

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. REVIEW AGENDA

IV. PRE-PRESENTATION DISCUSSION (9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.)

- a. Appoint Chair
- b. Follow up Reports – Q & A
- c. Review applications for tonight's presentations

V. PRESENTATIONS

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| 9:30 | a.m. | - | Headwaters Music Festival |
| 9:45 | | - | Days of '92 |
| 10:00 | | - | Community Center/UGMM |
| 10:15 | | - | Chamber of Commerce |
| 10:30 | | - | Creede Bikes |
| 10:45 | | - | CCF – Fireworks & Boardwalk |
| 11:00 | | - | Headwaters Alliance |
| 11:15 | | - | Colorado Parks and Wildlife |
| 11:30 | | - | Creede Early Learning Center |
| 11:45 | | - | Creede Arts Council |
| 12:00 | | - | Creede School District |
| 12:15 | | - | Creede Community Church |
| 12:30 | | - | Creede Repertory Theatre |
| 12:45 | | - | MCFA |

VI. BREAK FOR LUNCH

VII. OTHER BUSINESS – 1:30 P.M.

- a. Approve/Disapprove Recommendations to Board of Trustees for Funding Requests

VII. ADJOURN

POSTED 4/17/18

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Recommendations for Virginia Christensen Trust Requests
From the Advisory Committee Review Meeting 4/27/18
For the Board of Trustees Meeting 5/1/18

Requesting Organization	Project/Funds will be used for...	Funding Request	SZ	Score (/40)	VCAC Rec.	BOT Decision
Headwaters Music Festival Association	Production of annual music festival (Total Cost \$31k, match \$15k IK)	\$10,000	M			
Days of '92	Annual event support (Total Cost \$15k, match \$10k, \$8k IK)	\$5,000	S			
Creede Community Center	LED Lighting Upgrade (Total Cost \$24.5k, match \$10k)	\$14,466	M			
Chamber of Commerce	Beautification Project (Total Cost \$5k, match IK paint)	\$5,000	S			
Chamber of Commerce	Operating Funds (Total Cost \$6.6k, match \$1.6K)	\$5,000	S			
Creede Bikes	Trail improvement tools (Total Cost \$2493, match \$1k IK)	\$1,293.02	S			
Creede Community Foundation	Fireworks Support (Total Cost \$16k, match \$500, \$5k IK)	\$10,500	M			
Creede Community Foundation	Trail Expansion Boardwalk (Total Cost \$161,000, match \$152k cash)	\$9,000	M			
Headwaters Alliance	Flood Mitigation & Science Camp (Total Cost \$26,903, match \$6k, \$2.7k IK)	\$18,203	M			
Colorado Parks & Wildlife	Creede SWA Youth Fishing Pond (Total Cost \$42,258, match \$9k, \$13.2k IK)	\$20,000	M			
CELC	Operating Funds (staff/training) (Total Cost \$41,081, match \$29,530)	\$11,551	M			
CAC	Small Print Show new Plexiglass (Total Cost \$1070, match \$200, \$100IK)	\$770	S			
Creede Schools	Development of track field for soccer, etc. (Total Cost \$47.5k, match \$7k, \$5k IK)	\$35,500	L			
Creede Community Church	Capital Improvement Project (Total Cost \$10.5k, match \$2700)	\$7,729	M			
CRT	Outreach (Total cost \$37,894.90, match \$30k?)	\$8,000	M			
CRT	LED Upgrade (Total Cost Phase 1, \$65k, total match \$45k)	\$20,000	M			
MCFA	Infrastructure (Total Cost \$14,500, total match \$2000)	\$14,500	M			
\$75,000 AVAIL.	TOTAL REQUESTS	\$196,512.02			\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00

VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant/Group: <u>Headwaters Music Festival Inc.</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>Sharon Brown/Steve Baxter</u>	Phone: <u>303-777-2785/719-588-4709</u>	
Email Address: <u>brownsbg@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 clinics. We have joined with other organizations in promoting the arts, Creede Repertory Theatre, Creede Arts Council, Creede Elks, Headwaters Alliance and local musicians 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
Total Project Cost	30,900.00
Material	
Marketing, Merchandise, Sanitary Waste, Insurance, Misc.	12,000.00
Labor	
Volunteer basis	0
Other:	
Musicians, lodging, sound, riders	18,900.00
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind	\$10,000.00
Board members time, \$3000.00, Volunteer time \$12,000.00	(\$15,000.00)
Cash	\$3897.53
TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED	10,000.00

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 third year. Saturday August 25 and Sunday August 26. The goal is to bring approximately 500-600 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 and Headwaters Alliance Bike Race 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.
8. We are teaming with the Headwaters Alliance Mtn Bike Race this year. Their presence at the event and our appreciation for our area, will be a focus this year.
9. Historic preservation Creede Historical Society-we are reaching out to ask for participation.
10. This year's festival will bring Jeff Johnson interacting with Kids and Adults in making their own stringed instruments. We are partnering with CRT, Headwaters Alliance, Creede Rec Center, Creede Arts Council and the Mountain Rendezvous for participation in this year's festival.

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 music will begin early Saturday afternoon, August 25 ending at 8:PM to encourage participating in events in town the music will restart Sunday morning and culminate Sunday afternoon, August 26th at approximately 5PM.

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 \$ residual from our 2017 event. A private benefactor has chosen to leave the funds in place as seed money for the 2018 event. We received \$1000 from the County Commissioners in 2017 and will be seeking the same for 2018. 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 600 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 600 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 8PM Saturday and 5PM 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 3/23/18 Amount Requested \$10,000
Not-For-Profit Status Verified Y ☒ N ☐ VC Meeting 4/27/18
Presentation Time 9:30 am Amount Recommended by VC Committee _____
Approved by Board of Trustees this _____ day of _____, 20 _____
Amount Awarded _____ Attest: _____ City Clerk

March 30, 2018

VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST COMMITTEE
PO BOX 457
CREEDE, CO 81130

Dear Committee Members:

The Colorado State Mining Championship and Days of '92 Mining Events held in Creede each year are respected as one of the premier events of its kind in the Western states. These events showcase the physical skills of early mining which keeps the heritage of our mining tradition alive.

This recreational weekend which benefits the entire community and is an economic boast to the local merchants is held each year on the 4th of July and draws the largest crowd of the season to Creede. Many families plan their yearly vacation to this area to be able to attend this event.

The expenditures we face each year are considerable and your generous support in past years has had a major impact on the success of this event. We are asking for your consideration of funding again this year which will enable us to host the events.

Would you please consider a donation of \$5000.00 this funding cycle to the Days of '92 Committee to cover these expenses? Thank you for considering our request.

*Sincerely,
Days of '92 Committee*

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 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 4th 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
Total Project Cost	15,000
Material Trophies \$650, T-shirts \$1000, Supplies \$230, Postage \$200, Fuel \$200	2280
Labor Announcer	300
Other: Prizes \$11,700, Liability Insurance \$720	12,420
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind Equipment	1150
Labor	6540
Cash Donations; Hecla, Mineral County and local merchants	7000
Entry Fees \$1600, T-shirt sales \$1400	3000
TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED	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 4th 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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Grant Application Received 4/3/18 Amount Requested \$5,000

Not-For-Profit Status Verified Y ☒ N ☐ VC Meeting 4/27/18

Presentation Time _____ Amount Recommended by VC Committee _____

Approved by Board of Trustees this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

Amount Awarded _____ Attest: _____ City Clerk

VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant/Group: <u>Creede Underground Mining Museum and Community Center</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>#9 USFS Rd. 503</u>	Year Established: <u>1992</u>
Contact Person: <u>Wendy Leggitt</u>	Phone: <u>719-658-0811</u>
Email Address: <u>creedeminingmuseum@hotmail.com</u>	Non-profit status? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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 Underground Mining Museum and Community Center is applying for funding from the Virginia Christensen foundation in the amount of \$14,466.00 for infrastructure improvements. The project is for replacement of the lights in the gift shop, community center and the cave. We will be replacing the old florescent lights with new LED lighting. The new LED lights in the community center will be flat panels and the gift shop and cave will be replace with LED retro kits.

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

Item	Amount
Total Project Cost	\$24466.00
Material LED Flat Panels, Retro Kits, Fixtures, Cable, Receptacles, Boxes and fittings.	18376.00
Labor 58 hours @ \$105.00/hr for 2 men	6090.00
Other:	
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind	
Cash Mineral County funding	10000.00
TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED	14466.00

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

With the installation of the new LED lights, the Community Center, Gift Shop and Cave will save a tremendous amount of money in electric bills each month.

These new lights will also give a look of being "outside" in the sunshine.

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

Entertainment and Recreation: The Underground Community Center is host to several large shows that have a direct impact on the economy of Creede and Mineral County. Woodcarvers Rendezvous, Rock and Mineral Show and the Silver Thread Quilt show. In addition, last year we introduced an Arts and Crafts fair that we hope will continue to grow.

History: The Underground Mining Museum is a direct tie to the history of Creede and Mineral County. It hosts twenty-one stations that gives visitors a very personal look at mining from the early days through modern day mining.

Education: The Community Center has long been a venue for a variety of events. Training classes, education classes, court hearings.

The Mining Museum not only displays the history of mining in the Creede district, it also showcases mining methods and the minerals that were mined.

Every year the museum is filled with schools from all over Colorado giving them a personal tour with one of our very knowledgeable tour guides.

Medium & Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:

5. What is your project timeline?

Pending funding, the lights in the Community Center will be completed before the busy season starts for 2018.

The Gift Shop and Cave will be completed in the fall after the busy season is over for 2018

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

Grant match will be from County funding.

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

As a public facility, the entire community and visitors alike will enjoy the space with much better lighting.

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 4/10/18 Amount Requested \$14,466

Not-For-Profit Status Verified Y ☒ N ☐ VC Meeting 4/27/18

Presentation Time 10:00 a.m. Amount Recommended by VC Committee

Approved by Board of Trustees this day of , 20

Amount Awarded Attest: City Clerk

VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant/Group: <u>Creede/Mineral County Chamber of Commerce & VC</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</u>	Year Established: <u>1987</u>
Contact Person: <u>Erin Yurkinas</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 and Visitor Center is requesting funds for our Exterior Beautification Project. The need and use of Welcome Centers and Visitors Centers has heavily been researched these last few years. Following a set of guidelines of what has been proven to be important to visitors, we have completely revamped and restructured the physical space of the Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center. The next stage to this project is beautification of the exterior. We want this space to be utilized and enjoyed by our community, businesses, and our visitors.

As beautification projects are developing and coming to fruition throughout town, our community is at a phase where our vision is matching one another across the board.

