



COUNCIL ACTION FORM

DEPARTMENT Administration	PRESENTED BY Christy Doon - City Administrator	DATE April 2, 2024
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ITEM

Community Grants Recommendation – 2024 Municipal Community Grants– Chaffee County Community Foundation (CCCF)

BACKGROUND

The City of Salida entered into an agreement with the CCCF to administer a Donor Advised Fund on the City's behalf. The donor Advised Fund allows the City to provide charitable funding to local non-profit groups that provide community services in line with the City's mission and goals. CCCF accepted applications in January and utilized their Grant Review Committee Process to review applications and make the attached funding recommendation.

FISCAL NOTE

The City, through the budget process, allocated 1% of the General Fund Sales Tax budget (City and County) for charitable giving in 2024, equating to \$93,798. As noted in the attached memo, CCCF has allocated \$90,046 to 31 applicants.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council approve the 2024 Municipal Community Grants Funding Recommendation.

SUGGESTED MOTION

A City Councilmember should state, "I move to approve an expenditure of \$90,046 to the Chaffee County Community Foundation to provide funding for the 2024 Municipal Community Grants" followed by a second and a roll call vote.

2024 Municipal Community Grants Funding Recommendations

City of Salida

Summary

The 2024 Grant Process received 46 applications for funding. Two applicants were ineligible due to political affiliation and an incomplete application. 11 applicants were not recommended for funding. 33 Applicants (72%) recommended for funding with an average award size of \$4,445. The funding minimum award is \$1,200 and the maximum is \$17,500.

In comparison to the 2023 process, 77% of applicants were recommended for funding with an average award of \$3,950. The minimum award was \$1,000 and a maximum of \$12,000.

31 applicants were allocated funding from the Salida Community Grants Fund totaling \$90,046. The average award size from the City of Salida fund was \$2,905. Twenty-eight of the applicants were also awarded funding by the Town of Buena Vista with a total of \$146,686 invested in the community.

Organizations were evaluated on their total impact - not on the impact of a particular project. The exception to this organization other than 501c3's and faith-based organizations which applied for a specific charitable activity. The review consisted of a scoring process in which an application was scored based on the merits of its own application in comparison to the rubric. During the scoring process and during a follow up meeting, the committee identified questions to ask the applicant to clarify information from their application. Following the interviews, the committee compared the applicants and awarded funds based on the impact of the organizations. This process was incredibly competitive, with many applicants submitting high quality applications. The committee sought to fund high impact projects through meaningful grants. Unfortunately not all applicants could be funded due to budget considerations, however we would like to commend the dedication of the grants committee to reviewing and evaluating all applicants carefully and thoroughly.

The Grant Review Committee consisted of 8 volunteers who contributed at least 25 hours of their time to review applicants and make funding recommendations. CCCF is incredibly grateful for these dedicated volunteers who made it possible to have a balanced and in-depth review of the applicants.

Application	Committee Reviews	Interviews
Complete	Score (% to 100)	Follow-up Questions
501c3 or tax-exempt status	Direct benefit	Additional documentation
All required documents uploaded	Avg. \$\$ recommendation	New information or changes
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Application Summaries

Due to the large number of applications, these summaries only include organizational mission statements, reviewer ranking average, amount requested and amount funded. Full applications, individual evaluations, and other documentation are available on request.

Attached at the end is a summary spreadsheet showing all awards, average score, and the allocation of funding.

Example of the summary:

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name

Mission Statement of Organization goes here.

Committee Review Rank:
%

Site Visit Conducted:
Yes/No

Requested Amount:
\$.00

Avg. Committee Recommendation:
\$.00

Final Recommendation:
\$0.00

Funding:

Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista

Amount funded by City of Salida

Attachments:

