

**REGULAR MEETING**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. REVIEW AGENDA
- IV. PRE-PRESENTATION DISCUSSION (6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.)
  - a. Follow up Reports - Q & A
  - b. Recommendation CCF Request
  - c. Recommendation Days of 92 Return
  - d. Review applications for tonight's presentations
- V. PRESENTATIONS
  - 6:30 - Creede Mining Heritage
  - 6:45 - Creede Repertory Theatre
  - 7:00 - Creede Early Learning Center
  - 7:15 - Headwaters Music Festival
  - 7:30 - Chamber of Commerce
  - 8:15 - Creede Community Foundation
  - 8:30 - Headwaters Alliance
  - 8:45 - Creede Arts Council
  - 9:00 - Creede Nordic & Snowmobiling Center, LLC
  - 9:15 - Days of 92
  - 9:30 - Mineral County Fairgrounds Association
- VI. OTHER BUSINESS
  - a. Approve/Disapprove Recommendations to Board of Trustees for Funding Requests
- VII. ADJOURN

POSTED 4/20/17

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**Recommendations for Virginia Christensen Trust Requests**  
**From the Advisory Committee Review Meeting 4/27/17**  
**For the Board of Trustees Meeting 5/5/17**

Requesting Organization	Project/Funds will be used for...	Funding Request	SZ	Score (/40)	VCAC Rec.	BOT Decision
Creede Mining Heritage	Towards the improvement of the grounds surrounding Sunnyside Chapel (Total Project Cost \$305k, total match \$275k)	\$30,000	L			
Creede Repertory Theatre	Community Outreach Support (Total Project Cost \$31,719.90, total match \$24,719.90)	\$8,000	M			
Creede Early Learning Center	Towards expansion of staff to support increasing programs/enrollment (Total Project Cost \$53,816, total match \$38,748)	\$15,068	M			
Headwaters Music Festival Association	Production of annual music festival (Total Project Cost \$25k, total match \$12.5k)	\$12,500	M			
Chamber of Commerce	Operating Funds (Total Project Cost \$33,398, total match \$23,298)	\$10,000	M			
Chamber of Commerce	Go-Pro Cameras for marketing/rental/etc. (Total Project Cost \$1k, total match \$0)	\$1,000	S			
Chamber of Commerce	Office Technology Upgrade (Total Project Cost (Total Project Cost \$5k, Total match \$0)	\$5,000	S			
Creede Community Foundation	Fireworks Support (Total Project Cost \$17k, \$6k match)	\$11,000	M			
Headwaters Alliance	General operating funds (Total Project Cost \$38,839, total match \$21,801)	\$17,038	M			
Creede Arts Council	Exhibit improvements (Total Project Cost \$715, total match \$100)	\$715	S			
Creede Nordic & Snowmobiling Center, LLC	Nordic Center Construction (Total Project Cost \$20k, total match \$6k)	\$14,000	M			
MCFA	Capital Improvements at Fairgrounds (Total Project Cost \$25,618, total match \$9,618)	\$16,000	M			
Days of 92	Annual event support (Total Project Cost \$15k, total match \$10k)	\$5,000	S			
<b>\$70,000 AVAIL.</b>	<b>TOTAL REQUESTS</b>	<b>\$145,321.00</b>				

**VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST FUND GRANT APPLICATION SCORING RUBRIC**

**APPLICANT:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PROJECT:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SCORER:** \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions: Indicate in the table below, on a scale of zero to four, with zero not impacting at all and four being most impactful, how well the project addresses the values in the first column in the Creede & Mineral County area.

VALUE	4	3	2	1	0	TOTAL	COMMENTS
ENTERTAINMENT							
RECREATION							
COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION							
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING							
HEALTH							
EDUCATION							
SAFETY							
ENVIRONMENT							
HISTORIC PRESERVATION							
ART							
TOTAL							

## VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant/Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Small Grant (\$1-\$5000)

Medium Grant (\$5001-\$20,000)

Large Grant (\$20,001+)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Established: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Non-profit status? Yes No

If no, indicate the name and contact information of the non-profit organization you are applying under.

### Small, Medium, and Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:

1. Please describe the project for which you are applying for Virginia Christensen funds.

2. Please provide the following budget information and any details you can provide for each item.

Item	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	
Material	see attached for details
Labor	
Other:	
Matching Funds	Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required
In-Kind	\$275,000
Cash	
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	

3. What are the expected results and benefits of your project? Who are the target beneficiaries?

4. Please describe how your project fits within the values of the Virginia Christensen Grant Program as described in the application packet.

**Medium & Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:**

5. What is your project timeline?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. How will you and/or your organization meet the match requirements? (10% for Medium Grants, 25% for Large Grants)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. How will you demonstrate the impact your project has had on the community?

**Large Grant Applicants, please answer the following question.**

8. How will you maintain and operate the project in the future, after the VC Funds are expended?

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Grant Application Received \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Not-For-Profit Status Verified    Y ☐    N ☐                      VC Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation Time \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Recommended by VC Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by Board of Trustees this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Awarded \_\_\_\_\_ Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk

Sunnyside Chapel Complex Site Improvements - Phase 2 7/27/16

As of 4/10/17

Staking	\$6,094	\$3,384.00
Excavation, utility runs, site grading, plant materials & trees	\$89,600	\$51,737.65
Concrete paths	\$99,071	\$54,005.00
Restroom/Utility Building	\$50,000	\$21,798.65
Electrical (build service, landscape lighting)	\$16,000	\$1,107.43
Sprinkler System	\$30,000	
Total	\$290,765	
Contingency 5%	\$14,538	
	\$305,303	\$128,648.73

Creede Mining Heritage, Inc. Board of Directors as of 4.12.17

Charles C Powers, Esq. President

Charlene Ameel, Vice President

Avery H. Augur, Director

Brian Egolf, Director

Joan Germany, Director

Sally Hoglund, Director

Randy McClure, Director

Zeke Ward, Director

Ken Wyley, Director

Frank Yeager, Director



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

**CERTIFICATE OF FACT OF GOOD STANDING**

I, Wayne W. Williams, as the Secretary of State of the State of Colorado, hereby certify that, according to the records of this office,

Creede Mining Heritage, Inc.

is a

Nonprofit Corporation

formed or registered on 09/25/2003 under the law of Colorado, has complied with all applicable requirements of this office, and is in good standing with this office. This entity has been assigned entity identification number 20031307454 .

This certificate reflects facts established or disclosed by documents delivered to this office on paper through 04/10/2017 that have been posted, and by documents delivered to this office electronically through 04/12/2017 @ 08:28:44 .

I have affixed hereto the Great Seal of the State of Colorado and duly generated, executed, and issued this official certificate at Denver, Colorado on 04/12/2017 @ 08:28:44 in accordance with applicable law. This certificate is assigned Confirmation Number 10183591 .



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Wayne W. Williams'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Secretary of State of the State of Colorado

\*\*\*\*\*End of Certificate\*\*\*\*\*

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# VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant/Group: <u>Creede Repertory Theatre</u>	
Small Grant (\$1-\$5000) <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium Grant (\$5001-\$20,000) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Large Grant (\$20,001+) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Address: <u>PO Box 269</u>	Year Established: <u>1966</u>
Contact Person: <u>Graham Ward</u>	Phone: <u>(719) 658-2540 ext. 231</u>
Email Address: <u>graham@creederep.com</u>	Non-profit status? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If no, indicate the name and contact information of the non-profit organization you are applying under.	

## Small, Medium, and Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:

### 1. Please describe the project for which you are applying for Virginia Christensen funds.

Creede Repertory Theatre is applying for a medium-sized grant from the Virginia Christensen Fund to help underwrite the cost of our Community Outreach programs. These programs fall into three categories: Education, Audience Enrichment, and Facilities. These programs cost \$32,719.90.

As a non-profit organization, CRT relies on the support of others to fulfill our mission of quality arts access, education, and economic development for Mineral County. Like most professional theatres, our operating budget requires about half of our income to come from grants, sponsors, and individual donors, but we don't believe this excuses the organization from giving back to the community. Extra time and resources can be scarce, but we are expanding the ways in which we can use our facilities and resources to enrich, uplift, and inspire those without whom we could not fulfill our mission. In a city like Creede, filled with artists and art lovers, we want our presence to support the community rather than stand apart from it.

Our Education Director Johamy Morales guides a fleet of teaching artists who present yearly theatre workshops, camps, and classroom programs in and around Mineral County. The Voices of Creede program offers a chance for students to collaborate with professional mentors in writing and performing a presentation that empowers their individual voices and showcases material they consider to be interesting and important. Our Drama Day Camps offer targeted arts training during the summer. Each centers on a particular discipline or thematic element of performing art. Children, youth, and adults have participated in camps exploring Shakespeare, Dance, Black Light Puppetry, Mime, Musical Theatre, Stage Combat, Playwriting, Circus Arts, and Improv Comedy.

The KID Show is a nationally recognized program that places local youth in the environment of professional theatre-making, and is offered for free. Participants work with professional directors, designers, actors, stage managers, and technicians to create a play from the ground up. They assist designers to build costumes, props, and scenery, and ultimately perform in the play as the ninth show in our summer repertory season. The KID Show has twice been a finalist for the National Arts & Humanities Youth Program Award.

CRT's Audience Enrichment events bring the excitement and meaning of what we do into a friendly, hospitable space where audience members can connect with our company and deepen their Creede experience. With the help of Mineral County and the Virginia Christensen Trust, we'll be able to offer many free opportunities and local discounts that would otherwise be impossible, such as the use of the Ruth Humphreys Brown Theatre, Baxter Rehearsal Hall, CRT company housing, and the Theatron amphitheatre. Many of our Audience Enrichment events are likewise free to attend, including pre-show talks, chatbacks, guided nature walks, and this year's Small Business Panel, which will celebrate and examine the importance of small businesses in our community.