Landscaping, painting labor, and adding additional seating will be the focus of this ask. The interior update has excited our community members. We have a local community member who is donating the cost of paint for the exterior. The Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center also may have extra seating donated. These donations are all towards the exterior beautification project. A renewed energy has generated excitement and an increase in community participation.

The outdoor eating area, which is used daily in the summer months, by our visitors, locals, and businesses will have new landscaping. We will freshen-up the dog area and bring in a pop of color with wildflowers in that area. Wi-Fi reaches throughout the parking lot and seating areas providing free usage for all. The goal is to better serve our community, visitors, and our businesses. This beautification project will raise the bar for the Visitor Center. We want to entice our visitors who may be just passing through HWY 149, to stay longer, shop, and dine in Creede.

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

Item	Amount
Total Project Cost	5,000.00
Material Plants, Seeds, Shrubs, Seating,	2,000.00
Labor Landscape Labor and Painting Labor (1400.00)	3000.00
Other:	
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind Paint Donation (10-12 Gallons of Exterior Pant)	444.00
Cash	
TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED	5,000.00

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

The Creede and Mineral County Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center goal for this project is to support and address all three categories on which we focus - our community, our local businesses, and our visitors. Enhancing the South end of Main St will develop this area into a space that is enticing, inviting, and properly utilizes the abundant outdoor space. The beautification will offer an overall amplified experience of Creede and Mineral County. From the Chamber/Visitor Center perspective we are the voice of business and we are here to promote our area to the fullest. This project will keep our visitors here and have a positive impact on our community.

It has been recorded that areas that are physically updated (well-landscaped, proper signage) become engrained in visitors minds. It is important, as the Visitor Center to Mineral County and Creede, to enhance experiences all around.

This area will be available for all to enjoy. An expected increase use of the space by visitors, businesses, our locals, and organizations is sure to happen. We are expecting to continue to see record breaking numbers in the Chamber/Visitor Center. It is becoming a necessary station for all.

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 the ability to reach almost every value of the Virginia Christensen Grant Program. The exterior space of the Creede and Mineral County Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center currently has little curb appeal and is often admittedly overlooked as people drive by. The space available is not currently set up to be utilized to the fullest potential. Because it is a venue for events, registrations, and entertainment during many of our events, it needs to project a positive first-impression.

Community beautification projects are increasing throughout Creede/Mineral County - the vision is there. This project will create an economic impact as it will grab visitors into our parking lot on South Main. They will enjoy the space we provide, gather all necessary information from the interior, and stay in Creede for the day or night.

The exterior beautification project will enhance this experience and bring the venue outdoors as well. This goal is to use the space we have properly; everything will have a purpose and will now do much more. Outdoor programs can begin once this project is in full swing. Allowing a fundraising space for the Chamber/Visitor Center as well as other organizations will provide the ability to create programs that do have entertainment. A place for visitors, locals, and businesses to utilize.

As the information hub for our businesses, locals, and visitors, we provide an insurmountable amount of knowledge and services to all. The outdoor beautification project has a goal of planting wildflowers in most of the areas. This gives us the opportunity to expand our education and create local wildflower signage with our landscaping. The Visitor Center has many wild-flower seekers come in during the summer/fall for advice and what better way to assist than to be able to go outside and show them local wildflower before their adventure. This project allows us to be able to expand our programs, provide more information than ever to our visitors, and create a space to be enjoyed by all.

A future goal is to update the mural on the back fence of the Chamber/Visitor Center, after this initial stage reaches completion. There are 10 artists that currently have their work displayed at the Chamber/Visitor Center. Ranging from Photo Shoot Out Winners, current photo competitions, artists who are Chamber members, to donations. The interior is now a spot where art is showcased. Beautification of the exterior is the next step in our goal of serving our community, businesses, and our visitors with an enhanced experience.

Medium & Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:

5. What is your project timeline?

This project has a timeline for completion within a twelve-month period upon receiving funds. An emphasis will be placed on landscape and critical planting based on our growth season.

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

\$5,000. No Match requirements. We have benefactors who are donating the cost of the exterior paint (approx. \$444).

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

Impact will be demonstrated by holding Chamber/Visitor Center open meetings, business after hours classes, fundraisers outdoors, and collaborating with other organizations to fully utilize this space. Recording our foot traffic and creating new surveys to generate metrics we've never obtained before will allow Creede/Mineral County to have critical information that we don't have now. From visitor surveys, business surveys, event surveys, these will all demonstrate how the new space outdoors has impacted the community as a whole.

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?

After this initial phase reaches completion, the next possible fix for outdoors will be the mural on the back fence. The goal of this project will be for it to sustain itself, with watering as daily maintenance in the summer, we have a fantastic lineup of volunteers who are master gardeners and will take this task on.

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Grant Application Received 4/12/18 Amount Requested \$5,000

Not-For-Profit Status Verified ☒ Y ☐ N VC Meeting 4/27/18

Presentation Time _____ Amount Recommended by VC Committee _____

Approved by Board of Trustees this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

Amount Awarded _____ Attest: _____ City Clerk

VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant/Group: <u>Creede/Mineral County Chamber of Commerce & VC</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</u>	Year Established: <u>1987</u>
Contact Person: <u>Erin Yurkinas</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 and Mineral County Chamber of Commerce is requesting \$5000.00 for Operating Funds. As we are revamping our structure to better serve our community, businesses, and visitors, we are asking for assistance in funding crucial services we provide for all. Linking every ask to our three areas of focus enhances all we can accomplish here at the Chamber/Visitor Center. We are asking for specific assistance within our Operating Funds to support our printing capabilities, our propane heating, and our internet/phone/fax lines.

2017 was a record year for Creede, our foot traffic counter totaled approx. 20,000 entries into the Chamber/Visitor. The Chamber/Visitor Center acts as service hub to our visitors, community, and businesses - providing a vast array of information and needs.

All have access to our printer, internet, public use computer, phone, and fax. Local businesses and organizations use the printer daily for events/restaurant menus/promotional flyers. Visitors have access to a public use computer and we can satisfy their printing/faxing capabilities. Our locals use the Chamber/Visitor Center for their Wi-Fi needs and continue to learn new things about Creede and Mineral County daily. We are the only organization the community can use for all their printing/faxing/phone usage needs. Many times throughout the summer months, visitors will take a spot in the Visitor Center and use our land line due to our cell range issues. A necessity for visitors to update their families while vacationing in a remote area. With the recent broadband stretching out to Creede, it is important for all of Creede and Mineral County to have internet access. It's an economic development driver for those interested in moving here. Wi-Fi provides ease for visitors and our community to vacation and live here comfortably. Often you will drive by the Chamber/Visitor Center in the evenings and see people using our free Wi-Fi. We want to give everyone an enhanced experience.

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

Item	Amount
Total Project Cost	\$6,680.17
Material	
Labor	
Other: Propane : 1908.00 Printing : \$2277.32 Internet/Phone: \$2494.85	\$6,680.17
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind	
Cash	
TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED	\$5000.00

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

By focusing on where we serve all three aspects of our foundation of building blocks (community, businesses, visitors) we can accomplish more of our future vision. The Chamber/Visitor Center in the summer is open 7 days a week 8 hours a day (9am-5pm). In the winter months the Chamber/Visitor Center is open 6 days a week 7hrs a day from (9-4pm). We offer constant Wi-Fi, information, and guidance to anyone who comes in.

By freeing these funds we will be able to implement future programs. Our visions are to begin Business after Hours classes, create a new Volunteer Program, and to use our 2018 Marketing Co-op kit as a foundation to build upon. Freeing these operating costs will enable us to put more towards our marketing efforts on our area and provide more to our community and visitors. Target beneficiaries impacted will be who we focus on - businesses, community, and visitors.

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, simply adding broadband and having Wi-Fi available to all at the Center has a tremendous economic impact on our rural area. This simple offering allows visitors to stay longer, work from within the Visitor Center with plenty of welcoming working space, creating an ease of vacationing in our rural spot. It prompts visitors to think about buying a second home, coming back the next years, and also sparks interest in moving to our area. In fact, with the latest movetocreede.com site up, we have had at least 3 calls a week asking for a Creede packet with Real Estate info - which we happily send. Our mission is the continue to drive tourism to the next level, this project allows for this change to be implemented.

The Chamber/Visitor Center provides a constant stream of educational pamphlets on the area: our staff is knowledgeable, and our volunteers love talking about Creede and sharing their experiences here. It is an informational and service hub for everyone. In the winter months, as Creede slows down, our winter visitors spend more time within the Visitor Center than summer folks. They have time to stroll through the entire Visitor Center and experience the art, gather information, and truly take a full look at our town model. Now 100% completed, the town model is a must-see before heading off to our town museums.

Every goal links back into connecting our community, our businesses, and our visitors.

Medium & Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:

5. What is your project timeline?
This ask was calculated to assist in these expenses for a twelve month period. Upon receiving, we will immediately restructure some of our programs, and specifically increasing our digital marketing efforts.

6. How will you and/or your organization meet the match requirements? (10% for Medium Grants, 25% for Large Grants)
Request is a small grant of \$5000.00, matching n/a

7. How will you demonstrate the impact your project has had on the community?
Calculating floor traffic in the Chamber/Visitor Center showed record numbers provided above. However, we will be implement a new survey structure that will provide beneficial metrics for all to have access to. For visitors, we want to know why they are here. For local businesses, we want to know how we are doing and where we can better serve. For our community we want to know if they have additional needs we may be able to fill. Assisting the Chamber/Visitor Center in these expenses will help our efforts in implementing new programs.

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?
Upon a successful ask, this request will continue on through future asks.

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VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant/Group: <u>Creede Bikes /Headwaters Alliance (our fiscal sponsor)</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>201 N. La Garita, Creede, CO</u> Year Established: <u>2016</u>	
Contact Person: <u>Paul Whitmore</u>	Phone: <u>719-658-2351</u>
Email Address: <u>Dpaulwhit@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.

Creede Bikes is a local mountain bike group that is dedicated to developing, maintaining, and riding mountain bike trails. Our mission is to encourage mountain biking in the Creede area. We would like to apply to the Virginia Christensen funds for help purchasing trail building tools. The tools we have in mind are made by Trail Boss, a company that manufactures specific tool systems to fit in a backpack. This tool system consists of a 4 piece handle with a variety of ends: McLeod, Rogue 55A,(hoe) saw, 2.5lb pick/mattock, flat rake and round shovel. All of this can fit in a specially designed backpack to allow us to safely carry tools out on the trail via bicycle, as often the section that needs work is some distance from the trail-head. A complete set of tools is \$725, an extra handle set is \$255, and a backpack to carry these is \$260. Including shipping, the total is \$1293.02. Please see attached pictures . The extra handle set would allow two riders to work together on the trail.

