

**REGULAR MEETING**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. REVIEW AGENDA
- IV. PRE-PRESENTATION DISCUSSION (6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.)
  - a. Follow up Reports – Q & A
  - b. Review applications for tonight’s presentations
- V. PRESENTATIONS
  - 6:30 - Days of ‘92
  - 6:45 - Chamber of Commerce
  - 7:00 - CRT
  - 7:15 - Headwaters Music Festival
  - 7:30 - Creede Early Learning Center
  - 8:15 - Creede Arts Council
  - 8:30 - Mineral County Fairgrounds Association
  - 8:45 - Creede Community Foundation
  - 9:00 - City of Alamosa/Inspire
  - 9:15 - UGMM
- VI. OTHER BUSINESS
  - a. Approve/Disapprove Recommendations to Board of Trustees for Funding Requests
- VII. ADJOURN

POSTED 4/21/15

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**Recommendations for Virginia Christensen Trust Requests**  
**From the Advisory Committee Review Meeting 4/28/16**  
**For the Board of Trustees Meeting 5/3/16**

Requesting Organization	Project/Funds will be used for...	Funding Request	SZ	Score (/40)	VCAC Rec.	BOT Decision
Days of '92 Committee	Towards supporting the 2016 Days of '92 Mining Championship & Events (Total Project Cost \$15k, total match \$10k cash, \$7,650 IK)	\$5,000	S			
Chamber of Commerce	Operating Funds for Visitor Center (Total Project Cost \$32,426, total match \$22,426 cash)	\$10,000	M			
Creede Repertory Theatre	Community use of Ruth Humphrey's Brown (Total Project Cost \$5,800, total match \$580 (10%) cash)	\$5,220	S			
Headwaters Music Festival Association	Production of annual music festival (Total Project Cost \$25k, total match \$15k IK, \$12.5k cash)	\$12,500	M			
Creede Early Learning Center	Indoor wall repairs and renovations (Total Project Cost \$3215, \$0 match)	\$3,215	S			
Creede Arts Council	Support the Creede Sculpture Show (Total Project Cost \$13,750, total match \$10,750 cash)	\$3,000	S			
Mineral County Fairgrounds Association	Permanent capitol property and equipment improvement (Total Project Cost \$16,064.96, total match \$8,415 ?)	\$7,650	M			
Creede Community Foundation	Support and Expansion of Fireworks Shows (Total Project Cost \$16,000, total match \$3,600 IK, \$3,000 cash)	\$10,000	M			
City of Alamosa on behalf of the Creede Inspire Hub Team	Match for GOCO Inspire planning Grant for improving opportunities to connect children to the outdoors (Total Project Cost \$5,000, total match \$440)	\$4,560	S			
UGMM	Infrastructure repairs and improvements (Total project cost \$12,000, total match \$10k ?)	\$10,000	M			
<b>\$57,000 AVAIL.</b>	<b>TOTAL REQUESTS</b>	<b>\$71,145</b>				

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

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

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

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

# VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant/Group: Days of '92 Committee  
 Small Grant (\$1-\$5000) X Medium Grant (\$5001-\$20,000) \_\_\_\_\_ Large Grant (\$20,001+) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: P.O. Box 498, Creede, CO Year Established: 1992  
 Contact Person: Ken Wyley Phone: 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 Days of '92 Mining Events, held as part of Creede's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, are the largest events during the Tourism Season for Creede and Mineral County each year. These mining events showcase the physical skills of early mining techniques and keep the heritage of our mining traditions alive.

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

Item	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<u>15,000.00</u>
Material <u>Trophies, T-shirts, Supplies, Postage, Fuel</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>
Labor <u>Announcer</u>	<u>300.00</u>
Other: <u>Prizes, liability Insurance</u>	<u>12,200.00</u>
Matching Funds <small>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</small>	
In-Kind <u>Equipment</u>	<u>1,100.00</u>
<u>Labor</u>	<u>6,550.00</u>
Cash <u>Donations; Hotels, Mineral County &amp; Local Merchants</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>
<u>Entry Fees and T-Shirt Sales</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	<u>5,000.00</u>



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

The popularity of these events draws large crowds to Creede each year and help make it the biggest weekend of the Tourism season. 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 Days 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 machines.