### 2. Please provide the following budget information and any details you can provide for each item.

Item	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b><del>\$32,719.90</del></b>
Material <del>Classroom materials, building materials for theatrical elements</del>	
<del>water, and propane for facilities</del>	<b><del>\$14,391.90</del></b>
Labor <del>Teaching artist fees, designer fees, administrative costs, winter</del>	
	<b><del>\$18,328.00</del></b>
Other:	
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind	
Cash Individual donations and private foundation grants	\$3,2720.00
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>

### 3. What are the expected results and benefits of your project? Who are the target beneficiaries?

In helping us offer these programs, the Virginia Christensen Trust will invest in the quality and quantity of Creede's entertainment, recreation, education, and art, as well as the economic well-being that comes to a community that offers such things to its residents and visitors. We expect that our expansion of these programs will improve access to the arts for all Creede residents, and give them opportunities to learn and explore areas that would otherwise be unavailable to them.

We likewise hope these programs will benefit community groups, who will have access to our facilities at a price that isn't prohibitive. By offsetting our facility costs (particularly in the winter), the Virginia Christensen Trust will make it possible for these facilities to remain open year-round. In 2016/2017, CRT hosted events for the Creede Arts Council, Cabin Fever Daze, Turning Aspens Massage, the National Winter Playwright's Retreat, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Council, and the Creede Historical Society, in addition to the six performances of Winter Boomtown produced in partnership with the Creede Community Foundation. We will be hosting the Creede High School Graduation Ceremony on June 1st, and anticipate adding more such events as the year progresses.

### 4. Please describe how your project fits within the values of the Virginia Christensen Grant Program as described in the application packet.

As mentioned above, the goal of our Community Outreach and Education programs is to amplify the rewarding experience of living in and visiting Creede. One of the potential struggles of living in a remote rural community is that extracurricular programs and professional-level art access can be limited. We strive to ensure that living in Creede doesn't mean you have to sacrifice access to quality entertainment, performance art, or arts education. Creede residents who wish to pursue certain recreational hobbies and activities (such as the Creede Arts Council's Variety Show or the Mountain Valley Players) have an invaluable resource in the theatre, since our costumes, furniture, scenery, props, and facilities are all available to them at little or no cost.

The theatre also acts as a draw for qualified professional artists to engage with locals of all ages. For example, Bethany Talley, who currently teaches dance classes for Creede Parks and Recreation, first came to Creede as a Teaching Artist for Drama Day Camps and The KID Show (both described above). By offering this programming, we can continue to draw artists like her to this special place and thereby introduce new and exciting possibilities for those interested in art-based education and recreation.

We strongly believe that as we open up further opportunities for residents and local organizations to explore our Community Outreach programming, Creede will become an even more rewarding place to live and will experience increased economic stability. The Virginia Christensen Trust will make it possible for us to enlarge these efforts.

**Medium & Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:**

**5. What is your project timeline?**

We will offer our programming and facilities for community use year-round, with some reduced availability in the peak of our summer season. Locals can take advantage of these community rates at any time, but we expect higher demand during the off-season (between September 17 and April 30).

**6. How will you and/or your organization meet the match requirements? (10% for Medium Grants, 25% for Large Grants)**

CRT will match at least 10% of the Virginia Christensen Trust funds by soliciting individual donations to its general operating fund.

**7. How will you demonstrate the impact your project has had on the community?**

We have an existing system for tracking the number of individuals that participate in our education, audience enrichment, and community outreach programs. Additionally, we can track the number of community groups that host events in our facilities. By comparing these numbers with those of past years, we can measure and demonstrate the impact of these projects on the community. We plan to request feedback from all community members and groups that use our facilities so we can assess our impact and better serve their needs in the future.

**Large Grant Applicants, please answer the following question.**

**8. How will you maintain and operate the project in the future, after the VC Funds are expended?**

N/A

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**Audience Enrichment Budget**

Item	Cost
Materials	\$200.00
Labor	\$900.00
TOTAL	\$1100.00

**Anticipated Utilities and Trash Expenses for the Ruth Humphries Brown Theatre, October**

	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18
<b>Utilities</b>					
SLVREC electricity	396	250	250	385	350
City of Creede - water	73.7	73.7	73.7	73.7	73.7
Amerigas - Propane	0	650	0	950	1220
<b>Utilities TOTAL</b>					
<b>Trash</b>					
MDS Trash	60	20	20	20	20
<b>Trash TOTAL</b>					

**Labor**

Labor

**Labor TOTAL**

4 hrs labor x \$12.00/hr x 20 community rental

**Grand TOTAL**

er 2017 - April 2018

Mar-18	Apr-18	TOTAL
350	350	2331
73.7	73.7	515.9
0	0	2820
		<b>5666.9</b>
20	20	180
		<b>180</b>
		448
		<b>448</b>

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# CREEDE REPERTORY THEATRE

124 NORTH MAIN STREET • PO BOX 269 • CREEDE, COLORADO 81130

## 2017 COMMUNITY OUTREACH: CREEDE VOICES THEATRE PROGRAM OVERALL PROGRAM BUDGET

EXPENSE BREAKDOWN	AMOUNT
Administrative Expense	\$800
Teaching Artist Fee	\$1,500
Classroom Materials	\$100
Production: Scenery, Lights & Sound	\$500
T-Shirts	\$200
Snacks	\$200
Facilities Fee	\$200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>



# CREEDE REPERTORY THEATRE

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## 2017 DRAMA DAY CAMPS OVERALL PROGRAM BUDGET

EXPENSE BREAKDOWN	AMOUNT
Administrative Expense	\$3,000
Teaching Artists Fees	\$1,800
Classroom Materials	\$300
T-Shirts	\$400
Snacks	\$200
Facilities Fee	\$200
Marketing: educational brochure	\$375
Postage	\$100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,375</b>

\*Each year we give scholarships to many families and your support would ensure that we continue to support those need of financial assistance.

# CREEDE REPERTORY THEATRE

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## 2017 KID Show OVERALL PROGRAM BUDGET

EXPENSE BREAKDOWN	AMOUNT
Administrative Expense	\$7,000
Playwright	\$700
Director	\$700
Lighting Designer	\$500
Costume Designer	\$500
Scenic Designer	\$500
Sound Designer	\$500
Production: Costumes	\$500
Production: Set	\$700
Production: Electrics	\$100
Production: Sound	\$50
Production: Props	\$300
Production: Paint	\$50
Stage Manager	\$1,365
Tech Support	\$910
T-shirts	\$300
Snacks	\$300
Marketing: educational brochure	\$375
Postage	\$100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,450</b>

\*The KID Show is a free program: free to participants and audience members. We are committed to making this program accessible for at-risk youth and their families.

## VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant/Group: Creede Early Learning Center

Small Grant (\$1-\$5000)      Medium Grant (\$5001-\$20,000)      Large Grant (\$20,001+)

Address: PO Box 191, Creede, CO 81130      Year Established: 1997

Contact Person: Kara Brittain, Treasurer, BOD      Phone: 719-580-1206

Email Address: creedekids@gmail.com      Non-profit status? Yes      No

If no, indicate the name and contact information of the non-profit organization you are applying under.

### Small, Medium, and Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:

1. Please describe the project for which you are applying for Virginia Christensen funds.

The Creede Early Learning Center (CELC) is the only childcare facility within a 45-mile radius and serves a critical role in our community. By providing a safe, dependable, affordable and nurturing childcare facility, the CELC allows local residents the opportunity to work part or full time jobs and provides an exceptional education for our youngest community members.

The CELC has recently qualified for a Large Center license. Our previous Small Center license allowed for a maximum capacity of 15 children at one time. The CELC was regularly juggling families and children, in an attempt to offer the most care to the most families possible within existing capacity. Although the CELC began offering an additional day of care (Fridays) a few years ago (a pilot project funded by a Virginia Christianson grant), growing enrollment demanded more! The CELC Board of Directors and staff started working towards qualifications needed to obtain a larger license. Finishing the basement, adding a bathroom, additional education by our Director and staff, and ongoing playground upgrades and expansions (several of these also V.C. grant projects) allowed the CELC to qualify for the new license!

With this rise in enrollment, the CELC needs to hire one more full-time teacher. We are also applying for support in maintaining and educating our current staff. Only 72% of staff costs are covered by childcare payments. The difference (plus general operating costs) has to be made up for by fundraising, grants and donations. The CELC is asking for your financial support as we make this large leap forward in meeting our mission to provide dependable, affordable and nurturing care for all of Creede's children!

2. Please provide the following budget information and any details you can provide for each item.

Item	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	
Material	
Labor      Staff Wages (see attached)	\$15,068
Staff Ongoing Education Fees (see attached)	\$ 1,000
Other:	
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind	
Cash      Staff Wages - Covered by Child Care Payments	\$38,748
Budgeted Funds: Staff Ongoing Education Fees	\$ 1,000
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	<b>\$15,068</b>

3. What are the expected results and benefits of your project? Who are the target beneficiaries?

Target beneficiaries include families with young children in Mineral County, young children in Mineral County, CELC staff, and the local economy, businesses and organizations.

(A: Families) Many families with young children in Mineral County rely on the CELC to provide high quality childcare. For most of those families, it's critical that childcare be affordable. Generally, the parents of our children work locally and are middle class with annual incomes ranging from \$35,000 to \$55,000. Although our rates (\$34/day) are low compared to urban childcare centers, it can be a financial challenge for parents whose children attend the CELC full time. For example, one of our families has two children enrolled full time: their monthly bill is in excess of \$1,000. The CELC Board and staff works hard to obtain grants, fundraise, and solicit donations to keep rates down. Receiving a grant from the Virginia Christenson Fund would allow the CELC to maintain current rates and continue providing an affordable service to our families.

(B: Young Children) To maintain a childcare center that best serves our community's children, the CELC Board of Directors and Administration work hard to hire qualified and committed staff. We recognize that simply providing care is not enough; our children must be loved, encouraged, inspired, and nurtured. Providing a solid foundation in Early Childhood Education is proven to benefit children for years down the road.

(C: Staff) The CELC staff is comprised of hardworking, loving and dedicated service providers who spend their days with our community's most precious assets. Encouraging and supporting their educational goals allows them to grow as caregivers and further advance their careers in Early Childhood Development. Investing in these staff members improves CELC staff retention and promotes overall job satisfaction.

(D: Local Economy) Creede and Mineral County depend on a dedicated and reliable workforce to keep our economy running and growing. The CELC had a 2016 summer enrollment of 28 children. We currently serve 21 children, and expect our 2017 summer to see as many as 36! That means that 40-50 of our local workers will likely rely on the CELC to provide care for their children while they grow Creede's economy. An increase in year-round residents would certainly improve Creede and Mineral County's economy. The CELC becomes a critical community asset when trying to appeal to young families looking to relocate, as educational opportunities and childcare are a top priority for this demographic.