Summary Narrative

Summary Spreadsheet

2024 COMMUNITY GRANT PROCESS - FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS												
Organization Name	Amount Requested	Type of Organization	BV Residents	BV Funds	Salida Residents	Salida Funds	Other Entity Residents	Score FINAL	FINAL AWARD RECOMMENDATION	AVE: Yes to Funding	TOTAL AVE SCORE	TOTAL Yes/No
Honesty in Chaffee County under Protest	\$3,000	Nonprofit Organization	50	\$0	50	\$0	0	2.54	\$0	2	3.63	2.00
BV Made	\$9,000	Nonprofit Organization	68	\$0	14	\$0	18	2.67	\$0	2	3.67	2.33
Collegiate Peaks Chorale	\$3,000	Nonprofit Organization	70	\$0	25	\$0	5	2.81	\$0	2	3.42	3.00
Buena Vista Event Cooperative	\$3,500	Nonprofit Organization	70	\$0	15	\$0	15	2.86	\$0	2	3.92	2.67
Truth Has a Voice Foundation	\$9,685	Nonprofit Organization	30	\$0	60	\$0	10	3.22	\$0	4	4.00	1.67
Blue Elements	\$5,000	Nonprofit Organization	33	\$0	33	\$0	33	3.25	\$0	3	4.42	2.33
Peak to Peak Pickleball Club	\$5,000	Nonprofit Organization	28	\$0	54	\$0	18	3.47	\$0	2	4.42	4.00
Gore Valley Soccer Club	\$2,500	Regional Org	100	\$0	0	\$0	0	3.61	\$0	3	4.17	3.67
Chaffee Cares	\$5,000	Nonprofit Organization	40	\$0	60	\$0	0	2.93	\$0	4	3.21	1.67
Articipate	\$5,000	Nonprofit Organization	10	\$0	80	\$0	10	3.75	\$0	3	3.54	3.33
Buena Vista Middle School/Buena Vista School I	\$6,000	501c4, 501c6 or Governm	94	0	0	\$0	6	3.83	\$0	4	4.17	3.33
Justis Theater Works	\$2,220	Nonprofit Organization	15	\$300	80	\$900	5	3.26	\$1,200	4	3.79	2.00
High Country Fine Arts Association	\$1,500	Nonprofit Organization	90	\$1,200	4	\$0	6	3.35	\$1,200	4	3.92	2.67
The Noteables	\$2,500	Nonprofit Organization	16	\$360	52	\$840	32	3.46	\$1,200	4	3.71	2.67
Salida Council for the Arts	\$4,000	Nonprofit Organization	0	\$0	100	\$1,400	0	3.56	\$1,400	4	4.67	2.00
Buena Vista Singletrack Coalition	\$5,000	Nonprofit Organization	75	\$1,500	15	\$250	10	3.6	\$1,750	3	3.83	1.33
Mini-Blessings	\$3,000	Nonprofit Organization	70	\$1,050	25	\$350	5	3.63	\$1,400	3	4.13	3.67
Neighbor to Neighbor Volunteers/Mountain Valley	\$10,000	Nonprofit Organization	20	\$1,060	73	\$2,440	7	3.74	\$3,500	4	4.21	3.00
Salida Concerts Inc (Salida Aspen Concerts)	\$2,750	Nonprofit Organization	14	\$280	62	\$1,120	24	3.74	\$1,400	4	3.88	3.33
Heart of the Rockies Rampage	\$2,500	Nonprofit Organization	10	\$240	70	\$960	20	4	\$1,200	4	3.92	2.67
Alpine Orchestra, Inc.	\$1,500	Nonprofit Organization	40	\$600	40	\$600	20	4.11	\$1,200	4	4.17	2.67
Foodshed Alliance	\$10,000	501c4, 501c6 or Governm	30	\$720	70	\$1,680	0	4.15	\$2,400	4	4.46	4.00
Chaffee County Public Health	\$5,000	501c4, 501c6 or Governm	45	\$1,600	45	\$1,600	10	4.17	\$3,200	4	4.63	4.00
Colorado Farm To Table Inc	\$5,000	Statewide or Regional Org	10	\$1,600	10	\$1,600	80	4.18	\$3,200	4	4.88	3.33
Places to Age	\$6,000	Nonprofit Organization	40	\$2,000	40	\$2,000	20	4.2	\$4,000	4	4.38	3.33
The Alliance dba The Alliance Against Domestic	\$2,500	Nonprofit Organization	22	\$600	67	\$1,400	11	4.2	\$2,000	4	4.88	3.33
KHEN 106.9fm Community Radio	\$5,000	Nonprofit Organization	10	\$640	88	\$2,560	2	4.21	\$3,200	4	4.63	4.00
Chaffee County Early Childhood Council	\$12,000	Nonprofit Organization	50	\$3,500	50	\$3,500	0	4.22	\$7,000	4	4.58	4.00
elevateHER	\$10,000	Nonprofit Organization	50	\$2,000	50	\$2,000	0	4.24	\$4,000	4	4.71	4.00
Ark-Valley Humane Society	\$3,000	Nonprofit Organization	48	\$1,000	48	\$1,000	4	4.25	\$2,000	3	4.50	4.00
Salida Cyclones Swim team	\$5,000	Nonprofit Organization	10	\$800	80	\$3,200	10	4.25	\$4,000	4	4.75	3.00
Chaffee County Hospitality Inc.	\$30,000	Nonprofit Organization	20	\$4,300	60	\$13,200	20	4.25	\$17,500	4	4.38	3.67
Buena Vista Heritage	\$5,869	Statewide or Regional Org	40	\$3,200	10	\$800	50	4.3	\$4,000	4	4.29	4.00
Salida Mountain Trails	\$12,000	Nonprofit Organization	15	\$1,500	70	\$6,000	15	4.3	\$7,500	4	4.92	3.67
Shining Mountains Montessori School	\$4,000	Nonprofit Organization	90	\$4,000	5	\$0	5	4.32	\$4,000	4	4.96	4.00
Chaffee Housing Trust	\$20,000	Nonprofit Organization	25	\$4,570	55	\$6,834	20	4.5	\$11,404	3	4.83	3.67
Chaffee County Amateur Hockey Association	\$11,329	Nonprofit Organization	20	\$1,395	70	\$4,187	10	4.5	\$5,582	3	4.46	2.33
Conservation Legacy	\$5,000	Statewide or Regional Org	0	\$0	10	\$3,000	90	4.5	\$3,000	3	4.67	3.00
Full Circle Restorative Justice	\$10,000	Nonprofit Organization	33	\$4,250	47	\$4,250	20	4.5	\$8,500	4	4.38	4.00
Boys & Girls Clubs of Chaffee County	\$18,000	Nonprofit Organization	49	\$7,875	49	\$7,875	2	4.5	\$15,750	4	4.75	3.67
Greater Arkansas River Nature Association	\$6,000	Nonprofit Organization	20	\$1,500	50	\$3,500	30	4.5	\$5,000	4	4.71	4.00
Achieve, Inc.	\$5,000	Nonprofit Organization	38	\$2,000	43	\$2,000	19	4.75	\$4,000	4	4.67	3.67
Guidestone Colorado	\$5,000	Nonprofit Organization	15	\$1,000	70	\$4,000	15	4.75	\$5,000	4	4.96	4.00
Chaffee Childcare Initiative	\$5,000	Statewide or Regional Org	0	\$0	40	\$5,000	60	4.85	\$5,000	4	4.83	4.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$251,668		BV FUNDS	\$56,640	SAL FUNDS	\$90,046	TOTAL FUNDS	\$146,686				