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

Item	Amount
Total Project Cost	\$2493.02
Material Trail Boss Trail Tools	\$1293.02
Labor Our labor on the trail often consists of 3-6 volunteers laboring for 4-6 hours per day.	\$1000 on-going
Other: volunteers donating gas and chainsaw usage/transportation to and from trailhead	\$200
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind	
Cash	
TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED	\$1293.02

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

In the summer of 2017, we received permission from the Forest Service to work on Deep Creek and Shallow Creek Trails. We removed larger rocks embedded in the trail, created water bars, and improved creek crossings. These efforts improved the quality of the trail tread that made it easier to ride those trails. If we had these new tools, we could easily travel further from the trail head, spend less time in traveling to the work section, and devote more time to working on the trail.

Our main focus is to improve the trails for mountain bike riders, and as a result, the trail becomes more user friendly for hikers and horseback riders. The target beneficiaries are all trail users.

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

Our efforts improve recreational trail use for mountain bikers, hikers, and horsemen. The improved trail would be safer for all users. Our focus is to improve the trails to be sustainable to mitigate erosion and deterioration. One of the positive impact for locals would be safer trails that are more enjoyable to use. These would also make it more likely that visitors to our area would use the trails.

Creede Bikes! has been working with the Forest Service and adopted Deep Creek and Shallow Creek trails. We spent several days last summer working on both of those, and we hope to continue improvements fo

Medium & Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:

5. What is your project timeline?

We would like to begin using the tools as soon as snow melt allows access to the trails, i.e. May-November 2018. The tools would be used for years to come for trail maintenance.

As a sidelight, we are working with the Forest Service on a trail proposal to develop mountain bike trails in several locations in the Creede area, hopefully beginning in September 2018 and on going for the next several years.

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

If we were to receive the small grant, we will provide all the labor and extraneous costs for our trail maintenance and building efforts.

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

As Creede Bikes members ride the trails and talk to trail users, we will monitor feedback and usage. Several of the club members and locals responded positively to the changes we made last season on Deep Creek and Shallow Creek Trails.

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?

Not applicable.

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PRODUCT	TOTAL
Trail Builder Backpack, by EVOC × 1	\$260.00
4-Piece Handle w/ 6 Heads - Steel Segment Upgrade × 1	\$725.00
4-Piece Handle - Steel Segment Upgrade × 1	\$255.00
Subtotal	\$1,240.00
Shipping	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <input checked="" type="radio"/> Ground• <input type="radio"/> 3 Day S• <input type="radio"/> 2nd Day
Total	\$1,293.02

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 La Garita</u>		Year Established: <u>2013</u>
Contact Person: <u>Shelley Parham</u>		Phone: <u>214-697-8265</u>
Email Address: <u>shelleysparham@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:

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

Fourth of July Fireworks

The show will start at dark- thirty. The display will be from Seime Park and weather permitting(fire danger primarily) from the Creede Cliffs. We were able to do the show from two places in 2016 and it was amazing but fire danger in 2017 made that impossible.

As part of the entire Fourth of July celebration we hope to include the Sparkler Parade on Creede's birthday as an annual event

CCF has acted as the fiscal sponsor of the fireworks since the illness and death of Paul Stone.

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

Item	Amount
Total Project Cost	\$16,000
Material Fireworks ,Sparklers, Pyrotechnics	\$11,000
Labor Pyrotechnician, travel, labor	\$4000
Other: Administration, Marketing Fundraising	\$1000
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind	\$5000
Cash	\$500
TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED	\$10,500

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 much anticipated, long-standing tradition in Creede that benefits the entire community. Conservative estimates put our audience at 10,000 people. The influx of tourist dollars makes the fourth of July not only the busiest but most lucrative day of the year for Creede/Mineral County.

Lodging is always full for this weekend but many day trippers come to Creede for the festivities and we hope that many of these visitors will return during the year.

The Creede year round community, summer community and visitors look forward to this time honored tradition. The fireworks show gives us all a time to stop during the busy summer and enjoy and appreciate our special community.

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

The firework show is great entertainment for everyone. Adults, children, local and visitors are able to enjoy a free show with unlimited good seating.

Fireworks as a recreation activity provide an opportunity for everyone to enjoy and be part of a communal outdoor experience.

The firework show is beautiful and people remember the images of fireworks over Creede for a lifetime. Beautiful photographs have been taken and used throughout the year as marketing tools for the area.

The economic impact of the 4th of July firework show has on Creede is significant. The show and the 4th of July activities bring thousands of people to Creede to shop, eat and stay. For many it is their first experience in Creede and we hope this experience brings them back at other times of the year.

Fireworks-the show, the photographs and the experience are great marketing tools for Creede.

Fireworks provide no specific health benefit except that of a diversion from the "real world" and a moment of communal celebration for the town we love. Happiness has always been the best medicine!

CCF in collaboration with the Creede rec departement and our pyrotechnician hope to do an educational project with the children to educate them on what fireworks are and safety involved.

Our pyrotechnician showcases our Creede environment-mountain and cliffs-as the backdrop for an amazing show. There is little or no impact on the environment because of the expertise of our pyrotechnician and her team.

The entire 4th of July celebration honors Creed's history and the fireworks are an integral part of that tradition.

Fireworks are in and of themselves an art form. One that is transitory and cannot be housed in a building or park but a creative an artistic display nonetheless. Photographers capture the images and this art is used to enjoy, bring back memories and as marketing tools.

Medium & Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:

5. What is your project timeline?

Jenna Ford, our pyrotechnician will place an order by April 15 to secure product. This bill will be paid in May and the show will be on the Fourth of July.

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

All labor and administrative services are provided 100% in kind by CCF, Jenna Ford and her team.
Sponsorships
donation jars in the community
Parade donation collection

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

Post event business surveys will be done in collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce.
Percentage increase in sales tax will be identified.
In person interviews with business owners.

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?

CCF has worked hard to facilitate, organize and support the 4th of July firework show for five years. We consider this a gift to the community but realize that a significant portion of funding will always come from the city. We are committed to organizing and coordinating this important part of Creede's heritage.

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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 La Garita</u>		Year Established: <u>2013</u>	
Contact Person: <u>Catherine Kim</u>		Phone: <u>719-849-0492</u>	
Email Address: <u>catherinekim2@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.

This project will provide a 1000 foot by 4 foot boardwalk on the Willow Creek three mile loop trail. The boardwalk provides pedestrian and bike traffic a safe way through areas of high water flow and at intersections with the existing multi use trail. The boardwalk will keep users on the trail, protecting the ecosystem and will create safe passage through the natural space area.

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

Item	Amount
Total Project Cost	
Material	\$9000
Labor	
Other:	
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind <i>GOCO Inspire Grant</i>	\$152,000
Cash	
TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED	\$9000

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

The target beneficiaries of this project is the Creede/Mineral County community and all who visit here. The three mile loop with the boardwalk just south of town will be a safe trail for exercising or just enjoying the reclamation area regrowth.

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

The trail project as a whole makes the entire reclamation area safely accessible to the community and visitors. The ability to walk, bike or run this 3 mile loop, following the contours of Willow Creek, will provide the community and visitors free entertainment and recreation, and optimize use of this area.

The Willow Creek Project has already turned a once very barren landscape into a beautiful open space area. Native grasses are growing, trees are being planted and the creek is running primarily within its own banks. The trail with boardwalk will insure the safety of all the new growth and provide safe passage through the natural area. The well defined trail is practical but also gives the area a refined and appealing look.

The economic impact of the whole Willow Creek Project is immeasurable. It is what visitors see entering Creede from both directions. Having a pedestrian/bike loop looks good and nothing advertises better for an area than busy and useable natural spaces. The trail/boardwalk will keep people off the natural areas on both sides of the creek ensuring continued regrowth.

A three mile loop is a perfect distance for exercising. Walking or jogging is the easiest way to get a cardio workout. The boardwalk will provide a safe surface through often wet-muddy areas and a sharply delineated area for pedestrian/bike use when the trail meets the multi-use trail. The elevation or lack of elevation on this trail makes it accessible for people of all ages and abilities to use. The boardwalk will provide a safe pathway through naturally and man-made impediments.

The Willow Creek three mile loop trail is the ultimate outdoor classroom. The flora and fauna coming back, and easy access to the creek provide a place for everyone to see first hand this very special ecosystem. Included in our GOCO Inspire grant is interpretive signage along the loop.

The boardwalk provides safe passage through often muddy treacherous terrain and aids in delineation of the multi-use trail and the pedestrian/bike trail when they intersect. The multi-use trail is very busy in the summer months with ATV traffic and the boardwalk will visually separate the two trails making it safer for all users.

Trail systems are designed to protect the environment. The three mile loop trail will define where use is allowed and protect the natural area. The boardwalk in overflow areas will protect the terrain from "people" disturbances in a fluid environment.

Nothing says mining towns like boardwalks! Traditionally mining towns used boardwalks to battle the mud that comes with snow melt and rain on dirt roads. . Concrete and pavement have taken care of most of today's problems with mud. The boardwalk on the three mile loop will be reminiscent of the way things used to be. A utilitarian but historical means of combating mud.

The three mile trail loop with boardwalk will hopefully be a place for sculpture installations and other outdoor art projects.

Medium & Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:

5. What is your project timeline?

The boardwalk project is scheduled to be on the same timeline as the rest of the three mile loop project. Trail building will begin in late spring with an early fall completion date.

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

The town of Creede via the Inspire Hub Team has been awarded a \$152,000 grant for a project that will cost \$198,000. The project includes a three mile packed dirt/boardwalk trail following the contours of Willow Creek and three bridges crossing the creek.

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

The impact of the trails/boardwalk project will be obvious with increased use. After the project is finished we will survey the residents of Creede to assess use and benefit.

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?

The trail and boardwalk will be assessed yearly by Headwaters volunteers and maintenance will be provided by the city as they provide for all other town parks.

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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 N La Garita St./P.O. Box 518</u>	Year Established: <u>2016</u>
Contact Person: <u>Guinevere Nelson</u>	Phone: <u>719-480-4342</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:

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

The Headwaters Alliance is applying for a medium grant in the amount of \$18,203 to support one project and one program that will further the Headwaters Alliance's mission, to "foster a sustainable Upper Rio Grande for all."

The first project, the North Creede Flood Mitigation Project, is in its first phase to develop preliminary engineer plans that will improve the flood capacity of Willow Creek and East Willow Creek from 25 year flood volumes to 100 year flood volumes. This project was identified in 2002, as part of the Willow Creek Flood Study, using a series of HECRAS models to identify the movement of water at increasing flood volumes, and this project is the final project to complete the recommendations within that plan. This study will be used as the basis of preliminary plans to identify solutions that increase the carrying capacity of water at the North Creede culvert, stabilization of three instream structures, and will identify solutions to address recreation infrastructure needs at Silver Park. The infrastructure needs at Silver Park include water management solutions to help the hockey ponds retain cooler water for improved ice set up and trail development along the creek to provide non-motorized access north of town. The preliminary plans will provide the Headwaters Alliance with enough information to write grants for implementation and develop RFPs for construction contractors that will move the project into Phase II with clear benefits to the community. We are requesting \$12,000 to provide for project surveying and the cost of a professional engineer (P.E.) to develop the preliminary plans.