4. Please describe how your project fits within the values of the Virginia Christensen Grant Program as described in the application packet.

This project has a significant positive impact of Creede and Mineral County locals, as the primary beneficiaries would be the working parents of Creede. These leaders of young families are the basis of our current and future economy. Providing an affordable and high-quality program for their children will encourage continued residence and investment in our community. Furthermore, the Large Center license, additional staff members (and therefore daily childcare slots), and a highly qualified staff make the CELC quite appealing to families considering a move to the area.

This project has additional positive impact on our locals by encouraging ongoing education of our 6-8 staff members. The CELC Board sees great value in the education and professional development of our staff. For our licensing, the State requires that each employee take 15 Continuing Education Units online per year. The State also highly recommends that every employee has completed 3-6 college level classes in early childhood education. If the CELC hires a new staff member without these classes, we encourage them to complete the classes as soon as possible. (Each class costs around \$900 and can be done through Trinidad State Junior College.) Our budget allows for a small stipend to help offset the costs of these various classes and the time spent completing them; we'd love to provide a bit more, as this incentive greatly improves our staff retention and quality.

The CELC often receives funding from the Virginia Christenson Trust, and we believe we have been good stewards of this money. A few of the projects we have recently received funding for include grants to update and upgrade our playground, refurbish our basement area into useable space, add a second bathroom, repair and repaint the entire interior, and launch a Friday Pilot Program to expand our hours of operation. The strategic use of funds has strengthened this successful and sustainable organization. All of these projects have served a very important role in allowing the CELC to apply for and receive a Large Center License in 2017. The Friday Pilot Program demonstrated a need for the additional childcare slots/availability that came with a larger license. Without the playground updates, additional square footage, second bathroom, and the repairs done on the interior, we could not have qualified for the license.

As the expansion and support of an existing successful program, this project has a high likelihood of success. It's exciting to see that now, after 20 years, the CELC is not only going strong, but growing!

**Medium & Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:**

5. What is your project timeline?

June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018

6. How will you and/or your organization meet the match requirements? (10% for Medium Grants, 25% for Large Grants)

The CELC's average monthly income from childcare payments is around \$5,100 (or approximately \$61,200 per year). We will meet the match amount for Staff Wages (72%, or \$38,748) and for Ongoing Education Fees (\$1,000) from that funding source.

7. How will you demonstrate the impact your project has had on the community?

In order to demonstrate how funds given for staff wages impacted our community, we will provide detailed information on the children and families served by the CELC staff. We will include number and hours of children that attended, and the number of hours clocked by our staff.

In order to demonstrate the impact of funds used for ongoing education, we hope to improve staff retention and demonstrate that our staff is more highly qualified. We will show the number of classes completed and degrees earned (or in progress). This, in turn, will increase enrollment as families see additional benefits in sending their children to a high quality Early Learning Center (outside of basic child care needs).

**Large Grant Applicants, please answer the following question.**

8. How will you maintain and operate the project in the future, after the VC Funds are expended?

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Amount Awarded \_\_\_\_\_ Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk

## Budget Information, Continued

### Approximate Annual Cost of **Additional Full Time Qualified Teacher:**

Winter (Sept-May): 32 hrs/wk for 38 weeks @ \$14/hr =	\$17,024
Summer (June-Aug): 40 hrs/wk for 13 weeks @ \$14/hour =	<u>\$7,280</u>
Total Annual Cost:	\$24,304
CELC matching amount: 72% of total (covered by childcare payments):	\$17,499
VCT ask amount: 28% of total (amount not covered by parent payments):	<b>\$6,805</b>

### Approximate Annual Cost of **Full Time Teacher's Aide:**

Winter (Sept-May): 32 hrs/wk for 38 weeks @ \$11/hr =	\$13,376
Summer (June-Aug): 40 hrs/wk for 13 weeks @ \$11/hour =	\$5,720
Total Annual Cost:	\$19,096
CELC matching amount: 72% of total (covered by childcare payments):	\$13,750
VCT ask amount: 28% of total (amount not covered by parent payments):	<b>\$5,346</b>

### Approximate Annual Cost of **Part Time Teacher's Aide:**

Winter (Sept-May): 16 hrs/wk for 38 weeks @ \$12/hour =	\$7,296
Summer (June-Aug): 20 hrs/wk for 13 weeks @ \$12/hour =	\$3,120
Total Annual Cost:	\$10,416
CELC matching amount: 72% of total (covered by childcare payments):	\$7,499
VCT ask amount: 28% of total (amount not covered by parent payments):	<b>\$2,917</b>

**Total VCT ask amount: \$15,068**

Additionally, the CELC is asking the VCT to consider granting **\$1000** towards continuing education for our current staff members. These funds would go towards college class credits or the completion of Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

College classes cost around \$900/class

CEUs take about 1 payable hour per CEU. Each staff member must complete 15/year.

Some CEUs have additional fees; some are provided by the state for no charge.

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**CERTIFICATE OF FACT OF GOOD STANDING**

I, Wayne W. Williams, as the Secretary of State of the State of Colorado, hereby certify that, according to the records of this office,

Creede Early Learning Center

is a

Nonprofit Corporation

formed or registered on 02/13/1997 under the law of Colorado, has complied with all applicable requirements of this office, and is in good standing with this office. This entity has been assigned entity identification number 19971021971 .

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# VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant/Group: <u>Headwaters Music Festival, LLC</u>	
Small Grant (\$1-\$5000) <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium Grant (\$5001-\$20,000) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large Grant (\$20,001+) <input type="checkbox"/>
Address: <u>P.O.Box 163</u>	Year Established: <u>2016</u>
Contact Person: <u>Steve Baxter/Sharon Brown</u>	Phone: <u>719-588-4709/303-777-2785</u>
Email Address: <u>riograndeent@yahoo.com</u>	Non-profit status? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If no, indicate the name and contact information of the non-profit organization you are applying under.	

**Small, Medium, and Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:**

- Please describe the project for which you are applying for Virginia Christensen funds.

Headwaters Music Festival seeks to promote the performing arts, music, and promote the town of Creede by staging an annual music festival known as the Headwaters Music Festival. We intend to foster music education with professional songwriting clinics. We have joined with other organizations in promoting the arts, Creede Repertory Theatre, Creede Arts Council, Creede Elks and other groups who benefit from direct or indirect involvement with the festival.

- Please provide the following budget information and any details you can provide for each item.

Item	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>25000</b>
Material	
Stage, signage, tickets, shelter for entertainers, Porta-potty, toilet paper, paper towels, waste disposal	9500
Labor	
Security, set-up stage, clean up, tear down stage	0
Other:	
Musicians & lodging, peripheral events,	15500
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind (Board members time \$3000)(Volunteers time \$12000)	(15000)
Cash Seed money from private sources and the Lodging Tax Board	8944.20
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	<b>12500</b>

### 3. What are the expected results and benefits of your project? Who are the target beneficiaries?

Headwaters Music Festival is a two day event in its second year. Saturday August 26 and Sunday August 27. The goal is to bring approximately 500-800 people to Creede for the weekend to enjoy music at the chosen venue and to introduce attendees to the town of Creede and what it has to offer. Coordinated events, such as the CRT's Headwaters Playwright Festival will benefit through cross promotion and additional exposure. Lodging, food services businesses and retail business will also expect to see a positive impact from an influx of customers near the end of the summer season.

### 4. Please describe how your project fits within the values of the Virginia Christensen Grant Program as described in the application packet.

Headwaters Music Festival meets all of the criteria called out by the Virginia Christensen Grant Program.

1. It is an entertainment opportunity for the community and its visitors.
2. It exposes its attendees to the various recreational opportunities available in Creede, Mineral County.
3. Although community beautification is not an expressed goal we will certainly foster community pride which will have a positive impact on how we present ourselves to the world.
4. Economic well-being is at the heart of our endeavor. We seek to bring more people to Creede who will support all of the local businesses.
5. Music is universally good for the soul and encourages engagement with others, dancing, and positive interaction. Further, we hope to have involvement from other organizations to encourage use of our facilities and environment for various physical activities.
6. Education is also a large component with specific music clinics offered to young and old alike.
7. Safety is always a concern, with any large gathering. Close involvement with the Sheriff's Department and City and County Leaders will ensure the appropriate levels of security and safety are maintained.

**Medium & Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:**

**5. What is your project timeline?**

In the planning stages now, we are currently building our web-presence and marketing as well as booking talent for the event. Attached to this application is a budget calendar to show, in general terms, how, when and where our moneys are to be allocated. The event will begin with the start of a three day songwriting clinic with professional singer/songwriter Kathy Hussey. The music will begin early Saturday afternoon, August 26 ending at 7: pm to encourage participating in events in town the music will restart Sunday morning and culminate Sunday afternoon, August 27th at approximately 4:30 PM.

**6. How will you and/or your organization meet the match requirements? (10% for Medium Grants, 25% for Large Grants)**

Private moneys have been received and secured in the bank in the amount of \$6944.20 residual from our 2016 event. A private benefactor has chosen to leave the funds in place as seed money for the 2017 event. We received \$1000 from the County Commissioners in 2016 and will be seeking the same for 2017. We have approached the Lodging Tax Board and received \$2000 from them.

**7. How will you demonstrate the impact your project has had on the community?**

Should we reach our goal of 800 in attendance over the two days we will have met all of our financial needs with money in the bank for the next years event. It goes without saying that 1000 people in our little town for a full week-end event will undoubtedly benefit our local businesses. Scheduling of our event to be over by 7:pm Saturday and 4:30pm Sunday, we are encouraging all attendees to enjoy the opportunities for evening dining and entertainment as well.

We will survey all businesses interested as to how the event impacted their sales and take suggestions for making improvements in the future. We will count ticket sales and monitor closely the amount of hours and the efforts of our volunteers.

**Large Grant Applicants, please answer the following question.**

**8. How will you maintain and operate the project in the future, after the VC Funds are expended?**

We are applying for a medium size grant at this point. As the event grows we may ask for more funds but our sincere effort will be to make this a self-sustaining event, growing in attendance and community involvement each year.