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Alpine Orchestra, Inc.

Mission Statement: The Alpine Orchestra's musicians of all backgrounds and all ages contribute, through orchestral music, cultural, educational, and student music scholarship opportunities for the communities of Colorado's Upper Arkansas Valley.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%4.11

Requested Amount: \$1,500
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$1,250
Final Recommendation: \$1,250

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$600
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$600

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Heart of the Rockies Rampage

Mission Statement: Promote fitness and community by highlighting by putting a spotlight on the Salida Skatepark - raising awareness about the park and the benefits the skatepark can have on the community. We are committed to bringing a professional level event to Salida. This event will offer a rare opportunity for skaters of all ages to participate in a World Cup Event, while also skating with and learning from some of the best skateboarders in the world.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%4

Requested Amount: \$2,500
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$1,500
Final Recommendation: \$1,500

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$240
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$960

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: High Country Fine Arts Association

Mission Statement: The mission of HCFAA is to provide live theater and film experiences for any interested person in Chaffee County, either as a participant or as a viewer. We strive to educate adults and children in all aspects of theater and film, both in performance and production and experience the joy of collaboratively and creatively working together to produce shows and films for all in the community to enjoy. We believe that Theatre and Cinematic Arts Education opens minds, encourages empathy, inspires imagination, builds self-confidence, promotes cooperation, and teaches respect, all which vitalize and build a stronger community.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%3.35

Requested Amount: \$1,500
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$1,375
Final Recommendation: \$1,375

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$1,200
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$0

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Justis Theater Works

Mission Statement: Justis Theater Works, originally founded as a dance collective in 1984 called Grant Street Gathering was renamed Jan Justis Dance Company in 1986 and again renamed as Justis Theater Works in 2022, because we had been Producing more Theater-based projects and classes. The Company mission is to further the quality and diversity of Theater and Dance to serve people, including older people, to promote physical and mental wellness through arts and wellness-based projects for people in Chaffee and surrounding Counties in Colorado.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%3.26

Requested Amount: \$2,220
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$1,680
Final Recommendation: \$1,500

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$300
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$900