Our Summer Education program consists of Science Camp and a new Internship Program in conjunction with the Silver Thread Public Health District. Science Camp is in its 5th year and educates local youth on outdoor topics. This year's theme is Outdoor Skills. Youth will learn about tracking, orienteering, shelter building, water purification and leave no trace ethics this year. Last year we had record attendance at our camp, 27 kids for in total. We recognized the need to have more help, and have developed youth leadership opportunities for youth ages 12-14 to assist us as youth counselors (2 positions offered this year). Our Internship program will be offered to one high school aged youth for the summer to provide interns with applicable experience for their learning path. An intern will also build capacity in our organization. Our summer education program is designed to build knowledge and experience in our amazing surroundings and provide experiential education. We provide week long care at a significant discount to our community. Our \$6,203 ask to VCT will provide programmatic support for our Summer Education series and is outlined in the budget.

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

Item	Amount
Total Project Cost	\$26,903
Material Science camp supplies (snacks and materials),	\$400
Labor Flood Mitigation Planning, Science Camp Staff Camp Counselors and Summer Intern	\$20,903
(\$17,000 + \$3,000 + \$400 + \$2,803 = \$20,903)	
Other:	
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind HA Staff Time (\$2,500) Miner's Creek Cabin Donation from Mineral County (\$200)	\$2,700
Cash Colorado Water Conservation Board \$5,000 (flood mitigation only) Silver Thread Public Health (\$1,000)	\$6,000
Total Match	\$8,700
TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED	\$18,203

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

The expected results of the flood mitigation preliminary plans are to have implementable design plans to protect the Creede community from flood events. Within the preliminary design plans, our contracted engineer will provide costs for the construction cost of replacing the North Creede culvert, the wooden weir, and the retention structure just above the flume. The target beneficiaries are the people in Creede. Upon completion of the plans we are asking funding for, the entire Willow Creek watershed will be able to convey at least a 100 year flood event. Additionally, the plans will identify methods to improve the hockey ponds, by teasing out where creek water enters the ponds and where groundwater enters the ponds. This will improve winter time recreation opportunities for visitors and locals and support downtown business in the burgeoning winter season. The trail will provide alternative routes for non-motorized traffic year round, but will alleviate actual or potential conflicts with motorized traffic in the summer when Silver Park is the busiest.

Our summer education program will target our community's youth. Our expected outcomes for this year are to provide more experiential programming to youth 5-18. We anticipate that youth will grow from science camp, to youth counselors, and then participate in the Headwaters Youth Conservation Corps and internships with us. The benefits of this project include increasing our youth's knowledge of the outdoors and natural resources, increased youth leadership skills, and increased capacity for the Headwaters Alliance.

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

Our program and project request aligns with the safety, education, health, and recreation, values of the Virginia Christensen Grant Program. The request will fulfill our mission and achieve positive benefits for the Creede & Mineral County community.

The planning for flood mitigation is protective of all of Creede's residents and businesses. While we are not applying for funding for implementation, having a thorough engineering plan to address Willow Creek above Creede is prudent to the long term safety of Creede. We also believe that educating our youth on outdoor skills fosters knowledgeable outdoorspeople and reduces the need for emergency services while these youth recreate outdoors.

Our Summer Education program is developed with feedback from the community. Through Science Camp we regularly evaluate our program with forms sent to youth participants and their parents. They identify desired themes, experiences, and improvements to our camp. Educational objectives are developed from this feedback. During the development of our strategic plan, we held several public input sessions. The community overwhelmingly requested more educational opportunities as they relate to natural resources and the community's relationship with them. We believe that the series of educational programming we are offering will provide positive outdoor educational experiences for youth 5-18 based on actual needs of the community.

Through our partnership with the public health district, the internship has been developed to provide healthy and substance-free alternatives for our community's youth.

The development of the flood mitigation plan will provide solutions for the ice issues at the hockey ponds and develop a new trail system. Our engineer has hypothesized that the ice cover at these ponds is impacted by the presence of groundwater that is warmer than creek water. The solution he comes up with will improve this winter recreation amenity. Additional trails in our City limits will improve opportunities for non-motorized recreation and route people along Willow Creek.

Medium & Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:

5. What is your project timeline?

We have two timelines. For the flood mitigation timeline, we anticipate that surveying and project area assessment will begin once we have raised enough for the planning. Development of the preliminary plans will be completed by then end of 2018. A public input session will be held in January 2019. For our summer education, the internship will run from June 1- August 15. Science Camp will occur July 16-July 27.

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

We can provide 32% match for our grant request. We will meet this match through a combination of cash and inkind match. Our cash match will come from our partners. The Colorado Water Conservation Board has awarded us with \$21,000 for engineering and surveying. We are matchin this grant request with \$5,000 of that award. Additionally the Silver Thread Public Health District can provide half of the salary of our intern, \$1,000. For inkind, we are matching half the staff cost of Science Camp planning and running science camp for \$2,500. Mineral County has donated the use of the Miner's Creek cabin to our science camp, and is \$200.

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

The impact of our proposal will be demonstrated in two ways. Both the project and program will be evaluated by the impacted community. The flood mitigation plan will be presented to the public and input will be incorporated into the final design plans. Science camp and the internship will evaluated through feedback forms and regular input from the intern. We will share the impact in our quarterly newsletter following the summer programs (October).

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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Not-For-Profit Status Verified <u>Y</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>N</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	VC Meeting <u>4/27/18</u>
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VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant/Group: <u>Colorado Parks & Wildlife</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>722 S. Rd. 1E, Monte Vista, CO</u> Year Established: <u>1897</u>	
Contact Person: <u>Brent Woodward</u>	Phone: <u>(719)850-6366</u>
Email Address: <u>brent.woodward@state.co.us</u>	Non-profit status? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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 SWA Youth Fishing Pond is a project designed to convert overgrown rearing ponds to a youth only fishing pond. This project would provide a public, youth only fishing pond within walking and biking distance to the local public school and majority of the population of Mineral County. The pond would be stocked and maintained by personnel from CPW and serve as a location for angler education events and fishing derbys.

The Southwest Region prides itself in providing excellent hunting and fishing outreach to our youth. Area 17 currently provides and/or supports conservation camps, fishing clinics and shooting sports opportunities throughout the San Luis Valley. Mineral County has not received as many opportunities due to the lack of convenient opportunity or locations. The nearest public fishing lake is over 20 miles from the Town of Creede. This would make youth fishing opportunity in Mineral County much more available and provide greater chances for community involvement.

Area 17 was fortunate to receive a considerable amount of donated heavy equipment and operator time from Mineral County. Mineral County Road and Bridge employees removed existing dikes and fill to construct a 0.9 surface acre impoundment. CPW has an existing water right to a well on site that is decreed for 550 gallons per minute. However, the well has not been used for at least 30 years and there is no longer a pump present. The well will need to be rehabilitated and a pump test performed. There needs to be an outlet structure installed so that the water level in the pond can be manipulated as needed. The water supply line from the pump to the pond also needs replaced as the current line is unusable. CPW would pay for the maintenance of all infrastructure, water management costs, electricity, and stocking of fish. Fishing clinics could be scheduled through the Creede Public Schools and other community organizations like the Creede Elks Club.

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

Item	Amount
Total Project Cost	\$42,258
Material Water well pump, well flow meter	\$20,000
Labor	
Other:	
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind Install waterline, install outlet structure, refurbish/remodel pumphouse	\$6,200
Remove fill and dikes, re-contour pond bottom, place boulders on pond bottom for habitat	\$7,000
Cash Water well rehab, pipe for water supply line, install 3-phase power,	\$9,058
TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED	\$20,000

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

The objective of this project is to introduce and/or sustain an interest in fishing by local and visiting youths of Creede, CO. Fishing plays a large part in the history of Mineral County and currently draws a tremendous amount of tourists to the area. The Upper Rio Grande River drainage has an abundant fishery resource which is enjoyed by tens of thousands of anglers every year. This does make it difficult for youths to find good fishing that hasn't been overrun by tourists. This project would provide a youth only opportunity where fishing would not be as competitive and access would be more convenient. CPW will measure the impact and success of this project by numbers of fishing clinics requested and participants. Routine law enforcement patrols to enforce the youth only regulations could also provide information on youth angler participation at the pond.

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

The Creede SWA Youth Fishing Pond Project is a substantial capital improvement to the Creede State Wildlife Area and Willow Creek Watershed. The project will have a positive impact on locals as it is easily accessible from Creede and readily available to those children that attend the daycare facility that is located on the SWA. It will also be a draw to visitors of Mineral County. Visiting families will be able to take their children to fish at a pond without the competition from adult fisherman. It would also be an excellent place to take children to teach them how to fish since the pond is a smaller size with very few bushes and trees to get a fishing line hung. CPW expects to conduct fishing clinics at the pond and the Creede Elks have expressed an interest in conducting a fishing derby there. This project also has considerable matching funds from the applying government agency. Approximately 50% of the total cost of this project will be paid for by CPW. This project would give the Virginia Christensen Grant Program a lot of "Bang" for their buck!

Medium & Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:

5. What is your project timeline?

- November 2017 – Old trout rearing pond was filled with water pumped out of the Rio Grande River to evaluate ability of the pond to hold water. Water infiltrated into other rearing ponds to the north. Decision made to remove fill between rearing ponds and make one large impoundment.
- Late November-Early December 2017 – Mineral County Road and Bridge Department donates a front end loader, bulldozer and roller packer and operators to remove fill and re-contour pond. Large boulders added to bottom of pond for fish habitat.
- April-May 2018 – Well driller will jet out 17 feet of sediment from hatchery well. Well and casing will be evaluated and rehabbed. Well pump test will be conducted.
- June-July 2018 – Construct and install new outlet structure at the southeast corner of fishing pond. Outlet structure will discharge water to the Rio Grande River when level of the fishing pond needs to be manipulated.
- June-July 2018 – Remove pumphouse structure to facilitate installation of well pump. Have local REC install 3 phase electric power to pumphouse.
- July –August 2018 – Install and wire well pump. Re-install and refurbish pumphouse. Install well meter.
- July-August 2018 – Dig and prepare ditch for water supply line to fishing pond. Install pipeline to pump and run to pond

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

CPW will provide personnel and equipment to install portions of the infrastructure of this project. CPW budget money will be used to purchase an outlet structure, pipe and associated supplies for the water supply line and installation of 3-phase power. The Creede Elks have donated \$2,200 for the well rehab and pump test. The Creede Elks have also committed to in-kind labor for things like the pumphouse rehab/remodel.