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Grant Application Received \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Not-For-Profit Status Verified Y ☐ N ☐ VC Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation Time \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Recommended by VC Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by Board of Trustees this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Awarded \_\_\_\_\_ Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk

# HEADWATERS MUSIC FESTIVAL

## Community Impact Testimonials from 2016 Event

Kips Grill – Kerry Rice

“I thought it was fantastic. It was a great turn-out for the first year, it was awesome for the community, so many people turned out and had a fabulous time. We look forward to doing it again.....We had tons of people coming in because of it”

Ooh-La Spa – Mel Graham

“Headwaters Music Festival had a great impact on local businesses, I will sponsor again, I will participate again. I think it will get bigger and better every year. I really look forward to it.”

The Blue Yak – Susan Madrid

“.....It was all positive.....Everybody loved being down at the park to support that.”

Arp’s – John Arp (my favorite response)

When asked if HWMF was a positive impact on Creede’s merchants John responded,  
“Yes! Of course it was!” He laughed and went back to his sandwich.

Big River Music – Courtney Lazier

“...It was positive in every way. More than anything it kept people here when they may not have been.....That weekend could have been a get-a-way weekend for everybody at the end of summer. Within walking distance of everything.....it was a homerun in every way.”

Ramble House – Shane Birdsey (a truly honest response)

“I have no idea. I probably wasn’t even here.”

We received a Thank You note from Debbie Miles congratulating us on a quality event. This gesture meant a lot to us. This kind of response is very, very, encouraging.

Fred Hosselkus was very happy with weekends events and how the festival was conducted.

Ben Davis came to the site the Monday after the event to “clean up” and made the comment, “The was nothing to clean up! It was spotless, as if you hadn’t been there at all!”

Of the seventeen unidentified soreheads who inhabit our slice of heaven; none apparently came out for the **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Headwaters Music Festival**. All responses have been positive and we are extremely thankful to the Virginia Christiansen Fund for your support, both monitarily and as fellow citizens of this great community.

Headwaters Music Festival

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		Headwaters Music Festival						
		Budget Work Sheet						
Talent	\$	13,950.00				\$ 2,250.00	Deposits	31-Mar
Sound	\$	2,000.00	IL			\$ 2,000.00	Complete	28-Aug
Insurance	\$	1,000.00				\$ 1,000.00	Complete	11-Aug
Web/Promotion	\$	1,500.00				\$ 1,500.00	Partial	30-Apr
Web/Promotion	\$	1,500.00				\$ 1,500.00	Complete	15-Jul
Ticket Sales	\$	500.00				\$ 500.00	Complete	17-Apr
Merchandise	\$	2,500.00				\$ 2,500.00	Complete	21-Jul
Portalets (10)	\$	1,389.00	Brown's Septic Service			\$ 1,389.00	Complete	25-Aug-17
Wast Disposal	\$	330.00	Muley's Disposal Service			\$ 330.00	Complete	25-Aug
Private Event	\$	75.00				\$ 75.00	Complete	11-Apr
Special Event	\$	75.00				\$ 75.00	Complete	11-Apr
Current Subtotal	\$	24,819.00						
Uncommitted	\$	181.00						
Grand Total	\$	25,000.00						
Saturday 26								
1-2:00	Baxter/Goss	booked		\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	Complete		26-Aug
2:30-3:30	Bruce Hayes	booked		\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	Complete		26-Aug
4:00-5:00	Leslie Woods	booked		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	Complete		26-Aug
5:30-7:00	Pauline Reese	booked		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	Complete		26-Aug
Sunday 27								
11-12:00	Quartet	booked		\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	Complete		27-Aug
12:30-1:30	Kathy Hussey	booked		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	Complete		27-Aug
2-3:00	Moore & McCumber	booked		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	Complete		27-Aug
3:30-4:30	Cash'd Out	booked		\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,250.00	Complete		27-Aug
				\$ 13,950.00	\$ 24,819.00			





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# VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant/Group: <u>Creede &amp; Mineral County Chamber of Commerce</u>	
Small Grant (\$1-\$5000) <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium Grant (\$5001-\$20,000) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large Grant (\$20,001+) <input type="checkbox"/>
Address: <u>904 S. Main St. Creede, CO</u>	Year Established: <u>1987</u>
Contact Person: <u>Brad Ayers</u>	Phone: <u>719-658-2374</u>
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If no, indicate the name and contact information of the non-profit organization you are applying under.	

## Small, Medium, and Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:

### 1. Please describe the project for which you are applying for Virginia Christensen funds.

The Creede & Mineral County Chamber of Commerce is applying for funds for operating costs to maintain the Chamber office. The Chamber is open seven days a week from Memorial Day Weekend to the end of September. For the remainder of the year we are open six days a week. The hours of operation remain the same during the whole year: 8:30am to 4:30pm. The Chamber offers free Wi-Fi and a computer for public use. The interior space of the Chamber allows for visitors new to town, or locals, to sit and visit, check emails or work on personal devices.

In addition to offering table space and comfortable chairs for public use, the Chamber has a large printer which is capable of copying, printing, scanning and faxing in high quality and up to a size of 12' x 18'. It is used to print promotional materials, letters, postcards and more. The printer is also available to Chamber members and is used frequently for anything from printing menus and event fliers to political campaign letters. The printer/scanner/fax machine can also be utilized by the public for a small fee.

These services cannot be had by members or the public unless the office continues with consistent hours and times of operation. The hours of operation cannot continue without the help of a part-time employee. Currently the Chamber employs one full time, year round and one part-time, year round employee. The part-time, year round employee is essential to continuing our operations during the winter time, including planning for upcoming events in the summer and coordinating Chamber files, assets etc.

The Chamber is requesting funds to help continue with the above stated operations. Detailed operating expenses can be found on the attached page.

### 2. Please provide the following budget information and any details you can provide for each item.

Item	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>33,398</b>
Material	
Labor	
Part-Time, Year round employee	20,398
Other:	
Utilities, Insurance, Office cleaning	13,000
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind	
Cash on hand	1,000
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	<b>10,000</b>

### 3. What are the expected results and benefits of your project? Who are the target beneficiaries?

The immediate benefits of receiving the amount of funds from the VC Program would be the continued hours of operation for the Chamber. The Chamber has also added an additional event, the Creede Donkey Dash, to this year's calendar to kick off the 125th birthday week celebration. We are also in the process of adding a scale model of Creede (circa 1892) that will require an investment in the base, mural and protective enclosure. We have already seen an increase in the number of visitors who come to see the model and anticipate that this investment will provide a positive impact to the community by directing more visitor traffic into town. The future results of this funding would be to better equip the Chamber with better pay for the current part-time year round employee. A competitive pay amount would encourage the employee to stay with the Chamber rather than look for better pay elsewhere. Long time future goal would be to have two full-time employees. Currently the Chamber relies on volunteer personnel in the summer months to continue with its events and office operations. The approximate volunteer hours for 2016 numbered almost 425 hours.

Public individuals, member and non-member businesses and visitors benefit from a Chamber that holds consistent hours. The procedures offered by this office are needed on a daily basis: copying, printing, scanning, faxing, local business information, emailing, computer use, access to UPS drop off and pick up, housing the USFS volunteer during winter months.

### 4. Please describe how your project fits within the values of the Virginia Christensen Grant Program as described in the application packet.

This request for operating expenses will aid the Chamber in providing locals and visitor alike with the resources to identify and locate the entertainment, recreation and art choices available to them in the community. By directing them to these options, the various businesses and community members that provide entertainment, recreation, art, shopping, dining, etc. will benefit from their patronage. In addition, the Chamber invests significantly in attracting visitors with the goal of positively impacting local business and the local community.



**Medium & Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:**

**5. What is your project timeline?**

The requested amount would help with the expenses for a twelve month period.

**6. How will you and/or your organization meet the match requirements? (10% for Medium Grants, 25% for Large Grants)**

The Chamber of Commerce does have cash on hand in the amount of \$1000.00 with which to match the requirement of this grant.

**7. How will you demonstrate the impact your project has had on the community?**

The Chamber updated the door counter this past summer to more accurately measure the Chamber foot traffic. This has enabled the Chamber to accurately record the number of visitors on a daily basis. At the same time the Chamber has implemented a visitor survey to collect demographic analytics on our visitors. Both of these tools serve to help us monitor the impact the Chamber hours have on the community.

**Large Grant Applicants, please answer the following question.**

**8. How will you maintain and operate the project in the future, after the VC Funds are expended?**

As the request is for operating expenses, I expect to revisit a request again next year.

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# VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant/Group: <u>Creede &amp; Mineral County Chamber of Commerce</u>	
Small Grant (\$1-\$5000) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium Grant (\$5001-\$20,000) <input type="checkbox"/> Large Grant (\$20,001+) <input type="checkbox"/>
Address: <u>904 S. Main St. Creede, CO</u>	Year Established: <u>1987</u>
Contact Person: <u>Brad Ayers</u>	Phone: <u>719-658-2374</u>
Email Address: <u>office@creede.com</u>	Non-profit status? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If no, indicate the name and contact information of the non-profit organization you are applying under.	

**Small, Medium, and Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:**

- Please describe the project for which you are applying for Virginia Christensen funds.

The Creede & Mineral County Chamber of Commerce is applying for funds to purchase three Go-Pro cams to benefit locals and visitors alike and assist in marketing the town and its many attractions. The equipment will be leased to whomever wishes to capture their stay in Creede. This may be footage of Bachelor Loop, Wheeler, fishing, camping, enjoying our local entertainment and shopping options, etc. When the camera is retained the content remains the property of the Chamber of Commerce and may be used by the Chamber, local business, non-profits for the promotion of the area. The user may purchase a copy of the content from the Chamber if they have not already made a copy.

- Please provide the following budget information and any details you can provide for each item.

Item	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>1,000</b>
Material	
Three Go-Pro cameras with memory cards	1,000
Labor	
Other:	
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind	
Cash on hand	
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	1,000

3. What are the expected results and benefits of your project? Who are the target beneficiaries?

The Chamber anticipates that this project will benefit, member and non-member business and non-profits that would utilize the images and video for their own marketing and promotional efforts. This could also benefit municipal entities who wish to utilize this content. This will also assist the Chamber in promoting the businesses and community at large in its ongoing efforts to attract more visitors to our area.