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: The Noteables

Mission Statement: The mission of The Noteables is to provide its adult choir members with superior choral experiences that educate, inspire and enrich their lives, and to provide affordable professional quality choral concerts that uplift, inspire and enrich the community of Chaffee County and the surrounding area. This shall be accomplished by regularly scheduled rehearsals and public performances.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%3.46

Requested Amount: \$2,500
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$2,000
Final Recommendation: \$1,500

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$360
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$840

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Mini-Blessings

Mission Statement: Mini-Blessings' mission is to provide equine guided interactions and equine assisted learning to anyone in the Central Colorado region who can benefit from the healing power of a horse. Our vision is to become an equine facility that provides a safe place for connection, growth, healing, and joy. Our desire is to make our services available to as many people in the community as possible, so all of our services are provided at no cost

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%3.63

Requested Amount: \$3,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$2,000
Final Recommendation: \$2,000

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$1,050
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$350

**Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Salida Concerts Inc
(Salida Aspen Concerts)**

Mission Statement: Our mission is to enrich the life of our community by providing high quality, professional musical experiences for interested individuals of all ages, abilities and incomes.

Our vision is for all members of our community to have affordable access to a wide variety of skilled musical experiences in all roles: performer, student, teacher and listener.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%3.74

Requested Amount: \$2,750
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$2,000
Final Recommendation: \$2,000

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$280
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$1,120

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Salida Council for the Arts

Mission Statement: Our mission is to enrich the cultural life of our community by nurturing and supporting excellence in the arts; to increase the community's awareness of and appreciation for the arts; to promote and encourage arts education; and to serve as liaison between the arts, businesses, government and educational institutions.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%3.56

Requested Amount: \$4,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$2,500
Final Recommendation: \$2,000

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$0
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$1,400

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Buena Vista Singletrack Coalition

Mission Statement: The Buena Vista Singletrack Coalition is a non-profit trail advocacy organization committed to collaborating with agencies, businesses, & locals in order to build, maintain, & steward sustainable trails for muscle-powered users. We promote responsible trail use in the greater Buena Vista, Colorado area.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%3.6

Requested Amount: \$5,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$1,875
Final Recommendation: \$2,500

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$1,500
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$250

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Ark-Valley Humane Society

Mission Statement: Ensuring the welfare of companion animals through compassion and care.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%4.25

Requested Amount: \$3,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$1,500
Final Recommendation: \$1,500

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$1,000
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$1,000

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: The Alliance dba The Alliance Against Domestic Abuse

Mission Statement: The Alliance empowers individuals beyond domestic and sexual violence through services, education and social change.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%4.2

Requested Amount: \$2,500
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$2,500
Final Recommendation: \$2,500

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$600
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$1,400

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Foodshed Alliance

Mission Statement: The Foodshed Alliance mission is to facilitate a thriving local food economy by organizing and promoting Farmers Markets and Vendors. We manage the Farmers Markets in Buena Vista and Salida, Colorado and host ShedFest, a hyper-local, end-of-the-season celebration of the region's talents and bounty. Through the core values of access, stewardship, community, partnership, local, and leadership, Foodshed Alliance aims to support access to healthy fresh food for all residents in the Chaffee County community. In line with our mission, we launched Farmers Feed Chaffee in 2020 in response to the Covid-19 pandemic in order to help Chaffee County community members in need receive quality whole foods and to simultaneously support our local agricultural producers.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%4.15

Requested Amount: \$10,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$3,500
Final Recommendation: \$3,000

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$720
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$1,680

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Conservation Legacy

Mission Statement: Southwest Conservation Corps Los Valles (SCCLV) is a program of Conservation Legacy, an environmental organization that has supported local conservation service programs since 1998. Southwest Conservation Corps Los Valles would like to request \$5,000 in support of SCCLV's mission to empower individuals to positively impact their lives, their communities, and the environment through conservation-based projects. The \$5,000 would be used to purchase gear for our Chaffee County Youth Crew to use during their season, reducing the barriers to entry for low-income members and/or members that are new to outdoor work and recreation. Partial requests are welcome.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%4.5

Requested Amount: \$5,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$4,000
Final Recommendation: \$3,000

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$0
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$3,000

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Chaffee County Public Health

Mission Statement: In partnership with the communities we serve, Chaffee County Public Health strives to promote the physical, mental, social and environmental health of the people of Chaffee County.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%4.17

Requested Amount: \$5,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$4,500
Final Recommendation: \$4,000

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$1,600
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$1,600

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Colorado Farm To Table Inc

Mission Statement: Colorado Farm To Table's vision is to sustain a mission farm rooted in stewardship, community and compassion for the hungry, where every Coloradan in need has equitable access to fresh, nutritious Colorado grown produce. Our mission is to sustainably grow nutritious vegetables for donation to those in need of healthy food throughout Colorado. Our values are to: 1) Practice stewardship and embody the values of place, community and service through caring for and sharing our natural agricultural resources, 2) Collaborate with local, state and national partners to advance hunger relief, agricultural education and sustainability, and 3) Engage youth and people of all ages in volunteer farming experiences to grow high quality, nutritious produce for hungry families in Colorado.