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

CPW will measure the impact and success of this project by numbers of fishing clinics requested and participants. Routine law enforcement patrols to enforce the youth only regulations could also provide information on youth angler participation at the pond.

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?

State Wildlife Areas, and their associated improvements, are the responsibility of Colorado Parks & Wildlife. CPW will provide the funds through its annual budget to provide electricity, well augmentation, infrastructure maintenance and fish stocking. Other community groups, like the Creede Elks, could be involved with upkeep of landscaping and some infrastructure components.

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VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant/Group: Creede Early Learning Center

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

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

Contact Person: Kara Brittain, BOD Treasurer/Grant Committee Chair Phone : 719-580-1206

Email Address: creedekids@gmail.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 Creede Early Learning Center (CELC) is the only childcare facility within a 39-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.

Last year, the CELC qualified for a Large Center license. This allows for up to 35 children to be cared for at one time, though only about 20 can be housed on-site comfortably. 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! Hiring an additional Teacher's Aide and providing ongoing education to our current staff enabled enrollment to grow in 2017-2018!

With even more kids ages one to five in 2018, the CELC staff has re-structured parts of the day, and how daily activities are coordinated. For example, we now split the age groups up for 'playground time,' so that the younger toddlers are not competing with the older Preschoolers for toys!

Additionally, the CELC is working hard to provide age-appropriate activities and spaces for our Elementary-aged children in the summer! Parent surveys show that care is needed for approximately 16 children ages six to nine. We are working with the Creede School District to arrange space and transportation to house this new branch of our program!

In 2018, we anticipate housing approximately 20 children at the CELC facility daily, and an additional 15 children elsewhere during summer months, to provide the most care possible! This restructuring of the Toddler/PreK program, and the growing Elementary Program means we need additional Qualified Teachers and Teacher's Aides in order to provide the best care for all our families! We are also applying for support to maintain and educate our current staff. Only 73% 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
Total Project Cost	\$41,081
Material	
Labor Staff Wages (see attached)	\$39,081
Staff Continuing Education (see attached)	\$ 2,000
Other:	
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind	
Cash - Estimated Childcare Payments, paid by Parents	\$28,530
- Budgeted within General Operating Costs	\$ 1,000
TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED	\$11,551

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 (\$35/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.

(B: Local Economy) Creede and Mineral County depend on a dedicated and reliable workforce to keep our economy running and growing. The CELC had a 2017 summer enrollment of 33 children. We currently serve 21 children, and expect our 2018 summer to see as many as 38! 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 (Please note, some of these children attend part-time, allowing for daily attendance numbers to be slightly lower). 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.

(C: Young Children) To maintain a childcare program that best serves our community's children, the CELC Board 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.

(D: 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.

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), a specific elementary-age summer program, 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. Our budget allows for a small line item 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, launch a Friday Pilot Program to expand our hours of operation, and hire additional staff under our new Large Center License in order to care for more children at a time. The strategic use of funds has strengthened this successful and sustainable organization.

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! Who could have dreamed that there would be upwards of 38 young children in our community regularly attending a childcare program!?!

Medium & Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:

5. What is your project timeline?

June 1, 2018-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 projected income from childcare payments for 2018 is around \$62,500 per year. We will meet the match amount of 73% or \$28,530, for the specific Staff Wages outlined in this grant, along with other staff wages 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 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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Creede Early Learning Center 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: 73% of total (covered by childcare payments):	\$17,742
VCT ask amount: 27% of total (amount not covered by parent payments):	\$6,562

Approximate Annual Cost of Part Time Teacher's Aide:

Winter (Sept-May): 14 hrs/wk for 38 weeks @ \$10.50/hour =	\$5,586
Summer (June-Aug): 14 hrs/wk for 13 weeks @ \$10.50/hour =	<u>\$1,911</u>
Total Annual Cost:	\$7,497
CELC matching amount: 73% of total (covered by childcare payments):	\$5,473
VCT ask amount: 27% of total (amount not covered by parent payments):	\$2,024

Approximate Cost of a Full Time, Summer Only Teacher's Aide:

Summer (June-Aug): 40 hrs/wk for 13 weeks @ \$14/hour =	\$7,280
CELC matching amount: 73% of total (covered by childcare payments):	\$5,315
VCT ask amount: 27% of total (amount not covered by parent payments):	\$1,965

Total VCT ask amount for Staff Wages:	\$10,551
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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, the completion of Continuing Education Units (CEUs), or classes provided through the Early Childhood Council of the San Luis Valley.

- Online 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.
- Classes provided through the Early Childhood Council of the San Luis Valley typically require 48 hours of class time, and must be completed in Alamosa. Registration fees range from \$50-200. The CELC would like to cover mileage and provide some kind of stipend or pay the staff member's hourly wage.

CELC matching amount – budgeted for 2018	\$1,000
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Total VCT ask amount for Continuing Education for Staff:	\$1,000
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Creede Early Learning Center Board of Directors--Three year term, may serve two additional terms

Name	Email/mailling address	Phone	Employment	Term Begin	Term End	Office	Committee
Joni Adelman	adelman.joni@gmail.com 7.5 Goose Creek Rd. South Fork, CO 81154	719-658-2208 719-480-3138	Nurse Practitioner - Creede Family Practice	7/2013 7/2016	7/2016 7/2019	Co-President	Fundraising*
Kara Brittain	karjoco@aol.com 318 Holy Moses Drive Creede, CO 81130	719-580-1206	Web developer/graphic designer - B4 Studio (business owner)	2/2013 2/2016	2/2016 2/2019	Treasurer	Grants*
Kristeen Lopez	tkfan2254@live.com PO Box 248 Creede, CO 81130	719-849-9904	Teacher's Aide & Para - Creede School District Assistant Director - Creede Parks and Rec	2/2014	2/2018	Co-President	Fundraising
Margaret Phillips	maggienp@swbell.net PO Box 822 Creede, CO 81130	817-296-1076	Retired	2/2016	2/2019	Board member	Fundraising
Susan Callaway	littleelainephotography@yahoo.com PO Box 218 Creede, CO 81130	719-588-6412	Sales - Broken Arrow	1/2016	1/2019	Board member	Building Community Outreach* Playground
Robin Baldwin	robinandbud@yahoo.com PO Box 582 Creede, CO 81130	281-851-6923	Sales - Rincon Real Estate	7/2017	7/2020	Board member	Building*
Kiera Gibbons	kieragibbons@gmail.com P.O. Box 340 Creede, CO 81130	719-658-2127 719-849-0405	Fitness Instructor - Creede Parks and Rec Receptionist - Creede School District Freelance Graphic Design	7/2010 7/2013 4/2017	7/2013 7/2016 4/2020	Board member	Grants Policies * Building Playground*
Cassie Rhafir	cmrhafir@gmail.com 11663 county rd FF Blanca Co 81130	503-476-6269	Human Resource Specialist - Creede Repertory Theatre	1/2018	1/2021	Board Member	Community Outreach

*designates Chair of committee

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 411</u>	Year Established: <u>1991</u>
Contact Person: <u>Debbie Whitmore</u>	Phone: <u>719-480-2732</u>
Email Address: <u>dawhitmore@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 National Small Print Show(NSPS) has enriched Creede for the past 17 years. During that time, we have shown the prints in the CRT Lobby using a unique display system that was originally designed by print-maker Larry Baskey. Several years ago, CAC purchased new panels with the assistance of the Virginia Christensen Trust Fund. At that time, we did not replace most of the plexiglass that is part of the system.

We are requesting funds to help us purchase new plexiglass to replace the sheets which are showing wear after more than a decade of use. These will also be used for the displays which may be used to show prints at the Windsor Hotel after the travelling show.

At the same time, CAC is requesting funds to replace the 10"x10" plexiglass that is used for the NSPS travelling show. The travelling show will be sent to the Evergreen Arts Center for six to eight weeks. If it can be scheduled, a limited number of prints will then be displayed in Del Norte at the Windsor Hotel. We are also adding an additional 20 Uniframe acrylic clips to increase the number of prints that we can send on the travelling show. Because these frames are adjustable, they have also been used in the past for other exhibits.

We have found a Colorado business that will cut and sell us the acrylic plexiglass in the sizes that are needed. This will be more efficient and cheaper than if CAC purchases full sheets of plexiglass and has volunteers cut them to the sizes needed for the displays. Unless it will be cheaper to ship the materials from Denver to Creede, we will pick up the sheets in Denver.

In addition, to promote the art form of print-making, CAC will sponsor educational programs for Creede students and adult residents in the fall after the prints return from the travelling show. The project budget includes funds for materials and instruction on print-making techniques. Participants will make their own small prints which will be showcased in a separate exhibit using our NSPS displays.

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

Item	Amount
Total Project Cost	1,070.00
Material Plexiglass and Uniframes, Materials for educational programs and exhibit	770.00
Labor Instruction for educational programs	200.00
Other: travel costs	100.00
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind materials donated for educational programs	100.00
Cash donations	200.00
TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED	770.00

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

The NSPS is an integral part of the Creede Arts Council season each year. Revenue from sales of small prints provides funding for CAC's other programs.

CAC's mission is to "promote the arts and humanities in Mineral County through education, exhibition and performance." By offering artists a chance to display their work in Creede and in the travelling show, CAC not only supports artists and collectors, but provide a chance for our community to learn about different artistic techniques and media.

Beneficiaries include Creede residents and visitors; it particularly benefits those who attend the show at the CRT lobby. The educational program in the fall will give local students and adults a chance to learn about the techniques that professional artists used to create their prints for the NSPS. It will also be a hands-on opportunity for the Creede community to create and share works of art.

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

The NSPS has had a significant positive impact on Creede by enriching the lives of residents and by bringing professional artists who submit work to Creede to view the opening. Artists from as far away as Wisconsin and Illinois have visited Creede specifically because of their acceptance in the NSPS. The NSPS enhances Creede's standing as a Best Small Art Town in the US by garnering interest and entries from artists from Maine to Hawaii.

CAC has an exemplary history of success with projects that the Virginia Christensen Trust Fund has supported including: the NSPS, Creede Sculpture Show, Willow Creek Journal, and Collins Memorial Art Park to name a few.

CAC will match the costs with donations of cash and materials for the educational program.