4. Please describe how your project fits within the values of the Virginia Christensen Grant Program as described in the application packet.

The Chamber is invested in helping the community, it's business and residents. One way this is accomplished is by promoting Creede through various marketing channels, such as print, radio email, social media, etc. The video and image content that will be collected from the rental of these cameras can be utilized in all of these marketing formats to increase interest in the area and attract more visitors to the community.

**Medium & Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:**

5. What is your project timeline?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. How will you and/or your organization meet the match requirements? (10% for Medium Grants, 25% for Large Grants)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. How will you demonstrate the impact your project has had on the community?

**Large Grant Applicants, please answer the following question.**

8. How will you maintain and operate the project in the future, after the VC Funds are expended?

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# VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant/Group: <u>Creede &amp; Mineral County Chamber of Commerce</u>	
Small Grant (\$1-\$5000) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium Grant (\$5001-\$20,000) <input type="checkbox"/> Large Grant (\$20,001+) <input type="checkbox"/>
Address: <u>904 S. Main St. Creede, CO</u>	Year Established: <u>1987</u>
Contact Person: <u>Brad Ayers</u>	Phone: <u>719-658-2374</u>
Email Address: <u>office@creede.com</u>	Non-profit status? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If no, indicate the name and contact information of the non-profit organization you are applying under.	

**Small, Medium, and Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:**

1. Please describe the project for which you are applying for Virginia Christensen funds.

The Creede & Mineral County Chamber of Commerce is applying for funds to purchase new computer equipment for the Chamber. Our current computers have outlived their useful life span with one computer still operating on Windows Vista and unable to upgrade due to hardware requirements. The other computer has had the operating system upgraded but minimally meets the hardware requirements. As a result, both computers operate very slowly, with frequent reboots and hang-ups in the system that significantly reduce productivity.

These services cannot be had by members or the public unless the office has consistent and reliable computer equipment to execute their operations in a timely and effective manner. The Chamber is requesting funds to upgrade their outdated computer equipment and help continue with the above stated operations. Detailed operating expenses can be found on the attached page.

2. Please provide the following budget information and any details you can provide for each item.

Item	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>5,000</b>
Material	
Two computers, monitors and required cords,etc for connectivity	5,000
Labor	
Other:	
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind	
Cash on hand	
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	<b>5,000</b>

3. What are the expected results and benefits of your project? Who are the target beneficiaries?

The Chamber anticipates that this project will benefit, member and non-member business, public officials, visitors and residents alike by allowing for a significant increase in productivity. Less down time due to aging, and non-upgradeable, computer equipment allows the staff to work with much greater efficiency. This allows the Chamber to provide the community with more services in the same amount of time it currently takes with the outdated equipment currently in use. As a result, the Chamber can accomplish more on behalf of the community while being poised for the future and any additional projects that may be deemed to be a benefit to the community.

4. Please describe how your project fits within the values of the Virginia Christensen Grant Program as described in the application packet.

The Chamber is invested in helping the community, it's business and residents. This is accomplished either directly, by providing marketing, business services, printing and meeting other needs as they arise. Additional, the Chamber invests significantly in attracting visitors with the goal of positively impacting local business and local community. This is accomplished by promoting and organizing local events, marketing through various outlets and to various markets, gathering metrics on our visitor traffic to assist in our decision making as well as for local business that wish to use these metrics for their planning efforts. All of these efforts are significantly hindered by the aging computer equipment currently in use. Upgrading to equipment that will more reliably and consistently allow the Chamber to pursue these efforts will allow a limited staff to offer even more of these benefits to our community.

**Medium & Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:**

5. What is your project timeline?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. How will you and/or your organization meet the match requirements? (10% for Medium Grants, 25% for Large Grants)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. How will you demonstrate the impact your project has had on the community?

**Large Grant Applicants, please answer the following question.**

8. How will you maintain and operate the project in the future, after the VC Funds are expended?

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# VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant/Group: <u>Creede Community Foundation</u>	
Small Grant (\$1-\$5000) <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium Grant (\$5001-\$20,000) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Large Grant (\$20,001+) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Address: <u>201 LaGarita Street</u>	Year Established: <u>2013</u>
Contact Person: <u>Shelley Parham</u>	Phone: <u>214-697-8265</u>
Email Address: <u>shelley@creedecommunityfoundation.org</u>	Non-profit status? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If no, indicate the name and contact information of the non-profit organization you are applying under.	

**Small, Medium, and Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:**

- Please describe the project for which you are applying for Virginia Christensen funds.

Fourth of July Fireworks Show: two locations - Seime Park and East Side of Cliffs (Mammoth)

The show will be at dark-thirty on the night of July 4th 2017. In 2016, the fireworks show took place in locations within and above town. This has consistently and unanimously been requested for 2017. Due to 2017 also being Creede's 125th anniversary of incorporation, a grander fireworks display on a larger scale, again in both locations, has been requested.

CCF has acted as the fiscal sponsor and fundraiser for the 4th of July Fireworks show since the illness and death of Paul Stone. We have grown the show every year and hope to have a spectacular show this summer .

- Please provide the following budget information and any details you can provide for each item.

Item	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>17,000</b>
Material 0	
	<b>11000</b>
Labor	
	<b>4000</b>
Other:	
Administration, Marketing, Fundraising	<b>2000</b>
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind	4000
Cash	2000
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	<b>11,000</b>



### 3. What are the expected results and benefits of your project? Who are the target beneficiaries?

The Creede 4th of July Fireworks show is a long standing tradition not just for year round residents, summer residents and visitors to Mineral County, but the entire San Luis Valley. Conservative estimates put our audience at over 10,000 people. Businesses including lodging, retail, and restaurants, will immediately benefit from increased traffic and the influx of tourist dollars through the holiday weekend as well as longer term benefits of introduction of the community to a wide audience for visits later throughout the year and even potential relocation.

The fireworks show is a gift to the community from the many individuals and organizations that support and participate in this time honored tradition. It creates place value for our historic mining time in much the same way our parade harkens to nostalgic yesteryear.

### 4. Please describe how your project fits within the values of the Virginia Christensen Grant Program as described in the application packet.

Firework shows are entertainment meant for everyone. Children and adults, locals and visitors alike enjoy the spectacle and as it's free with lots and lots of good seats, it's accessible to everyone.

Fireworks as a recreational activity provide watchers an opportunity to engage in a communal outdoor experience.

Anyone who has experienced a Creede firework show vividly remembers the image. Amazing photographs have been taken of the fireworks that are treasured not only by those who take and share them, but are also effectively and widely used as marketing tools for the area.

Fireworks have no specific health benefit except that of providing a diversion from the "real world, entertainment and fun for all who have the pleasure of watching. This kind of entertainment may be the best medicine of all.

For the first time, CCF is including educational classes for youth and adults as part of this year's show. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage children (13+) and adults in a unique art.

The return to displaying fireworks from the cliffs honors our history and heritage.

**Medium & Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:**

**5. What is your project timeline?**

Jenna Ford, our local pyrotechnician, will be contracted to do the show and will put a reservation on materials before the end of the month of April.

**6. How will you and/or your organization meet the match requirements? (10% for Medium Grants, 25% for Large Grants)**

In-Kind donation of a portion of labor and services  
Grant request to Mineral County  
Sponsorships  
Donation jars in the community  
Parade donation collection  
CCF cash match

**7. How will you demonstrate the impact your project has had on the community?**

Business surveys of percentage increase in sales, sales tax revenue increases, and a renewed request for a CDOT car counter. Should a car counter not be available to us, manual car counters will again be employed.

**Large Grant Applicants, please answer the following question.**

**8. How will you maintain and operate the project in the future, after the VC Funds are expended?**

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# VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant/Group: <u>Headwaters Alliance</u>			
Small Grant (\$1-\$5000) <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium Grant (\$5001-\$20,000) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Large Grant (\$20,001+) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Address: <u>201 La Garita Avenue</u>		Year Established: <u>2016</u>	
Contact Person: <u>Guinevere Freer</u>		Phone: <u>719-658-0178</u>	
Email Address: <u>guineverenelson@gmail.com</u>		Non-profit status? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
If no, indicate the name and contact information of the non-profit organization you are applying under.			

## Small, Medium, and Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:

### 1. Please describe the project for which you are applying for Virginia Christensen funds.

The Headwaters Alliance is applying for General Operating funds for the upcoming year. The Headwaters Alliance was created in 2016 to serve as the permanent fiscal sponsor for the Willow Creek Reclamation Committee and pursue additional watershed improvement projects in the larger Upper Rio Grande basin. In addition, the Executive Director for the Headwaters Alliance serves as the Watershed Coordinator for the Willow Creek Reclamation Committee and the project manager for the Lower Willow Creek Restoration Company. These functions improve the natural resources around Creede and protect the economy by protecting the natural resources that tourists flock to see in our county. Supporting our request meets several values of the Virginia Christensen Fund including recreation, community beautification, economic well-being, health, safety, environment, and education. The general operating support we request will support existing and future programming by the Headwaters Alliance and support its partners the Willow Creek Reclamation Committee and the Lower Willow Creek Restoration Company. Specifically, the support will assist in the expansion of the new organization while completing projects that are already in progress.

The General Operating support we request will support many projects that are undergoing and planned for the next year. General operating support will go toward organizational needs, volunteer supplies, and revegetation efforts. The Headwaters Alliance is expanding into a new office with the Creede Community Foundation at 201 La Garita Avenue, the old preschool which the school district has leased for \$1/month. The funding will support half the monthly costs of operating at this location including internet, electricity, propane, water and sewer and printer services. Additionally, the request will support the purchase of a new computer and ArcGIS software. The current Headwaters Alliance computer is a Mac and is not compatible with the window based ArcGIS software. The benefit of this purchase to the Headwaters Alliance is to build maps, track changes in vegetation, water quality and similar natural resource measurements. This software will also be able to run models based on data and identify impairment sources in the Upper Rio Grande basin after the Upper Rio Grande Watershed Assessment data is collected and to assist in the creation of the Rio Grande Watershed Management Plan. By purchasing this software and hardware, the Headwaters Alliance will build capacity in the organization to complete GIS tasks that are currently contracted to expensive GIS contractors. Volunteer supplies will include the purchase of gloves, tools, supplies, and water to be used by Adopt an Oxbow and Willow Creek Reclamation Committee volunteers. Revegetation expenses will include expenses for the Floodplain restoration to cover the purchase of seed for revegetation, cost share the expense of soil amendments and support irrigation of the plant material. These purchases will directly support the improvement of the Lower Willow Creek floodplain and assure continued vegetation and success of the project.