The specific purpose of the project we are proposing for funding is to provide as much fresh produce as possible to feed food-insecure residents of Salida and Buena Vista.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%4.18

Requested Amount: \$5,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$5,000
Final Recommendation: \$4,000

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$1,600
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$1,600

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: KHEN 106.9fm Community Radio

Mission Statement: KHEN is a volunteer-supported community radio station and media platform committed to building community through programming, education and outreach.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%4.21

Requested Amount: \$5,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$4,000
Final Recommendation: \$4,000

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$640
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$2,560

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Neighbor to Neighbor Volunteers/Mountain Valley Transit

Mission Statement: Neighbor to Neighbor Volunteers dba Mountain Valley Transit, formerly the Chaffee Shuttle, is a nonprofit organization with a mission to assist individuals to be independent and engaged members of the community. Transportation is deemed vital for rural communities to maintain independence and improve overall quality of life. Mountain Valley Transit is actively involved in providing free public transportation to everyone, providing mobility, choice and a sense of self-sufficiency to the general public, not limited to but including older adults, people with disabilities, low-income or zero-car households, and visitors to our region.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%3.74

Requested Amount: \$10,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$8,750
Final Recommendation: \$5,000

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$1,060
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$2,440

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Achieve, Inc.

Mission Statement: Since 2017, Achieve, Inc. provides paid work experience and job training for people with neurodivergencies (namely people with learning disabilities such as autism spectrum and ADD) and mental health challenges in Chaffee County. Target participants have the potential to live independently, provided they receive the right resources and training.

The vast majority of adults on the autism spectrum are either unemployed or underemployed, with estimates ranging to as high as 90%. Achieve offers hands-on, practical experience under the tutelage of trained mentors empowering program participants to develop marketable job and life skills and maintain long-term employment in the area, becoming contributing community members less reliant on government services. Programming develops self-confidence and a sense of self-worth, reducing tendencies towards anxiety and depression while exposing the general public to the abilities of the neurodivergent community, promoting acceptance and tolerance.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%4.75

Requested Amount: \$5,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$4,000
Final Recommendation: \$4,000

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$2,000
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$2,000

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Buena Vista Heritage
Mission Statement: Buena Vista Heritage is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit organization that cultivates lifelong learning by preserving and sharing the stories of Buena Vista and Chaffee County. Our goal is to ignite curiosity and foster understanding by presenting diverse stories of our past to current and future generations. We strive to preserve and protect historical sites, buildings, and artifacts pertaining to central Colorado. Through education, conservation, and community involvement, we endeavor to increase awareness and protect our past.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%4.3

Requested Amount: \$5,869
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$2,750
Final Recommendation: \$3,300

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$3,200
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$800

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: elevateHER
Mission Statement: elevateHER's mission is to foster self-worth and grit in young women through mentoring, outdoor adventure and holistic wellness programs. Our vision is to build a strong and connected community for and by women, inspiring empathic leadership and environmental stewardship in young women. We have been serving young womxn in Chaffee County through this mission since 2017.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%4.24

Requested Amount: \$10,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$6,250
Final Recommendation: \$5,000

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$2,000
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$2,000

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Places to Age

Mission Statement: Places to Age is a grassroots non-profit focused on bringing Assisted Living and Memory Care to Chaffee County. Currently, there is no continuum of care facilities for the county's large and growing elderly population. We want to change this so people don't have to move out of the county to receive needed services.

Our goal is to fundamentally improve the well-being of Chaffee County community members 65+ by providing alternative living opportunities that more fully support their social and healthcare needs. Providing Assisted Living and Memory Care facilities will also provide significant relief for families in Chaffee County by providing needed care for their older family members.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%4.2

Requested Amount: \$6,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$5,000
Final Recommendation: \$5,000

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$2,000
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$2,000

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Salida Cyclones Swim team

Mission Statement: The mission of the Salida Cyclones Swim Team is to provide a safe and supportive environment for Chaffee County youth to grow and develop their skills both in and out of the water aiding in overall water safety. We welcome swimmers of all skill levels, ability, gender, race, and socio economic status and are dedicated to fostering a love of swimming that will last a lifetime, with a hope that Cyclones will be recognized as leaders and role models in the swimming world and beyond.