The early mining techniques are an art form that these events strive to keep alive. The CSMC and Days of '92 events are part of Creede's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and is the largest recreational event of our season. Many families plan their yearly vacation to be able to attend these events.

The economic benefits reach the entire community as attendees and contestants spend a considerable amount of money on lodging, meals, entertainment, and gifts.

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

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

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

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

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## VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant/Group: Creede & Mineral County Chamber of Commerce

### Medium Grant

Address: 904 S. Main St. Creede Year Established: 1987

Contact Person: Della Brown Phone #: 719-658-2374

Email Address: office@creede.com 501(c)(3) Non-profit status? No

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

Please attach a copy of your most recent tax return for all 501(c)(3) applicants (990 or variant).

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

The Creede and Mineral County Chamber of Commerce is applying for funds to maintain the Visitor Center. The Visitor Center is open eight hours, seven days a week from Memorial Day to the end of September. The Visitor Center is open six days a week for the remainder of the year.

The Visitor Center provides materials, information and advice about local activities, events and businesses to visitors. It offers to the public restrooms, free wi-fi, a computer station, print, copy and faxing capabilities, meeting spaces, UPS drop-off/pickup, and Forest Service office space in winter months. The inviting interior allows for visitors and locals to sit and visit, check emails, or work on personal devices. The Visitor Center's commercial printer is capable of high quality printing and scanning up to large sizes. It is used to print promotional materials, letters, posters and more.

The Visitor Center is the only location which offers these services on a consistent and continuous basis, six/seven days a week. These extended hours of operation are made possible by the work of a year-round, part time employee. The Chamber is requesting funds to continue operating the Visitor Center. Please see attached detailed operating expenses.

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

Item	Amount
Total Project Cost	32,426
Materials:	
Labor: part time, year-round employee	19,426
Other: Utilities, Insurance, office cleaning	13,000
Matching Funds: Puzzle Sales	1,000
Cash on hand:	21,426
TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED:	10,000

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

The immediate benefits of the requested VC Funds would be continued operation of the Visitor Center. Beneficiaries include visitors to the area, local residents, businesses and non-profits. Visitors, who tend to visit our area seven days a week can stop into the Visitor Center for a picnic, restrooms, and a vast array of information about businesses, events, activities and recreation in the immediate area and region.

Local residents use the Visitor Center for a meeting center, connecting to Wi-Fi on their own devices, and continued access to a computer, printer/copier/scanner, and the fax machine. The office is comfortable, quiet, and allows for a certain amount of privacy. Locals also use the Visitor Center as an information gateway; event info and posters are displayed throughout the space. Therefore, the Visitor Center receives numerous calls from people looking for this information. Many times, there is not a clear contact for various events, etc. so the Visitor Center is the number one place to call for that information.

Businesses and non-profits find many of their business center needs met at the Visitor Center. Again, with the office equipment for copies, scans and so forth, businesses can print in posters and flyers and such for their personal marketing efforts for a minimal price. Access to wi-fi is a critical offering as well; should a new company come into the area without internet set up, or if an established business loses internet capabilities, we find many businesses using the wi-fi. Additionally, businesses frequently send their seasonal personnel to the Visitor Center to access a computer and wi-fi. Non-profits especially save money with the use of the office equipment, supplies, help and communications offered at the Visitor Center office.

4. Please describe how your project fits within the Virginia Christensen Fund Criteria.

The Visitor Center promotes recreation available in the area. It is an important piece of attracting and keeping visitors in the area. By providing accessible and extensive information about various activities and services, visitors are inspired and encouraged to stay longer and plan a return trip. This in turn benefits our local economy with heads in beds, dining out, shopping locally, and booked tours.

The Visitor Center has a positive impact on local residents and businesses by providing services described above. Easy access to these services makes living in a remote area more feasible and encourages economic development.

5. What is your project timeline?

The requested amount would cover a portion of the Visitor Center's expenses for a calendar year.