Our request continues the great work of our partner organizations and expands this work out into the Rio Grande basin for a wider impact.

### 2. Please provide the following budget information and any details you can provide for each item.

Item	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$38,839</b>
Material <u>Overhead Technology</u>	<u>\$3500</u>
<u>Revegetation &amp; Volunteer supplies</u>	<u>\$13,538</u>
Labor	
Other:	
General Operating Support for Headwaters Alliance	<u>\$17,038</u>
Matching Funds <small>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</small>	
In-Kind	
Cash USEPA (\$11,801) and SLVCCI (\$10,000)	21,801
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	<b>\$17,038</b>

### 3. What are the expected results and benefits of your project? Who are the target beneficiaries?

We anticipate a very engaged community in the revegetation efforts on the Lower Willow Creek floodplain. We also expect increased capacity in the Headwaters Alliance. Both of these results will benefit the entire community of Creede based on the restoration and protection of the natural resources. The revegetation efforts will build a sense of place in the Adopt an Oxbow volunteers that will emanate through. Recent research on how ecological restoration benefits a community demonstrates the success of providing volunteers with a meaningful experience. What is also reflective in this research is the connection to the site of restoration. Both of these pieces of research are integrated into the creation of the Adopt an Oxbow program. The major tenant of the Adopt an Oxbow program is to engage volunteers in knowledge of the restoration and allow them to perform the techniques. The regular WCRC volunteer events do not always accommodate the wide range of schedules or interests of the community. By allowing them to adopt an oxbow, become full trained on restoration techniques to assist with revegetation goals on the floodplain on their schedule volunteers are able to complete tasks on their own timeframe. This benefits the goals of the restoration project by getting large acreages covered with native plant stock and soil amendments while keeping costs low. The more quickly the revegetation of the floodplain occurs, the more quickly the community can access the entire 108 acres and not just the multi-use trail.

The success of building capacity in the Headwaters Alliance will benefit the Creede/Mineral County community. The overhead costs for the preschool space and the technology request will allow for the growth of the Headwaters Alliance. The overhead costs will allow for staff to have a dedicated office space that can function as office space, meeting space, special event space, and even allow the Headwaters Alliance room to grow restoration plants in a greenhouse and allow for a wide range of water and soil analysis that is currently space prohibitive. The utility of the GIS software is expansive. The ability to record and upload data to Arc GIS software will increase the ability of record keeping, provide a useful tool in grant writing and story telling, as well as allow the Headwaters Alliance access to technology that is standard in the watershed health discipline. This makes the Headwaters Alliance relevant and competitive to assure continued success in addressing natural resource issues in the Upper Rio Grande Watershed.

### 4. Please describe how your project fits within the values of the Virginia Christensen Grant Program as described in the application packet.

As described above, the general operating request aligns with the recreation, community beautification, economic well being, health, safety, environment and education values of the Virginia Christensen Fund. By revegetating the floodplain and simultaneously implementing a trail network more people will be able to get off of the multi-use trail and walk, bike, and enjoy the space. These outcomes meet the recreation, community beautification, health, safety, and environment values of the Virginia Christensen Fund by connecting the community to this restored site for a variety of uses. The restoration of the site improves the gateway to Creede. The tourism industry that sustains 70% of Creede's economy is primarily to enjoy scenic expanses, recreation opportunities, and to hunt and fish. With the transformation of the site, people will be more likely to come to town and not take the Deep Creek cutoff. The transformed site will encourage use of recreation and natural beauty close to Creede and keep dollars in town. The final value of the project is to educate people to become well informed stewards of their community. The Adopt an Oxbow program comes with a "ecological restoration training" that informs them on the history of the site, the restoration efforts, proper planting techniques, and the identification of noxious weeds. This education component will build stewardship in the hearts of participants. The project is also sustainable and this investment now supports long term benefits that will not require future VCF asks.



**Medium & Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:**

**5. What is your project timeline?**

We will implement most of the VCF funded pieces this summer, during the growing season with an end date of revegetation/volunteer engagement of October. The only caveat is the overhead support for the preschool. The funding for that portion of the ask will be disbursed monthly as bills roll in and will last into 2018.

**6. How will you and/or your organization meet the match requirements? (10% for Medium Grants, 25% for Large Grants)**

We have great support from the US EPA and the San Luis Valley Conservation and Connection Initiative to share the cost of revegetation activities, (\$11,801 for seed and soil amendment) and the San Luis Valley Conservation and Connection Initiative for Headwaters Alliance capacity (\$10,000). These are both cash pledges that will offset the request to VCF.

**7. How will you demonstrate the impact your project has had on the community?**

We will demonstrate the impact of our project with both qualitative and quantitative metrics. The qualitative metrics will be measured by the number of volunteer hours and newly engaged volunteers who haven't previously attended watershed events. Qualitative metrics will include the number of acres amended, planted and watered. All of these metrics will be used to identify the change in the floodplain and the impact that change has on the community. We also plan to measure the impact by how many people we can get to promote our restoration, volunteer programs, and the organization on social media!

**Large Grant Applicants, please answer the following question.**

**8. How will you maintain and operate the project in the future, after the VC Funds are expended?**

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# VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant/Group: <u>Creede Arts Council</u>	
Small Grant (\$1-\$5000) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium Grant (\$5001-\$20,000) <input type="checkbox"/> Large Grant (\$20,001+) <input type="checkbox"/>
Address: <u>PO Box 392, Creede, CO 81130</u> Year Established: <u>1991</u>	
Contact Person: <u>Debbie Whitmore</u>	Phone: <u>719-658-0888/ 719-658-0312</u>
Email Address: <u>dawhitmore@outlook.com or creedearts@outlook.com</u>	Non-profit status? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If no, indicate the name and contact information of the non-profit organization you are applying under.	

## Small, Medium, and Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:

### 1. Please describe the project for which you are applying for Virginia Christensen funds.

The Creede Arts Council is requesting funds to help improve the Mountain Shootout Photography Show and other local exhibits. The photography show has been expanded this year. The Mountain Shootout is a regional photography show which features professional and amateur photographers and is displayed at the Creede Visitors Center from June 30 through September 18. The show is juried and awards will be presented to the winners at the June 30th opening party. We expect more interest this year because we are increasing publicity and contacting more photographers directly. We also are planning a Mountain Shootout online event for later in the year.

Our current display is aging and the background is purple (which is not an optimal color for displaying artwork.) We have tried in prior years to find a way to change the color, but have determined that it just needs to be replaced because of the age of the display,

The display has also been used by several other organizations through the years for other exhibits, convention displays, etc. The Creede School District art department borrows the display for their student art shows both in Creede and in the San Luis Valley. The Chamber of Commerce has borrowed the display for conventions they attend such as the Snow Show.

If the Virginia Christensen Trust Committee funds this project we will be able to order a new gray or black display in time for this year's Mountain Shootout. (See attached printout of two samples of the type of display we plan to purchase.)

### 2. Please provide the following budget information and any details you can provide for each item.

Item	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>715.00</b>
Material	
8 Foot Popup Display plus shipping costs	715.00
Labor	
Other:	
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind	
Cash	
Donations	100.00
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	<b>615.00</b>

### 3. What are the expected results and benefits of your project? Who are the target beneficiaries?

We expect that the improved display will benefit local residents, visitors and artists. The display will be better not only for the photography show, but also better for school art shows.

The last display was secondhand when it was donated to CAC eight years ago. We expect that the new display will last at least that long and will provide years of service to CAC and other local non-profits.

With a better display we will attract more artists to participate.

The target beneficiaries are local photographers, Creede school students and local residents.

### 4. Please describe how your project fits within the values of the Virginia Christensen Grant Program as described in the application packet.

The project has a significant positive impact on Creede & Mineral County locals.

As described above, the new display will improve art shows in Creede.

- The project is very likely to attract visitors to the Creede & Mineral County area.

The displays themselves will not attract visitors but the Mountain Shootout Regional Photography Show enhances the experience of our visitors.

- The project is in its initial stages and is requesting seed money for the growth of a project in the Creede & Mineral County Area.

The Mountain Shootout Regional Photography Show is a well-established event for CAC however, we are working on a digital event to coincide with the 2017 show.

- The project is a substantial long-term capital improvement for the Creede & Mineral County area.

The display will be a long-term investment in the Mountain Shootout and other exhibits for our entire community.

- The applicant has an exemplary history of success with past projects.

CAC has a strong history of success with prior Virginia Christensen programs.

- The project has received a significant amount of matching funding from other sources.

CAC will match Virginia Christensen funding with sponsor donations.

**Medium & Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:**

5. What is your project timeline?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. How will you and/or your organization meet the match requirements? (10% for Medium Grants, 25% for Large Grants)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. How will you demonstrate the impact your project has had on the community?

**Large Grant Applicants, please answer the following question.**

8. How will you maintain and operate the project in the future, after the VC Funds are expended?

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## 8' Curved Pop Up Display w/ Hook-and-Loop Fabric, Counter & 2 Spotlights - Gray

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Color: Gray

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Gray

Overall Width: 96"

96"

120"

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- Durable Travel Case Converts into a Useful Display Counter
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### Description

#### 8' Curved Popup Display w/ Gray Hook & Loop Receptive Fabric

This curved popup display allows exhibitors to add and change accessories and signage with the use of hook & loop fasteners. Changing out hanging features is simple and quick. At 8' wide, this popup display makes an easy, customizable solution to your exhibition and trade show needs. Use this fabric display as a backdrop for your booth. Covered with gray, hook and loop receptive fabric, this popup display holds any combination of accessories that fit the theme of the show. Display informative literature, eye-catching graphics, or whatever else you might need to make a big impact on show-goers. Designed especially for use at traveling events, this popup display is portable and easy to assemble. Just raise the lightweight frame from the ground and magnetic connectors will automatically snap-lock the pieces into place. The fabric panels then attach to magnetic channels bars along the frame for a clean, seamless look.