Committed to providing this opportunity to include all Chaffee County youth, we strive to keep the cost of participation as low as possible for families by pursuing community support through fundraisers, donations, and grants and offering financial assistance for those who need it. We believe there should be no barrier to participation - all Chaffee County youth should have the opportunity to learn and be a skilled and proficient swimmer.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%4.25

Requested Amount: \$5,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$5,000
Final Recommendation: \$5,000

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$800
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$3,200

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Shining Mountains Montessori School

Mission Statement: Shining Mountains Montessori School provides safe, nurturing, peaceful, and exploratory environments for children’s developmental needs and successes.

Montessori, place-based, and outdoor approaches to learning connect our micro-community school setting with the wonders of their home, the Arkansas River Valley.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%4.32

Requested Amount: \$4,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$4,000
Final Recommendation: \$4,000

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$4,000
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$0

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Chaffee Childcare Initiative

Mission Statement: Ark Valley Preschool is committed to providing an enriched, developmentally appropriate and calm learning environment for young children. We are committed to developing the whole child, fostering a life-long love of education and independent thinking. Our programs will integrate the arts, imagination, multisensory teaching, and creative expression through play. Children will be exposed to nature daily, as well as books, storytelling, music, and movement.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%4.85

Requested Amount: \$5,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$5,000
Final Recommendation: \$5,000

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$0
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$5,000

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Greater Arkansas River Nature Association

Mission Statement: GARNA, through community collaboration, inspires a conservation ethic by providing educational opportunities and experiences so that those who live, work and play in the Upper Arkansas Valley are motivated to take care of the natural resources and leave a legacy of responsible use of the natural environment. GARNA is nature centered and community driven, and is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit environmental organization based in Salida in the Upper Arkansas Valley of Colorado.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%4.5

Requested Amount: \$6,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$5,000
Final Recommendation: \$5,000

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$1,500
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$3,500

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Guidestone Colorado

Mission Statement: Guidestone Colorado is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to growing a vibrant agricultural future through education, community building, and partnerships.

Guidestone's strategies and programming are founded upon the belief that if individuals are exposed to experiences on local farms and ranches, that exposure results in a growing appreciation for where our food comes from and the commitment and resources needed to produce food locally. As a result of that appreciation, those individuals will then make choices that support and increase the capacity of the local food system. The result of these choices will be resilient local food systems, healthier communities, and a vibrant future for local agriculture.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%4.75

Requested Amount: \$5,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$5,000
Final Recommendation: \$5,000

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$1,000
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$4,000

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Chaffee County Amateur Hockey Association

Mission Statement: Our Mission: Ice Rink for Chaffee County is dedicated to promoting ice skating and hockey while expanding indoor ice rink access for Chaffee County and neighboring communities

Our Vision: To provide the opportunity for area youth to be challenged and work as a team, in both hockey and figure skating, while enjoying the magic of these winter time activities. We are actively pursuing vital assets for rink construction and collaborating with local government entities to establish a permanent ice facility in Chaffee County, Colorado.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%4.5

Requested Amount: \$11,329
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$5,582
Final Recommendation: \$5,582

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$1,395
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$4,187

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Chaffee County Early Childhood Council

Mission Statement: Chaffee County Early Childhood Council's (CCECC) mission is to establish a cost-effective sustainable system of services ensuring all Chaffee Children have the support they need to start school ready to learn. The council's work covers health, mental health, early care and learning, parent information, and family support. CCECC tackles issues too complex for any one agency or area of expertise. Council members include parents, medical professionals, mental health providers, childcare providers, superintendents and staff from school districts, other early childhood professionals, public health, human services, staff from local home visiting programs, and both local pregnancy centers. Our work focuses on community needs. CCECC has 4 strategic priorities: Ensure families have adequate access to quality childcare, prevent and mitigate Chaffee's prioritized school readiness gaps, support the early childhood workforce, and connect families with resources.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%4.22

Requested Amount: \$12,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$8,750
Final Recommendation: \$8,750

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$3,500
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$3,500

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Salida Mountain Trails

Mission Statement: Founded in 2004, Salida Mountain Trails (SMT) is a nonprofit that plans, builds, and maintains trails in Chaffee County, Colorado.