6. How will you and/or your organization meet the match requirements?

In year's past the Chamber of Commerce has received a grant from the City of Creede to cover Visitor Center expenses. For 2016, the Chamber Board was tasked with finding other funding sources to make up for this budget deficit. A fundraiser was created (designing and selling collectible puzzles) but this will only cover a small portion. We plan to use income from puzzle sales to cover the match requirement of this grant (\$1,000).

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

The Chamber recently purchased a door counter to monitor the Visitor Center foot traffic. This counter will enable the Chamber to more accurately count the number of visitors each day and therefore answer to how the consistent hours relate. The Visitor Center also has an iPad that will be available to the visitors for a small survey of their visit. The survey will help determine what brought them here (family, ads, event marketing, etc.), how long and where they stayed, what amount of money they spent and more. It will also ask if they plan to return and why. These answers will also be valuable to determine the best use of the grant funds and those received from the Lodging Tax Tourism Fund.

Be prepared to provide more information about your organization upon applying, during your presentation or prior to recommendation decisions.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Item	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	
Material	
Labor	
Other:	
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind	
Cash	
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Headwaters Music Festival is, in its first year, a two day event, Saturday August 27 and Sunday August 28. The goal is to bring approximately 1000 people to Creede for the weekend to enjoy music at the chosen venue and to introduce attendees to the town of Creede and what it has to offer. Coordinated events, such as the CRT's Headwaters Playwright Festival will benefit through cross promotion and additional exposure. Lodging, food services businesses and retail business will also expect to see a positive impact from an influx of customers near the end of the summer season.

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

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

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

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

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

In the planning stages now, we are currently building our web-presence and marketing as well as booking talent for the event. Attached to this application is a budget calendar to show, in general terms, how, when and where our moneys are to be allocated. The event will begin quietly on Wednesday, August 27 with the start of a three day songwriting clinic with professional singer/songwriter Kathy Hussey. Specific instrument clinics will be occurring simultaneously. The music will begin early Saturday afternoon, August 27 ending at 8:pm to encourage participating in events in town the music will restart Sunday morning and culminate Sunday afternoon, August 28th at approximately 4:30 PM.

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

Private moneys have been received and secured in the bank in the amount of \$7000 with an additional \$5,500 to be made available as needed. We have made application to the County Commissioners and received \$1000. We have approached the Lodging Tax Board and the Creede Arts Council seeking assistance from these organizations as well.

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

Should we reach our goal of 1000 in attendance over the two days we will have met all of our financial needs with money in the bank for the next years event. It goes without saying that 1000 people in our little town for a full week-end event will undoubtedly benefit our local businesses. Scheduling of our event to be over by 8:pm Saturday and 6:pm 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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# VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant/Group: <u>Creede Early Learning Center</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 191</u>		Year Established: <u>1997</u>	
Contact Person: <u>Jenny VanRy</u>		Phone: <u>710-658-2090</u>	
Email Address: <u>creedearlylearningcenter@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:

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

Since 1997 the City of Creede and the Creede Early Learning Center (CELC) have had a great working relationship. The City first responded to the need for child care in our community by organizing Creede Critter Care and making arrangements with the Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife to use the former caretaker's home at the fish hatchery located on the Rio Grande River. A group of parents took up the challenge and CELC was organized as a 501(c)3. After almost twenty years, the Early Learning Center is going strong!

Maintenance of the building that houses CELC is a joint venture. The City of Creede recently paid to have all the water pipes replaced with pex, the maintenance crew checks the building regularly for any major maintenance concerns, and recently, a chlorinator was installed and is checked on a regular basis. The CELC takes responsibility for other maintenance and upkeep. A volunteer group was organized three years ago to paint the outside of the building, grants were solicited from the Virginia Christensen Foundation to add tire shreds to the playground, build a pergola and benches, upgrade some of the outside play equipment and assist with our gardening program. In addition, VCF helped with the remodeling and refurbishing of the basement, creating a wonderful preschool/gross motor space complete with a bathroom!

Our next goal focuses on the main floor of the Center. The walls have not been painted in more than 10 years and the plaster is beginning to show wear and tear. With the recent work done in the basement, old heating and water pipes that ran throughout the building were removed, leaving holes and gouges that need to be filled. We are requesting funds to repair and paint the walls in the basement stairwell, the kitchen, the eating area, the main play area, the bathroom, two smaller play areas, the stairwell leading upstairs and the office space located on the second floor.