We sell this popup display with a molded, hard plastic carrying case that features wheels and safety latches. As an added bonus, this deluxe travel case converts into a trade show counter that can be used to address customers, display catalogs, or demonstrate products. This popup display also includes a matching gray wrap-around fabric

panel and laminate countertop as part of the conversion kit. This coordinating look will add a look of class to your overall booth design. The fabric panels are made of hook-and-loop materials to match the popup display and give your booth a unified look. This entire booth system is ideal for novice exhibitors that don't want to make a huge initial investment in custom printed graphics. Also included with this popup display are two halogen spotlights that attach to the frame for added impact. A foam-padded compartment in the case keeps these lights from breaking during transportation and storage.

**Please Note:** Prolonged exposure to high temperatures will cause the fabric panels to degrade and wrinkle.


Specifications

SKU	TEPUVF8GR	Placement Style	Floor Standing
Overall Width x Height x Depth	96.0" x 91.0" x 17.0"	Light Type	Halogen
Bag or Case Width x Height x Depth	29.0" x 37.5" x 18.0"	Features	Hook & Loop-Receptive, Portable
Weight	80.0lbs	Number of Spotlights	2
Color	Gray		

Ordering Information

**In Stock**  
Order by 2PM Eastern Time US for same day shipping.

Resources: Manuals, Videos, & Templates




Instructions  
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### Reviews

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Overall **5** out of **5** | 1 review

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**Just what we were looking for...**  
(/Review/4775)  
By Mark on February 28, 2017 ✓ Verified Purchase

This curved pop up display was exactly what we were looking for. It's incredibly easy to set up and transport - great price and fast shipping too.

Comments (1)

## 8' Pop Up Display w/ Hook-and-Loop Fabric, Halogen Lights & Counter - Black

SKU: TEPUV8KSE



Hover over the image to zoom in.

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- Hook-and-Loop Receptive Fabric Holds a Variety of Accessories
- Deluxe Travel Case Converts into a Tradeshow Counter
- Two Halogen Spotlights Included to Maximize Impact

CUSTOMIZE IT

**\$651.18** / Each (USD)

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### Description

#### 8' Straight Pop Up Display with Counter

This pop up display features an 8' straight frame and black, hook and loop receptive fabric panels. Offering over 50sq.ft. of advertising space, this pop up display is perfect for trade shows, conventions, and other promotional events. Each pop up display, also known as an exhibit booth, can display graphics, literature, and samples simply by using hook and loop fasteners. The pop up display securely holds your combination of accessories, yet allows you to change them anytime you'd like. Designed for ease of use, this pop up display sets up and packs down in minutes. To assemble, just raise the frame from the ground and magnetic connectors will automatically snap-lock the pieces into place. The fabric panels then attach to magnetic channels bars along the frame, while fabric end caps provide a finished look. The innovative design of the lightweight frame and magnetic panel system make it easy to create a seamless looking display in no time at all.

We sell this pop up display with a molded, hard plastic carrying case that features roller wheels and security locks. This travel case also converts into a display counter that can be used to enhance your trade show booth. Use the counter as a reception point in your exhibit, or a place to display informative literature and samples. A black wrap-around fabric panel and laminate countertop are included as part of the conversion kit. Also included with this pop up display are two halogen spotlights that attach to the top of the frame for added exposure. A foam-padded compartment in the case keeps these lights from breaking during transportation and storage.

**i** Please Note: Prolonged exposure to high temperatures will cause the fabric panels to degrade and wrinkle.

## Specifications

<b>SKU</b>	TEPUV8KSE	<b>Placement Style</b>	Floor Standing
<b>Overall Width x Height x Depth</b>	96.0" x 91.0" x 13.0"	<b>Light Type</b>	Halogen
<b>Bag or Case Width x Height x Depth</b>	29.0" x 37.5" x 18.0"	<b>Features</b>	Hook & Loop-Receptive, Portable
<b>Weight</b>	80.0lbs	<b>Number of Spotlights</b>	2
<b>Color</b>	Black		

## Ordering Information

### In Stock

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## Resources: Manuals, Videos, & Templates



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**Owner of CAS-ual Fridays Stamps**

(/Review/2311)

By Michele Gross on July 27, 2016 ✓ Verified Purchase

Easy! I was skeptical of how easily this display could be put together but it really is easy. No tools and no strength needed. A step stool is helpful/necessary if you're under 6 feet tall which I am. It breaks down just as easy and I'm excited to use it at my next trade show.

**Leave a Comment**

## Questions & Answers

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I, Wayne W. Williams, as the Secretary of State of the State of Colorado, hereby certify that, according to the records of this office,

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# VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant/Group: Creede Nordic and Snowmobiling Center LLC

Small Grant (\$1-\$5000) ☒ Medium Grant (\$5001-\$20,000) ☐ Large Grant (\$20,001+) ☐

Address: PO Box 547 Creede, CO Year Established: 2017

Contact Person: Kip Nagy Phone: 719-850-0749

Email Address: kip@kipsgrill.com Non-profit status? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, indicate the name and contact information of the non-profit organization you are applying under.

## Small, Medium, and Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:

### 1. Please describe the project for which you are applying for Virginia Christensen funds.

Creede Nordic and Snowmobiling Center LLC would like to build a Nordic center at the trailhead to The Creede Mountain Huts, next to Ivy Creek. We would put two, permanent, year round structure there. The first structure would be free for the public to use and would be a staging area for winter activities ie cross country skiing, snowmobiling and snowshoeing. It would provide a warm area for users to get ready for their outdoor adventure as well as an area to warm up after they are finished recreating. There will also be bathrooms to use on site. The permanent structure will consist of a wall tent on a permanent wooden platform floor and would have seating, tables and a wood stove.

The second structure is a 4 season tipi that will be able to be rented out nightly by the public for a nominal fee. This will give beginner outdoor enthusiasts the opportunity to experience winter camping on a very introductory level, which is not typically an option. For more advanced outdoor users, they can use the tipi as a launching pad to explore the National Forest surrounding it.

We will be able to coordinate with the 26 other nordic clubs across the state and have the ability to host events out there. It could also be a starting point for poker runs and other snowmobiling events.

### 2. Please provide the following budget information and any details you can provide for each item.

Item	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>20,000</b>
Material	
	10,000
Labor	
	4,000
Other:	
Insurance, Porta Potty Rental, Utilities, Furnishings, Caretaker/Maintenance Person	6,000
<b>Matching Funds</b> <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind	1,400
Cash	4,600
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	<b>14,000</b>

### 3. What are the expected results and benefits of your project? Who are the target beneficiaries?

Creed is a huge tourist destination during the summer and fall months. What we are trying to focus on, is creating a draw for people to come to Creede during the winter months. We have started to have more groomed cross country trails around town and it is a very natural progression to build a nordic center, place where people can meet up, warm up and prepare for an outdoor adventure.

This Nordic Center will be a key component in establishing Creede as a Winter destination and will also be an amazing and much needed resource for Creede area residents looking for an easy way to enjoy the outdoors in the winter months.

Families will be able to go on short outings with their children. They can get them ready in the comfort of the wall tent and warm up in there when the activity is finished.

### 4. Please describe how your project fits within the values of the Virginia Christensen Grant Program as described in the application packet.

1. Entertainment. This projects offer entertainment for all ages and energy levels. Athletically Skiing, Snowshoeing, Snowmobiling, Photography, Writing, Painting, Reading, Sleeping & Sightseeing to name a few.

2. Recreation. All snow sports, snow fort building, and all aspects of wilderness developmental skills for all levels.

3. Community Beautification. By adding structure to an existing hut system that can be seen from the road will help spark interest to the "passer-byers". Please see photos of examples of the structure and there appeal.

4. Economic Well-Being. Creede/Mineral Counties winter economic growth is in need of great attention. This Center will provide a economic heart beat that will be heard around the State. The Center will draw local and regional users through other Nordic Center and Clubs.

5. Health. Being outside and being active is good fun and great for the soul. Everybody knows that...

6. Education. Through events and programs people will be able to learn about snow science, outdoor manners & etiquette. By bring a diverse group of people to the Center. people everyday interaction will always be educational.

7. Safety. Creed Nordic and Snowmobiling Center has been involved with winter back-country activities for over 20yrs and a Permittee of the Rio Grand National Forest with a flawless record. We also are insured for liability issues.

8. Environment. As a steward of the Rio Grand National Forest & a permittee we live by the "leave it better than you found it"

9. Historic Preservation. We believe that the Wall Tent, Tipi, and the outdoor activities we offer will compliment with Creedes rich, rugged, mining tradition & history.

10. Art. The opportunity for Painting, Photography is endless to name just a couple common Art concepts. Art is in the eye of the beholder. The possibilities are endless.



**Medium & Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:**

**5. What is your project timeline?**

If we receive the grant monies, we will be purchasing the materials for the wall tent and tipi immediately. We will build the structures over the summer and the structures would be completed by Fall, 2017 and ready for operation.

**6. How will you and/or your organization meet the match requirements? (10% for Medium Grants, 25% for Large Grants)**

Creede Mountain Huts, LLC will be donating 10% matching funds for this project.

**7. How will you demonstrate the impact your project has had on the community?**

We will be tracking user days and measuring the change in sales tax over the winter months from previous years. We will also be tracking ski and snowshoe rentals from San Juan Sports and calculating any increase in Nordic Club memberships. Finally, we will contact owners of year round rentals to see if they have any increase in rental nights over the winter.

**Large Grant Applicants, please answer the following question.**

**8. How will you maintain and operate the project in the future, after the VC Funds are expended?**

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# CREEDE NORDIC CENTER (CNC) Business Plan Draft

## FOCUS

Creede/Mineral county is in need of a winter tourism plan. This is one plan to actively move forward with winter economic development through activities.

## SUMMARY

The Creede Nordic Center will be located at the trail head of Ivory Creek Campground, operating under the parent company Creede Mountain Huts LLC, a permittee of the Rio Grand National Forest. The Creede Nordic Center will offer a 16' x 20' wall tent as a staging and warming hut for Nordic classic and skate skiers, snowmobilers, snowshoers, and other winter outdoor enthusiasts.