SMT’s mission is to steward a world-class trail network that supports a high quality of life and a strong local economy. We envision a sustainable, accessible and enjoyable trail network that offers an array of outdoor recreation opportunities and delivers myriad mental and physical health benefits to residents and visitors alike. As a public land steward, SMT strives to minimize recreation’s impacts to land, water, wildlife, and the rural character that makes Chaffee County so special. We also educate users about responsible recreation, and train volunteers to share responsibility for, and take pride in, trail stewardship.

Today, SMT stewards 65 miles of singletrack—and counting.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%4.3

Requested Amount: \$12,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$7,500
Final Recommendation: \$7,500

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$1,500
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$6,000

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Full Circle Restorative Justice

Mission Statement: Mission

Repairing, rebuilding and strengthening the communities of Central Colorado through restorative practices that build hope, healing and connection.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%4.5

Requested Amount: \$10,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$7,500
Final Recommendation: \$8,500

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$4,250
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$4,250

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Chaffee Housing Trust

Mission Statement: MISSION: To promote responsible community development by providing affordable and sustainable home ownership and rentals to qualifying residents.

VISION: All Chaffee County Residents and essential workers can choose to live in homes they own, and work in the community with full benefits and responsibilities of participation in the social fabric.

VALUES: When full equity in home ownership can't be realized, shared equity should be attainable in an affordable and sustainable manner, providing additional rungs at the bottom end of the ladder to the American Dream. If residents are not ready for homeownership, then rentals should be made available to provide safe, secure, affordable housing to provide families and individuals with the security they need to fully participate in the community and the local economy.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%4.5

Requested Amount: \$20,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$10,000
Final Recommendation: \$10,000

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$4,570
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$6,834

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Boys & Girls Clubs of Chaffee County

Mission Statement: The Boys & Girls Clubs of Chaffee County's (BGCCC) mission is to inspire and enable all youth, especially those who need us the most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. BGCCC implements evidence-based, youth development programming for youth in Chaffee County, Colorado with emphasis on Priority Outcomes of: Increased academic success; Improved good character and citizenship; and Increased healthy lifestyles.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%4.5

Requested Amount: \$18,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$15,750
Final Recommendation: \$15,750

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$7,875
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$7,875

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Chaffee County Hospitality Inc.

Mission Statement: Providing Hospitality to our neighbors experiencing homelessness, and walking aside people as they work to exit homelessness.

Living unsheltered happens. The reasons people live unsheltered are as varied as our lives; but all experience trauma, become illegal, and live in fear of losing ALL of their belongings, their car, or their lives. That reality dramatically impacts mental and physical health. It is hard to imagine the stress, anxiety, fear, and trauma of becoming and living as an unsheltered person. While it is exciting to know that every entity in the county is working to address the housing crisis, the solutions cannot happen overnight. Therefore, the need for emergency shelter for unsheltered people keeps increasing while we work together to overcome the housing crisis.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%4.25

Requested Amount: \$30,000

Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$17,500

Final Recommendation: \$17,500

Funding:

Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$4,300

Amount funded by City of Salida: \$13,200

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Articipate

Mission Statement: Since our inception in 2009, Articipate has received assistance from the City of Salida every year in cash amounts of up to \$5000. We have offered classes to youth in the Full Circle Restorative Justice program and the Family Youth Initiative. We rent the basement of the City's 305 F St. property now known as the Salida Community Center which allows us to offer our services to all community members. The Salida SteamPlant offers us reduced rates to produce our annual, winter kids' showcase, SnowFest which just had its 12th annual event. We are fiscal sponsors of Salida's Next Last Waltz program which is holding 5 concerts at the Salida SteamPlant this month. Articipate also sponsors several kids in Rok Skool which has sold out all of its winter showcases at the SteamPlant and showcases its groups at SunFest. We have partnered with the City's Park & Recreation Dept. on their Camp Friday Program and Thursday @ 6 Concert Series.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%3.75

Requested Amount: \$5,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$1,000
Final Recommendation: \$0

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$0
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$0

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Blue Elements

Mission Statement: Blue Elements mission is to cultivate watershed stewardship and connect communities to the power of their water resources.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: No
%3.25

Requested Amount: \$5,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation:
Final Recommendation: 0

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$0
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$0

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Buena Vista Event Cooperative

Mission Statement: The Buena Vista Event Cooperative (BVEC) is a 501(c)(3) dedicated to providing free, live music and performing arts to the residents of Chaffee County. BVEC was a leader in the inception and funding of the Buena Vista Legacy Stage in McPhelemy Park, a stage dedicated to performing arts in the community. We believe in providing free live music to the community while paying our artists to encourage and foster the growth of all artists in Buena Vista. In addition, we seek to raise funds and partner with other organizations for the creation and support of musical performance and visual art venues to serve the people of Central Colorado. We believe in live music made by people, not by machines.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: No
%2.86

