539-9600 Boys & Girls Clubs of Buena Vista Branch P.O. Box 5148 Buena Vista, CO 81211 Tel 719-395-7014

December 15, 2021

Dear Mayor Shore & City Council Members:

I write to you today to both thank you for your longtime support of our organization and to provide an update on our **Building Great Futures Campaign!** *Together* we have changed the trajectory of **8,658** young lives over the past 16 years. Your annual support has allowed us to continue our mission of inspiring and enabling all young people, *especially those who need us most*, to realize their full potential as caring, productive, responsible citizens. As the largest and *most vital* youth organization in Chaffee County, your investments have given rural, working families the opportunity to thrive here in Salida. *Because of you*, we have reached more kids, more often, more deeply.

As you know, we are a prevention-based, youth development organization, serving hundreds of youth and teens between the ages of 6 and 18 every year. We are also a facility-based organization. Our **Building Great Futures Campaign** began over 4 years ago with a bold vision: to provide a new, permanent home for our Club; a place where our focused outcomes of academic success, healthy lifestyles and leadership could reach and respond to the challenges facing young people today and in the future.

It is with great excitement that I share that after nearly two years of fundraising efforts, we are nearly to the finish line. As of today, we have raised \$1.6Million! We are at 98% of our goal, with only \$31,902 remaining. We've been motivated, inspired and honored to receive support from more than 120 local individual donors, foundations, businesses and county government. It's a collective effort we can all be proud of as our Salida home has the fingerprints of many and the imprints of those who care.

Wouldn't it be incredible for our Salida city officials to be the ones who helped us across the finish line? With your final, one-time investment, our campaign will be a complete success!

You helped us open our doors 16 years ago. With your final push, we can ensure youth and working families have an open door to success for years to come. Thank you again for considering our request of \$31,902.