Painting and repairing the walls on the main floor and in the office space is part of a larger plan for the interior of the building. The Center is actively seeking funding from other grantors for window coverings for the main floor to increase energy efficiency and provide darkened areas as needed. During Rural Philanthropy Days, the El Pomar Foundation gave us a green light to apply for funding, and we are in the process of completing that grant application.

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

Item	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$3215.00</b>
Material	
	<b>\$940.00</b>
Labor	
	<b>\$2275.00</b>
Other:	
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind prep work including taping, wiping down walls, moving furniture, and removing old paint	
Cash	
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	<b>\$3215.00</b>

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

The Creede Early Learning Center is licensed by the Colorado Office of Early Childhood, Division of Early Care and Learning. As a licensed facility we are required to follow "Rules Regulating Child Care Center (Less Than Twenty-Four Hour Care)." Regulation 7.702.81A states: "Buildings must be kept in good repair and maintained in a safe condition." Painting and repairing the walls of the first and second floor would help us keep our facility in good repair with consideration for the safety of our children.

The benefits of this painting/repair project are first of all, safety to our children. Little curious hand and fingers love to chip away at flaking paint and stick their fingers into holes in the walls making even bigger holes. Repairing and patching these holes will prevent the children from increasing the size of the holes and becoming exposed to flaking paint and plaster. Second, a fresh coat of paint would give the CELC a clean "facelift" that would enhance the welcoming environment of the building. Visitors often comment on the inviting atmosphere at the CELC and its homey environment. But our homey environment is beginning to look a bit run down and needs the TLC that a new paint job would provide. Finally, the 1930's craftsman style home has historic significance to the community. It first housed the manager of the fish hatchery and later provided office space for the Department of Parks and Wildlife. Routine maintenance of the building helps keep this little piece of Creede's economic history intact.

The most important beneficiaries of this project are the children of Creede. Safe, dependable, affordable, nurturing childcare is invaluable to parents who live and work here. Knowing that their children have a safe, comfortable, and clean place to spend their day provides our hard-working parents with peace of mind. It also allows parents to maintain the many full or part-time jobs imperative to Creede's economic sustainability.

In addition, the City, County, Creede/Mineral County Chamber of Commerce, and the Creede Community Foundation, along with local businesses, need the cache that the Creede Early Learning Center provides: a great place to bring children while parents are working.

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

This project is a good fit for the Virginia Christensen grant in three ways. First is economic well-being of the community. In speaking with business owners and members of the Chamber of Commerce it is clear that attracting young families to Creede is a priority. Having a child care center that is clean and welcoming is a great draw for young families. Second, the educational work done at the Center would be enhanced by an interior face lift. We do not view ourselves as just a babysitting service. Age-appropriate lessons are planned and learning goals are set for all of the children. The emotional impact of clean, bright walls enhances the environment of learning at the Center. Finally, although it is not one of our high priorities, the board and staff of the Center recognize the history of the home that now houses CELC. The local fish hatchery was once a significant part of the economy of the town and county. Maintenance and upkeep of the building reminds the community of the early environmental work that was done in this area.

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

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

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

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

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## VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant/Group: Creede Arts Council  
Address: PO Box 392 Creede, CO 81130 Year Established: 1991  
Contact Person: Debbie Whitmore Phone #s: 719-658-0888 or 719-658-0312  
Email Address: creedearts@outlook.com 501(c)(3) Non-profit status? Yes ☒ No  
If no, indicate the name and contact information of the non-profit organization you are applying under.

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

The Creede Arts Council is requesting funds to support the Creede Sculpture Show and the purchase of sculpture that will reside in a public, permanent location.

Creede has long been recognized as one of the "100 Best Small Art Towns in America" (John Villani, 1996) with galleries, the Creede Repertory Theatre and a strong summer tourism economy related to the arts. The Creede Arts Council has worked for 25 years to support a healthy arts atmosphere through education, exhibits, and performances. Notable long-term projects have included Steve Quiller and Charles Ewing murals, Seaborn Collins Memorial Art Park, the National Small Print Show, the Willow Creek Journal and the local musicians CD.