Requested Amount: \$3,500
Avg. Committee Recommendation:
Final Recommendation: 0

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$0
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$0

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Buena Vista Middle School/Buena Vista School District

Mission Statement: The mission of the Gaga Pit Project for the Buena Vista Middle School is to enhance the daily recess experience for all students by providing permanent equipment for an inclusive, lively, engaging dodgeball game, called Gaga, that will encourage healthy movement and provide a focus and designated location for middle school recess. Increased physical activity and engagement during recess will have positive impacts on students, and having a designated area for middle school recess will increase student pride and sense of belonging at their school.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%3.83

Requested Amount: \$6,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$3,000
Final Recommendation: \$0

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: 0
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$0

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: BV Made

Mission Statement: BV Made is a space for creative collaboration and innovation bringing together people from different backgrounds to share knowledge, work together and build community.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: No
%2.67

Requested Amount: \$9,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation:
Final Recommendation: 0

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$0
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$0

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Chaffee Cares

Mission Statement: We are a small local nonprofit in Salida that is committed to helping our neighbors in need by filling in the gaps.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: Yes
%2.93

Requested Amount: \$5,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation: \$2,125
Final Recommendation: \$0

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$0
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$0

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Collegiate Peaks Chorale

Mission Statement: The Collegiate Peaks Chorale is a community chorus composed of members from the greater Arkansas Valley region in Colorado. Our goal is to share quality choral music with the Arkansas Valley region. Our desire is to touch people's hearts with hope and bring the community closer together.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: No
%2.81

Requested Amount: \$3,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation:
Final Recommendation: 0

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$0
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$0

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Gore Valley Soccer Club

Mission Statement: We are a newly established competitive youth girls soccer team from the Buena Vista area, strongly in support of the development of the girls' soccer skills, encouraging positive involvement in society and building strong, hardworking, compassionate young women. Our goal is to provide an instructive environment for our local girls, as well as fielding a competitive team of girls who enjoy success locally and regionally, making this opportunity a rewarding experience for the girls, and a benefit for the community.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: No
%3.61

Requested Amount: \$2,500
Avg. Committee Recommendation:
Final Recommendation: 0

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$0
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$0

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Honesty in Chaffee County under Protest

Mission Statement: At HICCUP, we have a big goal: making sure elections are fair and clear. We promise to be fair and follow the rules, so people in Chaffee County can trust that their votes really count. We want everyone to feel confident in our democratic system and live in a lively, strong, and successful community.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: No
%2.54

Requested Amount: \$3,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation:
Final Recommendation: 0

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$0
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$0

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Peak to Peak Pickleball Club

*Mission Statement: Mission Statement
Peak to Peak Pickleball Club, as a volunteer and non-profit organization, is dedicated to promoting and facilitating the sport of Pickball in Chaffee County and the surrounding area, thereby:*

- *Providing collegial, social interaction with people of all ages and abilities.*
- *Encouraging the physical, mental, and social benefits of an active lifestyle.*
- *Providing opportunities for the continued development of all players in a collegial and sportsmanlike environment.*
- *Working to expand facilities as needed.*

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: No
%3.47

Requested Amount: \$5,000
Avg. Committee Recommendation:
Final Recommendation: 0

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$0
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$0

Organization Name – Program/Project/Org Support Name: Truth Has a Voice Foundation

Mission Statement: Truth Has A Voice Foundation dba Ark Valley Voice is a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of Colorado. It is registered in Colorado as a charity and trade-named as a program of its 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor, the Institute for Nonprofit News. Goals of the Truth Has A Voice Foundation dba Ark Valley Voice include: Providing a tax deductible option for the community, supporting quality, independent community journalism, advocating for the development of first amendment and democracy-supportive, diverse educational community programming, mentoring career journalists, and providing journalism experience paths for students and graduates. A key focus area continuing in 2024 is to expand coverage of diversity, equity and inclusiveness, providing opportunities so those who are without a voice may be heard. The need for this is great in our rural area where media choices are limited, cost barriers to access news and information exist, as well as language barriers.

Committee Review Rank: Site Visit Conducted: No
%3.22

Requested Amount: \$9,685
Avg. Committee Recommendation:
Final Recommendation: 0

Funding:
Amount funded by Town of Buena Vista: \$0
Amount funded by City of Salida: \$0