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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COVER PAGE – VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST FUND APPLICATION

- ✓ Application
- ✓ List of Officers or Board of Directors
- ✓ Certificate of Good Standing (letter of explanation)
- ✓ CAD drawing and rendering done by student of Creede High

School (Casper Freedle)

Signed: *Lis Richard*
Lis Richard, Superintendent

VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant/Group: <u>Creede School District</u>		
Small Grant (\$1-\$5000) <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium Grant (\$5001-\$20,000) <input type="checkbox"/>	Large Grant (\$20,001+) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Address: <u>450 Corsair Drive</u>		Year Established: _____
Contact Person: <u>Lis Richard</u>	Phone: <u>719-658-2220 ext. 111</u>	
Email Address: <u>lis.richard@creedek12.net</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.

In the construction of our beautiful school, a track was put in to the west of the school. The large area is limited to only a track and is currently unusable space for anything else. Our school would like to use that wonderful space for a soccer field, physical education space, and community venue use as well. We would like to enhance the area around the track to enable spectators to enjoy their experience while watching young and old participate in events on the track and field. These events are not limited to school but would include the community with concerts, runs, and other great events.

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

Item	Amount
Total Project Cost	\$47,500
Material 50 Aspens, 25 Spruce, 50 Cinquefoil, groundcover, bleachers (2x15ft. long), Team benches, Scoreboard, Goals (2), Ticket Shed, signage, Top soil	\$29,500
Labor Plant placement, spreading top soil. scoreboard placement	\$8,000
Other:	
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind Certain Contrators are donating labor, One is donating material	\$5,000
We will seed grass on our own	
Cash Reserve funding	\$7,000
TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED	\$35,500

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

The expected results of our project are a completed and usable field, seating for spectators, landscaping around the outside perimeter, and signage. The benefits of this project are enormous. The students of Creede Schools and the community are currently unable during good weather to use the field. There are very large rocks and uneven ground in the field area that makes it impossible for use. The physical education teacher cannot utilize the field space for concern of injury. The benefit would be providing new and beautiful space for the community to gather for events and concert venues, allowing the school children to have another space to enjoy learning, providing for a place for the newly approved soccer program to practice and play, providing seating for spectators, and adding aesthetics to the outside area.

The target beneficiaries are the local citizens of Creede. The students of the school will daily benefit during the school year and the citizens will benefit particularly during the busy season. This will be a wonderful venue for events providing an opportunity for the town to utilize the space and the convenience of the school facility as well. It is in close proximity to the fair grounds and would aid in some of the events that take place there as well.

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 on Creede and Mineral County locals in many of the ways listed above. Specifically by directly impacting the school children by giving them space to run and play and the locals by providing beautiful space to add to their venues. The plans include an entrance "gate" area for venues and spectator seating on bleachers and grass for concerts, drama, and other like performances. Close proximity to the school provides access to restrooms and other options.

*This project will assist in attracting visitors to Creede and Mineral County by providing a pleasing place to go and enjoy activities and venues. It will also expose them to the school district and the wonderful work happening there.

*This project can be considered seed money if you think about our children being the future leaders of the community. Any project that helps the children of Creede helps the future of Creede and Mineral County.

*This project is a substantial long-term capital improvement for the Creede and Mineral County area. Growth is moving toward the district. This helps to enhance that movement and encourage it.

*Creede School District is a living example of exemplary history of success with our facility as a past project. There are other projects we could mention but that is a substantial project.

*This project has received matching funds from other sources. We are also applying for a Colorado Foundation Grant hoping to add to the resources available.

Medium & Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:

5. What is your project timeline?

June 1, 2018 - April 30, 2019

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

Our school board will approve some funds coming out of reserves to aid in the project. We are also applying for a Colorado Foundation Grant that has detailed the purpose of the grant so closely to our aligned purpose we feel we will get the award. Also, we have in-kind donations by some of our contractors and we will do some of the work. The grant is not shown in our budget at this time due to the fact that we cannot guarantee those funds.

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

We will report back to the City a schedule of events for use on the space. We anticipate outdoor usage for physical education, county-wide usage throughout the summer with walking space on the track and play on the field, any events we can schedule, and soccer season.

We will also photograph progress as the project is underway. The beautification of this will have a significant impact.

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?

At Creede School District we have a Facility Usage Agreement System in place. This allows us to track usage of our facilities. We will add the new field/venue space to this system. It is our hope that the public will see the amazing benefit of this beautiful space and begin using it. It will become part of the fabric of the school operation and maintenance will be ongoing responsibilities designated to the appropriate personnel.

We will also coordinate with the Chamber to see that we are included in planning for summer events. We will make our space available for musical groups, CRT, and other performing artists as well as visual artists.

Maintenance and operation are not the concerns for the district. The district operates and maintains facility well. It is the initial cost of obtaining structure and nice space that is difficult to obtain.

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April 16, 2018

Dear Virginia Christensen Trust Fund Board of Trustees:

Please accept this statement from the Colorado Department of Education as our "Statement of Good Standing." As a school district, our audit is what is considered and submitted each fiscal year as our credential for financial standing. The Colorado Secretary of State does not supply the district with anything other than this letter.

We are happy to share our audits with the board should they require this. We have several years of near-perfect audits.

Sincerely,

Lis Richard
Superintendent



COLORADO
Department of Education

School Finance and
Operations Division

TO: Mrs. Elisabeth Richard
Superintendent
Creede School District

FROM: Aaron Oberg
Director
Office of School Finance

DATE: November 15, 2017

RE: FY 2016-17 Audit and Financial December Data Pipeline Submission

CDE reviewed and accepts the district's FY 2016-17 Finance December data pipeline and audit. The data pipeline submission is not a small task, and the department appreciates the time and effort put into audit preparation and data pipeline submission. The Office of School Finance commends the district's finance department for providing required data and documentation in a timely manner.

Data Pipeline/Audit

We thank district finance staff for working with us to address concerns related to the Financial Transparency Act noted during the review. Detailed information on the review items has been emailed to finance staff at the district.

District Action

No formal response to the Office of School Finance is needed at this time.

Financial Transparency – Next Steps

The District should now be in a position to post the required FY 2016-17 financial data file on the District's financial transparency webpage (Excel format) pursuant to CRS 22-44-105 and CRS 22-44-304. Please ensure that your FY 2016-17 financial data is posted no later than March 1st, 2018. BrightBytes uses the district's financial data to populate the Financial Transparency for Colorado School's webpage.

Copy: Creede School District Board of Education
Sherry Scallan, Bookkeeper
Office of the State Auditor
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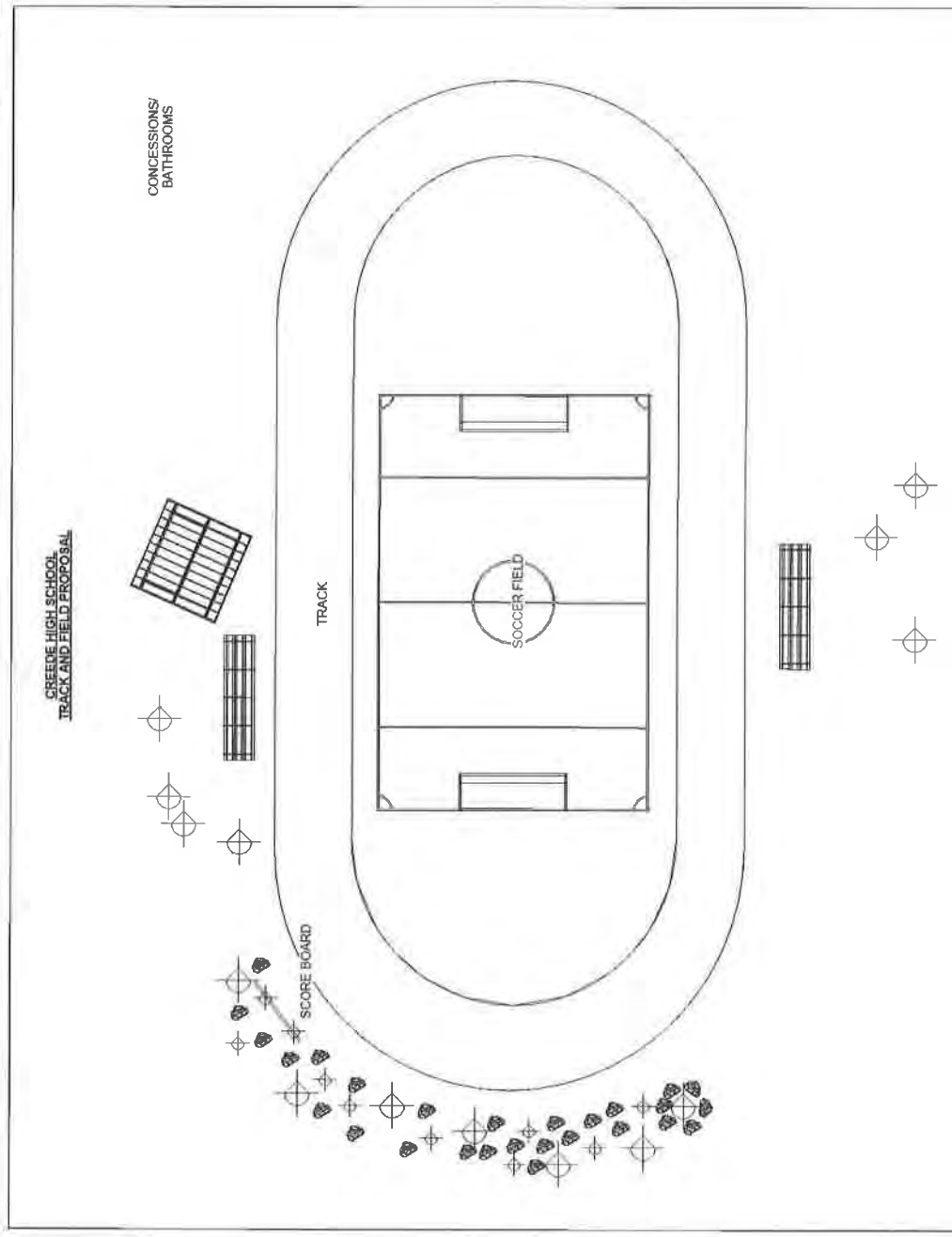
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An aerial view of a soccer field. The field is green with a grey path running along its length. Two blue goalposts are positioned on the field. To the left of the field, there is a yellow building, a pile of logs, and a row of evergreen trees. To the right of the field, there is a red building, a row of evergreen trees, and a pile of logs. The field is surrounded by a grey path.



VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant/Group: Creede Community Church		
Small Grant (\$1-\$5000) <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium Grant (\$5001-\$20,000) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Large Grant (\$20,001+) <input type="checkbox"/>
Address: P.O. Box 126		Year Established: 1894
Contact Person: Rev. Sarah B. Linn		Phone: 719-459-7419
Email Address: creedecommunitychurch@gmail.com		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.

Creede Community Church seeks seed funding for a multi-pronged capital improvement project for our building & grounds.