CAC's dream is to add to this vibrant arts atmosphere with the Creede Sculpture Show (CSS). The CSS is a juried show which will feature local sculptors exhibiting beside regional artists. The first show will be held on August 20 and 21, 2016 in the Basham Park area.

One piece from the show will be selected by a local committee and purchased for up to \$4,000 by the Creede Arts Council to be put on permanent display in Creede. CAC is currently working to identify potential installation sites for this piece.

Scott Hicks of the Shidoni Foundry in Santa Fe will assist the local committee and also judge the show. He will determine the winners of first, second and third place cash awards. If practical, the cash award winners will also be displayed in Creede for a period time after the August show.

The Creede Sculpture Show will enhance our local economy during the run of the show. All sculptors who are accepted will be expected to attend the show. They will arrive on Friday, August 19th, setup their work and then show and sell their work through the weekend. They will need lodging and food while they are in Creede. We also expect that the show will bring additional visitors to Creede to view and purchase sculptures. As a permanent collection of sculptures is installed throughout town, it will draw visitors to Creede year-round.

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

Item	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$13,750.00</b>
Materials: Supplies	1,500.00
Labor: Contracted Services (Security)	750.00
Other: Awards	1,000.00

Other: Purchase of Sculpture	4,000.00
Other: Marketing	2,000.00
Other: Production and Pre-Opening Reception Costs	3,000.00
Other: Insurance	1,500.00
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind	0.00
Cash: Grants (Private foundation and Mineral County Lodging Tax Board)	6,500.00
Cash: Individual and Business Sponsors	2,500.00
Cash: Entry and Artist Fees	1,750.00
<b>Total Funds from other sources:</b>	<b>\$10,750.00</b>
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED:</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>

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

CAC's long-term goal for the CSS is to encourage public and private art purchases and to enhance our community through these sculptures. We hope to work with other local businesses to purchase future sculptures. This could eventually create a quality sculpture park that meanders from Willow Creek canyon north of Creede to the Rio Grande.

Other expected outcomes include:

Provide cultural, educational and artistic opportunities to improve the quality of life for residents and visitors.

Provide recognition and support for local artists.

4. Please describe how your project fits within the Virginia Christensen Fund Criteria.

We believe this project addresses the following areas of the rubric: Entertainment, Community Beautification, Economic Well-Being, Education and Art.

Also:

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

The Creede Sculpture Show will provide opportunities for local sculptors to show sell and receive recognition for their work. (CAC has identified at least 6 local sculptors who may enter.) The purchase of a sculpture this year will provide a positive impact on the environment for all locals. The show will provide the opportunity for artists to share art, educate and offer entertainment for our entire community.
- “The project is very likely to attract visitors to the Creede & Mineral County area.”

The intent of the CSS is to invite new artists and patrons to explore our community and beautiful natural environment. We expect that people from well beyond the San Luis Valley will come to Creede specifically to view and purchase sculptures. After more than 30 years, a similar show in Loveland, CO brings in 160 sculptors, thousands of visitors and more than \$1 million in sales. It has also attracted artists who now live and work year-round in that community.
- “The project is in its initial stages and is requesting seed money for the growth of a project in the Creede & Mineral County Area.”



This is the initial year for the CSS and we plan that we will continue to offer this event and purchase sculptures in the future. This will eventually result in sculptures displayed from Willow Creek south to the Rio Grande River.

- "The project is a substantial long-term capital improvement for the Creede & Mineral County area." CAC plans to continue to offer Creede Sculpture Show and to support the investment in public art for the community. The purchase of sculptures in the future will add to the economic well-being of our town.
- "The applicant has an exemplary history of success with past projects." CAC has completed numerous projects with the support of the Virginia Christensen Fund and the City of Creede. The most notable is securing the donation of the Seaborn Collins Memorial Art Park land from Lelia Jane Collins to the City of Creede. Subsequently, CAC raised more than \$20,000 to rehabilitate and landscape the park. We have a proven track record with successful juried exhibits including the National Small Print Show and Mountain Shoot Out Regional Photography Show.
- "The project has received a significant amount of matching funding from other sources." We are requesting 22% of the project costs from the Virginia Christensen Fund. We have received a \$5,000 private foundation grant to get this project off the ground. We will also apply to the Mineral County Lodging Tax Board to help fund the advertising costs of the event. We are seeking local individual and business sponsors. Artists will pay a fee to participate in the show which will provide additional income for the project.