The Creede Nordic Center location has been chosen for the following activities already occurring there.

- It is the trail heads for Creede Mountain Huts, Fisher Mountain Hut and Lime Creek Yurt.
- The Upper Rio Grande Nordic Club maintains crosscountry and snow shoe trails with signage currently.
- Snowcountry Explores (Creedes Snowmobile Club) grooms trails in and around the Creede Nordic Centers location
- The current roads, trails, & backcountry lodging already being used at the location, which makes it an opportunity to build on existing activities and give them cohesion and continuity to help brand winter tourism in Creede/Mineral.

The long term desired effect for Creede Nordic Center is to attract winter tourists for sustainable revenue growth for Creede/Mineral County businesses. To attract tourists, the first item for Creede Nordic Center will be creating an attractive and captivating winter lodging brochure. The brochure will highlight the obvious lodging, Blessings Inn, & the Snowshoe Motel. In addition to these facilities we will also highlight all winter lodging open on Air B & B, and VRBO. Creede Mountain Huts & Creede Nordic Center believes that most important to attracting winter tourists, is letting individuals know what their "shelter" options are and the wide range of "cozy" options...And the package their experience.

## HISTORY

"Creede, Colorado. Now Open This Winter"

The Creede Nordic Centers parent company, Creede Mountain Huts has been operating as a permittee of the Rio Grand National Forest for 20 years. Creede Mountain Huts previously owned San Juan Snowcats and has run profitable winter activities for 20 years in Creede/Mineral County. The Creede Nordic Center will be created, built, maintained and marketed by its founders Kip Nagy, President, Chief Operations, & Kerry Rice, Marketing & Social Media Director. In addition to running profitable winter activity business, the founders are also currently vested running year round businesses in Creede, Kip's Grill, LLC, Creede Laundro & Storage, & in partnership with Tommy Knocker Tavern Non-Profit for Creede Athletics, "Golden Pick Pond Hockey Tournament. It is our belief that with our experience and the

need for Creede/Mineral County to create a focused winter business plan the Creede Nordic Center will be a positive step in enhancing current winter activities and build a meaningful economy for our winter months.

#### REALITY

"Creede closed for the season."

In the beginning, if we can bring 5 to 10 new winter tourist a week to creede, this is a great starting point for businesses to have revenue growth.

Creede Nordic Center intends to keep the plan simple and measurable.

Simple: Get the lodging/shelter brochure out and about...with things to do, Creede Nordic Center ect...we have Ice skating that lights up at night with a warming hut.

Reach out to local areas, ie SLV, South Fork, Lake City, Pagosa Springs. Advertise with the other 15 Nordic Centers in the State of Colorado.

Use existing clubs to get the word out. Continue to work and promote with Colorado Explores, Upper Rio Grande Nordic Club, Creede Mountain Huts, Creede Chamber and other Chambers we belong to.

MEASURABLE: Lodging/shelter will be our check & balance in addition to sale tax for the winter months Jan-April.

#### WHAT?

Communication summary

Creede/Mineral County has what it takes to create a long term, sustainable winter economy. Creede/Mineral County has the Money, the talent and the time...we just have "horrible" communication. Creede Nordic Center is one plan in a bigger picture to excellerate Creede/Mineral Counties winter commerce.

Creede Nordic Center will be developed & owned by Creede Mountain Huts, LLC. With the local cooperation of the Rio Grande National Forest, Colorado Explorers, Upper Rio Grande Nordic Club, Creede Community Fund, City of Creede, Mineral County and the Creede Chamber of Commerce.



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**CERTIFICATE OF FACT OF GOOD STANDING**

I, Wayne W. Williams, as the Secretary of State of the State of Colorado, hereby certify that, according to the records of this office,

Creede Nordic and Snowmobiling Center LLC

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# Creede Nordic & Snowmobile Center, LLC

## Board of Directors

Kip Nagy, President & Chief of Operations

Kerry Rice, Secretary & Treasure

## VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant/Group: Day's of '92 Committee

Small Grant (\$1-\$5000) X\_\_\_ Medium Grant (\$5001-\$20,000) \_\_\_\_\_ Large Grant (\$20,001+) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: Box 498, Creede, CO 81130 Year Established: 1992

Contact Person: Ken Wyley Phone : 719-658-2370

Email Address: [geawyley@hotmail.com](mailto:geawyley@hotmail.com) Non-profit status? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

If no, indicate the name and contact information of the non-profit organization you are applying under.

### Small, Medium, and Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:

1. Please describe the project for which you are applying for Virginia Christensen funds.

The Colorado State Mining Championship and Day's of '92 Mining Events are the largest events during the tourism season in Creede and Mineral County each year and are held as part of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. These mining events showcase the physical skills of early mining techniques and keep the heritage of our mining traditions alive

2. Please provide the following budget information and any details you can provide for each item.

Item	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	15,000
Material Trophies \$500, T-shirts \$1000, Supplies \$180, Postage \$150, Fuel \$200	2030
Labor Announcer	300
Other: Prizes \$12,000, Liability Insurance \$670	12,670
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind Equipment	1250
Labor	6440
Cash Donations; Hecla, Mineral County and local merchants	7000
Entry Fees \$1600, T-shirt sales \$1400	3000
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	5000

3. What are the expected results and benefits of your project? Who are the target beneficiaries?



The popularity of these events draws large crowds each year and help make it the biggest weekend of the tourism season for Creede and Mineral County. Target beneficiaries are the entire community as attendees and contestants spend a considerable amount of money on lodging, meals, entertainment and gifts while visiting Creede.

4. Please describe how your project fits within the values of the Virginia Christensen Grant Program as described in the application packet.

The Colorado State Mining Championship and Day's of '92 Mining Events showcase the physical skills of early mining techniques which keep the heritage of our mining traditions alive while preserving its history. Not only are these events entertaining, they are also educational as they show how mining was done without the benefits of modern machinery. The early mining techniques are an art form that these events strive to keep alive. The CSMC and Day's of '92 events are part of Creede's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and is the largest recreational event of our season. Many families plan their yearly vacation to be able to attend these events. The economic benefits reach the entire community as attendees and contestants spend a considerable amount of money on lodging, meals, entertainment, and gifts.

These events have had a positive impact on Creede and Mineral County by drawing a large number of spectators each year. Our committee has been able to raise a significant amount of matching funds each year which has allowed us to continue our history of success for the project. We rely on volunteer help from the committee and others and also on in-kind donations to keep these important events alive.

**Medium & Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:**

5. What is your project timeline?
6. How will you and/or your organization meet the match requirements? (10% for Medium Grants, 25% for Large Grants)
7. How will you demonstrate the impact your project has had on the community?

**Large Grant Applicants, please answer the following question.**

8. How will you maintain and operate the project in the future, after the VC Funds are expended?

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## VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant/Group: <u>Mineral County Fairgrounds Association</u>		
Small Grant (\$1-\$5000)	Medium Grant (\$5001-\$20,000)xx	Large Grant (\$20,001+)
Address: <u>P.O. Box 61 Creede, CO 81130</u> Year Established: <u>2001</u>		
Contact Person: <u>Eloise Hooper</u> Phone: <u>719-658-2333</u>		
Email Address: <u>elfud_126@yahoo.com</u> Non-profit status? Yes xx No		
If no, indicate the name and contact information of the non-profit organization you are applying under.		

**Small, Medium, and Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:**

1. Please describe the project for which you are applying for Virginia Christensen funds

Capitol Development to improve events capacity broader use of facility

- Install all weather fire hydrant, hydrant adapter, pump, splitter (brass wyes), and meter on existing well
- Purchase back pens for Chute Out rodeo and other livestock management. They will be WW brand, compatible with existing arena pens and gates MCFA has already purchased. For the past 3 years we have rented these pens, wanting to be certain the rodeo events would be sustainable. Now they have proven to be very popular, it seems wise to invest in this equipment to permanently add capital value to the facility and cut down on rent loss.

2. Please provide the following budget information and any details you can provide for each item

Item	Amount
Total Project Cost See attached	
Material	
Labor	
Other:	
Matching Funds Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required	
In-Kind	
Cash	
TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED	

3. What are the expected results for your project? Who are the target beneficiaries?

- MCFA will not have to purchase as much water from the City of Creede  
Water will be available for livestock and events participants throughout the year rather than being limited to summer months. MCFA will also be able to improve the vegetation on a small area of the Fairgrounds through sprinkling.
- Broader use of arena and pens for users throughout the year: ropers, horse owners, hunters clinicians, trainers, boarders
- We aim to provide a more usable facility for residents and visitors

4. Please Describe how your project fits within the values of the Virginia Christensen Grant program as described in the application packet.

We believe the improved Fairgrounds facility and the events it produces positively affect Creede and Mineral County, particularly in the areas of entertainment and recreation. The livestock and ATV events continue to grow and be favorite activities for locals and seem to attract more visitors each year. These events also affect the Economic well-being of the area because many of the visitors visit town before and after the events visiting the shops, restaurants, bars and gas station. The Chute Out rodeos also help to preserve the Western heritage of the region

**Medium & Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:**

5. What is your project timeline?

The project should be completed by June 2017.

6. How will you and/or your organization meet the match requirements? (10% for Medium Grants, 25% for Large Grants)

Chute Out income and business donations

7. How will you demonstrate the impact your project has had on the community?

- Ticket sales and head count
- Monitoring use arenas and pens
- Communication with businesses and individuals

**Large Grant Applicants, please answer the following question.**

- How will you maintain and operate the project in the future, after the VC Funds are expended?

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Approved by Board of Trustees this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Awarded \_\_\_\_\_ Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk

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Secretary Treasurer: Eloise Hooper

Other Board Members

Susan Madrid

David Gale

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Shane Burris

Mineral County Fairgrounds  
VCT grant budget 2017

Total project cost

WW pens	\$	22,115.00
pens shipping	\$	1,000.00
blowoff hydrant	\$	610.00
hose & hydrant adapter	\$	44.95
Brass Wyes	\$	499.95
submersible pump	\$	1,148.00
shipping	\$	200.00
total	\$	25,617.90

Matching cash	\$	3,003.00
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In-kind WW discount for 501@3	\$	6,615.00
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Total Match	\$	9,618.00
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Total VC funds requested	\$	16,000.00
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Total income	\$	25,618.00
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