The project includes:

- expanding landings on each of two sets of concrete steps for the main entrances to the building and sanctuary and installing replacement handrails, to improve safety;
- repairing two concrete buttresses for the building foundation;
- installing a brick and stone bench to welcome passersby, along with a new sandblasted redwood sign for the building; and
- replacing cracked & clouded Plexiglas panels with 16 new Lexan panels and weather-stripping to more effectively protect and display the 13 historic stained glass windows around the original structure, including the iconic stained glass window facing Main Street.

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

Item	Amount
Total Project Cost	\$10,429
Material : 16 Lexan panels & weather-stripping for 13 windows (approx. \$3,998)	\$5,259
new redwood sign (\$60/sf) = \$1,260	
Labor Labor & materials for work on buttresses, steps & railings	5,170
Additional labor (bench, sign, window frame painting & Lexan installation) by volunteers	
Other:	
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind	
reclaimed brick, stone, paint	
Cash : Samuel L. Westerman Foundation	2,000
Community and Congregation donations received	700
TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED	\$7,729

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

Funding for this project will help ensure that the Creede Community Church building will remain a safe and viable structure well into the future. Anyone entering the building through the main entrances will benefit from a safer landing and sturdy handrails; Creede visitors will be able to more clearly see and enjoy the historical building and stained glass windows; visitors will appreciate having a bench on which to rest during community events and on hot summer days; and the congregation and Ladies Aid Society will be able to focus more of their resources and attention on serving the community, rather than attending to the full cost of these needed repairs. Finally, each community group that uses the building throughout the year (see #4, below) will benefit from continued access to the building, always offered free of charge.

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

The historic Creede Community Church building is a landmark in Creede and Mineral County. Each summer, dozens of people stop in to explore the building and admire the stained glass windows.

Just as significantly, however, the building serves the community throughout the year as a venue for a range of education programs including Creede Historical Society events; cultural programs supporting Creede Repertory Theater, Creede Arts Council, and the Creede Community Players; support groups including Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon; social gatherings; and health workshops in partnership with Mineral County Public Health. The church building is home to Creede Community Church's Ladies Aid Society, which raises funds and mobilizes scores of women to address a wide range of community needs and assist community members in financial distress.

Not only are the people of the congregation vital to the well-being of the community, but the building itself serves as a historical landmark and staging ground for countless efforts to benefit the Creede and Mineral County area.

Medium & Large Grant Applicants please answer the following questions:

5. What is your project timeline?

With adequate funding, we will be able to complete the entire project by the end of the 2018 calendar year.

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

We have already received a \$2,000 grant from the Samuel L Westerman Foundation and \$700 from community and congregation donations.

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

We will provide photos of the completed work indicating the percentage of the windows and building structure restored, and a full accounting of volunteer hours contributed toward the overall project (bench/signage and protective coverings for stained glass windows, along with painting window frames).

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 a capital improvement project, this is a one-off expense, requiring no continuing or immediate follow-up. This work serves as maintenance and renovation of the existing building and grounds. Our Trustees and Board are committed to keeping the building and grounds in good repair, as evidenced from our track record of sound maintenance. The Committee or its representatives are welcome to inspect the building to assess its upkeep.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Virginia Christensen Trust Grant Application

Applicant: Creede Repertory Theatre

Medium Grant

Contact Person: John DiAntonio

Phone: 719-658-2540 X255

Email Address: john@creederep.com

Non-profit status? Yes

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

Creede Repertory Theatre respectfully requests \$20,000 in grant support from the Virginia Christensen Fund to help overhaul our MainStage theatre lighting system. It is imperative that CRT upgrades the outdated lighting system to support LED lighting in order to reach a modern standard in theatrical lighting, prevent a catastrophic mid-season lighting failure, conserve energy and resources, and provide a safer environment for our technical staff. CRT has had a multi-year plan for making these improvements. For the first step of this project, we needed to bring 3-phase power to the MainStage. We accomplished that in 2016 at the cost of roughly \$35,000. Our next step is budgeted at roughly \$66,000 and includes purchasing new LED Wash Lighting Instruments, which will require a partial reworking of our lighting system circuitry. These new LED wash lights can be used in conjunction with some of our old focus lights until we are able to complete the final phase of our improvements. That final phase, to be completed in 2019, will include the finalization of our circuitry overhaul and the purchasing of LED focus lights to replace the remaining 30-year-old lighting units. The final step will cost roughly \$78,000 bringing the grand total of our improvements to a cost of \$144,467. Our team is working with a Colorado company, Norcostco, to get the best price when sourcing our fixtures and materials. This upgrade is time sensitive, because the ancient dimmer system could fail any day. If that were to happen, the theatre would be out of commission for at least three weeks until an overpriced, rental, dimmer system could be brought in on an emergency basis. Introducing this newer more efficient technology means that our energy costs would be cut by at least 20% given the massive amount of energy wasted as heat by our current fixtures. Bringing CRT up to this modern standard would also negate the need for replacement lamps and ladder work during daily set changeovers, creating a much safer and faster system for the technical team. Finally, the looks that LED lighting instrument can achieve with their color mixing properties would be fantastic, allowing CRT to stage more technically advanced shows which has the potential to draw more tourists and theatrical professionals to Creede. This new LED system could help CRT and the Creede Community for years to come. This improvement significantly ups the production value of every CRT show and community event in the MainStage theatre. Additionally, when it's time to build a new MainStage theater in Creede ten years from now, every single one of these lights would transfer into the new space. The savings of this system will last for decades.

2. Budget chart

CRT LED Lighting Upgrade Funding Chart				
Expenditures (Detailed lines items)	Total Cost	Funding Total	Funding Source	Notes
PHASE 1				
LED Lighting Fixture Package - Phase 1	\$ 48,256	\$ 20,000	Virginia Christensen Trust Fund	Pending.
Data Distribution Wired Option	\$ 8,872	\$ 10,000	Ruth H. Brown Foundation	Secured.
Repurpose Existing Dimmers	\$ 2,822	\$ 30,000	USDA Rural Development Grant	CRT has been given a verbal agreement from our USDA Community Programs Specialist for the amount. They are waiting on approval of the national budget.
10% Installation and Equipment Contingency	\$ 5,995	\$ 6,000	EL Pomar Foundation	Pending. Received support for the 3-Phase Power step. Have put in a request for discretionary funds towards this project.
Phase 1 Sub Total:	\$ 65,945	\$ 66,000		
PHASE 2				
LED Lighting Fixture Package - Phase 2	\$ 44,165	\$ 40,000	Gates Family Foundation or REDI	Pending. Gates Foundation has a history of supporting CRT. With the enthusiastic support of the City of Creede, we have submitted a strong application for funding from the Rural Economic Development Initiative.
Dimmer & Relay Modules	\$ 23,367	\$ 10,000	The Schramm Foundation	Pending. We have received funding support the last several years.
Control Station and System Option	\$ 3,852	\$ 30,000	USDA Rural Development Grant - Phase 2	Pending. Have been given a verbal agreement.
10% Installation and Equipment Contingency	\$ 7,138	\$ 10,000	Additional Foundations	Pending. Will approach as needed. Dependent on above grants.
Phase 2 Sub Total:	\$ 78,522	\$ 90,000		
PHASE 1 & 2 GRAND TOTAL	\$ 144,467	\$ 156,000		

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

If CRT were forced to close its doors due to a lighting failure, there is no telling what the effect would be on our programs and the economic stability of the greater Mineral County community. This lighting improvement truly is a preventative measure. CRT is responsible for pumping \$3M annually into the Mineral County economy. The impending lighting failure would force us to close our doors and cancel programming for at least three weeks. With no productions to draw arts tourism to our community, the financial impact would be devastating for Creede. In this way, all of the residents and business owners of Mineral County stand to benefit from this improvement to Creede Repertory Theatre. Additionally, it's important that we offer performances with production values equivalent to that of other regional theatres. CRT's current lighting system is 30 years old and does not have the capabilities that our designers are accustomed to working with. Additionally, many of our visiting patrons are avid theatre goers, accustomed to the modern standards of technology adopted already by theatres in more profitable regions. Not only are LED lighting systems more creatively freeing and consistently able to achieve beautiful results, they're also much more energy efficient, create less waste and offer a safer environment for a technical team to work in.

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

The project positively affects the Creede & Mineral County Area in that it provides economic stability, will augment the quality and consistency of the arts entertainment we provide. By taking this measure to prevent an impending lighting failure and theatre closure, CRT is ensuring that Creede's numbers of tourist aren't in peril of dropping. CRT's connection to the Mineral

County community goes way beyond offering shows. We share the County's mission to continually improve the community, providing arts accessibility for San Luis Valley residents by offering an affordable, local option for entertainment. CRT also offers community groups a "community rate" for use of its spaces, a discounted amount of 50% or more. In 2017, CRT partnered with seven local community groups to produce 17 events in its space. In future seasons, these community events would have access to higher quality equipment, avoiding the hassle of working with our ancient lighting fixtures. Over 20,000 patrons, enticed into the mountains by the unlikely theatre scene, create a stable economic atmosphere for our vacation town. Their patronage, coupled with donor and grant support, makes it possible for educational programs like our Young Audience Outreach Tour to reach as many as 40,000 students in underserved communities, helping us to bring professional theatre to 60,000 Southwesterners and travelers. However, with advances in technology made over the last five to ten years, our standards for production value have fallen below average for a regional theatre of our size. It is imperative that we are able to bring the highest quality theatre to our remote region. The Creede local kids, who are invited to CRT productions and to perform in our annual KID Show at no cost, deserve to see and learn about theatre of a professional caliber.

5. What is your project timeline?

In its entirety, the lighting overhaul project will be completed in three distinct steps. The first was completed in 2016 and consisted of installing 3-phase power on Creede's Main Street. We are currently seeking funding for our second step in the process which includes purchasing LED wash lighting fixtures and completing a partial reworking of our current circuitry in the MainStage. We plan to complete this step by July 2018, allowing us to utilize the new wash lights in conjunction with our outdated focus lights for our 2018 summer season of performances. The third and final stage, which includes reworking the remainder of our circuitry and replacing the last of our ancient lighting fixtures with more LED units, will be completed by July 2019.

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

CRT is reaching out for additional grant funding from multiple sources to make the next step in our lighting improvement project a possibility. This upcoming step will cost \$66,000. We have received a verbal commitment to provide support from the USDA's Rural Development Grant in the amount of \$30,000. We have received \$10,000 from the Ruth H. Brown Foundation. We are also confident that we will receive some amount of capital support from the Gates Family Foundation towards the second phase of the project. Gates Foundation has a history of supporting CRT. Additionally, with the enthusiastic support of the City of Creede, we have submitted a strong application for funding from the Rural Economic Development Initiative. The El Pomar Foundation helped CRT and the City of Creede bring 3-phase power to Creede's Main Street in 2016 so we are hopeful they will offer additional support for this further improvement. While we are not eligible this fiscal year, we will approach them in 2019 to fund our final phase of lighting improvements.