Be prepared to provide more information about your organization upon applying, during your presentation or prior to recommendation decisions.

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Amount Awarded	_____	Attest:	_____	City Clerk



# VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant/Group: <u>Mineral County Fairgrounds Association</u>		
Small Grant (\$1-\$5000) <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium Grant (\$5001-\$20,000) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Large Grant (\$20,001+) <input type="checkbox"/>
Address: <u>PO Box 61</u>		Year Established: <u>2001</u>
Contact Person: <u>Eloise Hooper</u>		Phone: <u>(719)658-2333</u>
Email Address: <u>elfud_126@yahoo.com</u>		Non-profit status? Yes <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.

Funds are requested for permanent capitol property and equipment improvement. MCFA will purchase six permanent bucking chutes to be used at the Chuteout events. Leveled, filled and packed ground will be extended east and south of the lower arena.

We will purchase 2 flag poles (one at each arena), permanent flagging for parking, construction of a kiosk at the entrance, a harrow for arena preparation and general maintenance, and the building of shelves for storage in the Quonset.

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

Item	Amount
Total Project Cost	
Material <i>SEE ATTACHMENT</i>	
Labor	
Other:	
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind	
Cash	
TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED	

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

By having permanent bucking chutes at the lower arena MCFA will have a much simpler setup for the rodeos, with this purchase being a one-time expenditure. The ground outside the bucking chutes, participant parking, horse stall and training areas are cobbled and rocky- very rough driving for vehicles and tricky walking for people and livestock. Leveling, filling and packing the grounds south of the lower arena will make it safer, more attractive and more useful for a greater variety of activities in the future. The placement of the flag poles are a patriotic gesture and remind people that at every event we pay allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

The Rodeos and ATV Rodeos are recreational entertainment opportunities that are relatively new in Creede/Mineral County. These and other events bring economic opportunities to local businesses and entrepreneurs. Chuteout participants and spectators come to Creede before the event to shop and eat, and afterwards come back to town for a nightcap. So Creede businesses thrive with the additional guests. The Chuteout promotes Colorado's western heritage. Last years project (announcers booth) has made the Chuteout Series, ATV rodeos and other events at the Fairgrounds more enjoyable and easier for announcers to work. All of the events sponsored by MCFA are family oriented, not only as spectators but also as participants. Safety is emphasized so everyone involved has an enjoyable time. Many community volunteers help to make each event a success. As the facility expands, more and varied events and programs will be added.

All of the improvements of this project further the immediate goals of quality recreation, entertainment and educational opportunities and help set the foundation for future events and facility development.

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

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

The Chuteout starts on June 22, 2016 and we will have most of the work completed by the start date.

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

The Mineral County Road and Bridge will provide heavy equipment and operators, a value estimated at \$2,800. Southway Construction may provide a large belly dump truck to transport the road base, estimated value \$800.

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

MCFA will have a count of spectators and participants, ticket sales, participant prize money, concessions income and will survey merchants to see if their foot traffic and sales increased around event days of Creede Chuteout and ATV rodeos.

**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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4/13/2016 **VCT grant budget**

<u>Item description</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u># Units</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>VCT Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>other match</u>
Bucking Chutes	\$1,667	6	\$ 9,999.96	\$ 5,000.00	\$5,000.00	MCFA
road base	\$13.50	100	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00		
flag poles	\$300	2	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00		
Shelves	\$200	1	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	MCFA
Kiosks	\$915	1	\$ 915.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 215.00	MCFA
flooring	\$200	1	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	MCFA
heavy equipment	\$350	8	\$ 2,800.00		\$ 2,800.00	MC/Southw
<b>totals</b>			\$ 16,064.96	\$ 7,650.00	\$8,415.00	