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

If summer business is able to conduct as usual, without a temporary closure of the theatre, our project's success will be demonstrated. As mentioned, this lighting improvement is long overdue and currently needs to be implemented as a preventative measure. Furthermore, an LED lighting package will be an improvement that is obvious to our patrons. The new capabilities will not go unnoticed. We take great measures to track ticket sales for each and every performance at CRT and have no doubt that this improvement to our equipment will help, overtime, raise our average house count.

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

This lighting overhaul will ultimately help CRT to cut costs from its operating budget. 3-phase power, introduced to MainStreet by CRT in 2016 allows for smaller, less expensive wiring and lower voltages, making it safer and less expensive to run. With access to 3-phase power we are able to continue our lighting upgrade project, maximizing energy efficiency. LED lighting not only offers more theatrical capabilities but requires far less maintenance and upkeep costs. Lamp replacement will no longer be required, reducing waist and negating the need for potentially dangerous ladder climbing during daily set changeovers. LEDs are converted into light and only 5% is wasted as heat. This is compared to fluorescent lights which convert 95% of energy to heat and only 5% into light. LED lights also draw much less power than traditional lighting reducing our energy expenditure by 20%. These replacement lights and technology are long overdue and will carry us through the next several decades of award winning theatre and educational programming in Creede.

Name	Office	Professional Affiliation	Years on Board
David Risser		Financial Advisor at Financial Partners LLC, Santa Fe	Elected Fall 2017
Birdsey, Susan-Creede, CO		Former School District Superintendent, local business owner	Elected Fall 2017
Cohen, David-South Padre Island, TX		Professor, University of Texas	2 Year - Elected Spring 2016
DeVault, Jerry-St. Charles, IL	Senior VP	Partner, EY (formerly Ernst & Young)	5 Years - Elected Spring 2012
Jones, Terrence- Santa Fe, NM	President	Retired, Former ED of Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts	6 Years - Elected Fall 2011
Kring, Gary-Littleton, CO		CPA	5 Years - Elected Fall 2012
Koets, Robert-Creede, CO		Retired, Senior Vice President of Risk Management, Homeside Lending	Elected Summer 2017
Leavell, Lindsey-Denver, CO	VP of Fund Development	Owner of 4UR Guest Ranch	5 Years - Elected Spring 2012
Loud, Jim-Creede, CO		Retired Corporate Management	Elected Summer 2017
Sculley, Mary-Dallas, TX	Immediate Past President	Retired HR Specialist, Owner of Exercise Coach	6 Years - Elected Fall 2011
Morgan, Larry-Danbury, CT		Retired, CFO	1 Year - Elected Fall 2016
Pinkerton, Mary Lee- Montrose, CO	VP of Facilities and Secretary of the Board	Owner of 4UR Guest Ranch	2 Years - Elected Spring 2015
Powell, Richard-Lake City, CO	VP of Finance	Retired Professor, University of Arizona	4 years - Elected Fall 2013

Quint, Michael- Iowa City, IA	VP of Board Development	VP/Chief Customer Officer, West Liberty Foods	5 Years - Elected Fall 2012
Reed, Steve- Sante Fe, NM		Founding company member of CRT in 1966, Retired Botanist	4 Years - Elected Summer 2013

Virginia Christensen Trust Grant Application

Applicant: Creede Repertory Theatre

Medium Grant

Contact Person: John DiAntonio

Phone: 719-658-2540 X255

Email Address: john@creederep.com

Non-profit status? Yes

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

Creede Repertory Theatre respectfully requests \$8,000 in grant support from the Virginia Christensen Fund to help underwrite the cost of our Community Outreach endeavors. These undertakings include offering year-round discounted rates for facility rentals to community groups and the production of our Audience Enrichment and Educational programming included in the 2018 season. As an integral part of the Creede community and economic atmosphere, CRT values these programs greatly. Support from the Virginia Christensen Fund is imperative to the success and accessibility of these programs.

As a non-profit theatre company, CRT relies on the generous support of individual donors and charitable foundations to fulfill its mission of providing quality arts access, education and economic development for Mineral County. Not unlike most non-profit regional theatres, 50% of CRT's operating budget is comprised of donated funds. We don't believe this fact excused us from giving back to the community and we continue to prioritize Community Outreach projects.

In recent years, Creede Repertory Theatre has placed a higher value on sparking dramatically in-depth discussions around the plays we produce. Kate Berry, our Artistic Associate and seasoned company Actor, has re-envisioned our post show discussions to encourage more thematically relevant and topical conversations. This new series of Post-Show Last Word discussions will give audiences new ways to interact and think about theatrical performances, helping them bridge the gap between what's on stage and what's happening in the world today. Three of our Last Word discussions this summer will take place at the Finding Gems Café and Shop, promoting collaboration between local businesses.

This year CRT will continue its tradition of immersive lobby exhibits by offering an interactive display in the upstairs of our MainStage lobby. This display will help patrons connect to the themes and characters and *Wizard of Oz*. Local artist, Sara Compton, has been commissioned to paint portraits of each of the iconic characters from *Wizard of Oz* using the unique style of our costume and scenic designers as her inspiration. The resulting mural will include a chalk board background, encouraging kids and adults alike to add their thoughts and musings, supporting a multi-media, hands-on, theatrical experience. Additionally, our scenic design crew will be installing a Wizard's Station where audience members can step behind the curtain and try on the character of the Wizard for themselves.

As always, CRT will be producing a brand-new script, *Abandoned Way Out West*, for our annual, nationally recognized KID Show program. This reimagining of Shakespeare's tale, *The Tempest*, will be cast entirely with local and visiting Creede kids who will have the opportunity

to be mentored by professional theatre artists. Participating kids will play an integral part in the production of this new play from the ground up, complete with scenic, costume, and technical elements. We offer this program at absolutely no cost to participants.

Education Director, Johamy Morales, will once again guide a fleet of teaching artists in presenting workshops, camps and classroom programs taking place in and around Creede. Our Community Outreach program offers a chance for students to collaborate with professional mentors, gain problem-solving skills and learn communication tools. Our Summer Day Camps offer targeted arts training during the summer, doubling as an enriching childcare option. Each camp centers on a particular discipline or thematic element of performing art. Local youth have participated in camps exploring Shakespeare, Dance, Black Light Puppetry, Mime, Musical Theatre, Stage Combat, Playwriting, Circus Arts, and Improv Comedy.

During the season, CRT offers a local discount day for each of our five main shows, where San Luis Valley residents can get \$10 tickets. In addition, this year we're starting our Year Round Resident (YRR) discount. Every year-round Mineral County resident can get a \$20 ticket to each of our five main shows that they can arrange anytime by calling the box office. This is a 50% discount for musicals and 43% discount for plays. We realize that our local discount days can't work with everyone's schedule, so we have the YRR Discount to make sure our shows are accessible and affordable to all residents of Mineral County throughout the summer.

2. Budget chart

AE: \$1,000 (\$500 materials, \$500 labor)

KID Show: \$17,780 (\$5,050 materials, \$12,730 labor)

Outreach: \$5,700 (\$4,500 materials, \$1,200 labor)

Day Camps: \$7,120 (\$5,000 materials, \$2,120 labor)

Facilities: \$6,294.90 (\$5,666.90 materials, \$628 labor)

TOTAL: \$37,894.90

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

Our community enrichment programs encourage thoughtful interaction with the arts in audience members of all age groups. 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 capable of offering 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, giving them opportunities to learn and explore areas that would otherwise be unavailable to them.

Support from the Virginia Christensen Trust helps us keep most of these programs free, ensuring that no one's income prohibits their interest and access to theatre and theatre education. Additionally, financial support helps us to offer discounted rates to community groups who rent our facility spaces year-round, allowing community events like Creede High School Graduation and the Creede Arts Council's Annual Variety Show to be produced affordably.

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, given that 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. As Mineral County's largest employer, Creede Repertory Theatre is responsible for enticing several hard working and valuable theatre professionals into the mountains to become year-round residents. By offering this programming, we can continue to draw artists 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.

5. What is your project timeline?

We will offer our Community Outreach programming primarily during our summer season. Day Camps, the KID Show and all of our pre and post show chats will occur between May 25th and September 15th. Further educational outreach will be enacted by Johamy Morales and her team of teaching artist during the school year. Our facilities are available 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. We are confident we will meet this goal given CRT's loyal, enthusiastic and diverse pool of donors.

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.

Mineral County Fairgrounds Association
PO Box 61, Creede, CO 81130
Susan Birdsey, Secretary
shbirdsey@msn.com
970-309-1587

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We are need water at the Fairgrounds. In order to serve our stakeholders we need a pump house as well as a fire hydrant. This will also give us the opportunity to have water available when we are able to build more permanent restrooms. Currently we have to rent port-a-potties for the Chute Out as well as our other events. With all of the work we have done at the Fairgrounds we are excited to offer better support and safety for our livestock and our human visitors. The bid we have for the electrical aspect is \$3000.00 and the labor and materials for the pump house will be approximately \$2000.00. Permanent Structure for taking tickets:

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Water:

During the Chute Out ,as well as other events, we currently have to haul water. This is an expense as well as time consuming. We need to be able to utilize our human capital in other ways, not hauling water and utilize our limited funds in a more productive manner. Plus, it limits how much water we can use during an event. With water, a pump house, and a fire hydrant, we will be able to offer unlimited water to our livestock, we will be able to work toward building permanent restrooms, and in the unfortunate event of a fire we will have safety precautions available.

Covered Area:

We were given a large donation earmarked for covered seating. While this is a good start, it will take much more in order for this vision to become a reality. In the meantime, currently we have a blue tarp we stretch out over an area to take tickets. When it rains, which is often during the Chute Out, our volunteer ticket takers are under the tarp as well as many of our attendees. For a relatively small amount, we could have a more permanent covered structure which will be twice the size of the blue tarp. This structure will be congruent with our ultimate architectural dream.

Quonset Hut cover:

Our current quonset hut is 11 years old. It is beginning to deteriorate. This is an expensive cover.

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We will have this complete as soon as possible after receiving the funds. We plan on completion by June 30, 2018 on all projects. All three projects can be considered "shovel ready". These projects can be accomplished quickly with our cadre of volunteers!

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We will meet them in kind with our amazing volunteer force and in dollar donations from our generous supporters.

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It will be visible to our stakeholders by June 30, 2018. Many of our past projects have been more about infrastructure and not really "visible" to our stakeholders. These projects will all be visible and immediately usable by our stakeholders. We will also be able to expand our events to support our stakeholders.

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