Virginia Christensen Trust = VCT

Mineral County Fairgrounds Association = MCFA

Mineral County = MC

Southway = Southway

## VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant/Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Creede Community Foundation \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address:   PO Box 754 Creede, CO 81130   Year Established:   2013  

Contact Person:   Caitlyn Jewell   Phone :   970 946 2613  

Email Address:   info@creedecommunityfoundation.org   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 Community Foundation (CCF) is applying for Virginia Christensen funds to grow and expand Creede's Firework Shows: 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Cabin Fever Daze. CCF is requesting **\$10,000** for a project costing **\$16,600** to continue and improve the annual firework shows.

- Purchase materials and insurance.
- Increase the number of visitors during each show.

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

Item	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	\$16,600
Material and Insurance: 4 <sup>th</sup> of July	\$10,000
Cabin Fever Daze	\$3,000
Labor, administrative fees, mileage	\$3,600
Other:	
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind: Labor, administrative fees, mileage	\$3,600
Will ask for \$100 business sponsorships	TBD
Cash - CCF	\$1,000
Donation Jars	\$2,000
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

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

Create and sustain a Southwest Colorado destination for fireworks show on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and February Cabin Fever Daze. Fireworks in Creede bring tourists into town, creating a positive economic opportunity for Creede businesses, a reason for people to be here and free local entertainment. The target audience for fireworks includes a large demographic. The annual fireworks display is a draw for businesses and brings free entertainment for locals and tourists.

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

Fireworks are anticipated and enjoyed by locals, extended community and tourists. Thousands of tourists come to Creede annually to enjoy the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Creede's annual fireworks show. To support Creede during the off-season, Cabin Fever Daze was created. A fireworks show has been a major draw for locals and tourists for the last three years. This positively affects the Creede/Mineral County area providing free entertainment for locals, brings people to the area to enjoy our recreational activities and promotes economic well being providing a reason for tourists and locals to come into town. Fireworks are true to the value of the original Virginia Christensen Grant emphasizing recreational activities.

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

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

Jenna Ford, certified pyro-technician, will be contracted to do the shows two and half to three months before to order the display pertaining to the particular event. Set up and action July 4<sup>th</sup>, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016,

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

CCF commits a \$1,000. CCF donates a \$1,000 of administration time. CCF will take the responsibility to ask local businesses to sponsor the fireworks. We also provide donation jars placed in local shops and during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

All of Jenna's licenses, hours and the cost normally charged to put on a show will also be donated, \$3, 600.

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

CCF will measure the impact through sales tax, percentage increase and decrease, and has requested a traffic counter from CDOT. This will allow us to know how many cars drive into Creede for the fireworks displays.

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# VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant/Group: <u>City of Alamosa on behalf of the Creede Inspire Hub Team</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>P.O. Box 419 Alamosa, CO</u>	Year Established: <u>1878</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:**

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

The City of Alamosa is the fiscal sponsor for the SLV Inspire Grant funded by Great Outdoors Colorado. This grant is a planning grant to identify obstacles and opportunities to connecting children to the outdoors. GOCO discovered that children only spend 5-7 minutes per day outside in an unstructured setting. Time spent outside is important for healthy bodies, increased test scores, knowledge of nature and fostering stewardship in our children. The outcomes of this project will increase the time SLV children spend outside by identifying places, programs and pathways for our children to use. A few people from the SLV applied for this grant in 2015 and were awarded the top tier of funding. Now there are seven hubs across the SLV implementing the planning of this grant, and Creede has been designated as a hub to participate in the grant planning. The funding the Creede Hu is requesting will be used to engage the children and you families of Creede/Mineral County to identify why they don't get outside and uncover how to engage them in the outdoors. The findings of this outreach will be used to generate a report that will identify the most implementable places, program and pathways for our youth. Our request of \$4,560 will support several outreach events hosted by the Creede Hub Team, the adult outreach specialists, and two youth leaders. Funds will also be spent on developing a Gear Library for children and their families to check out gear so that they can go outdoors prepared.

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

Item	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
Material <del>Funds for outreach events, gear for the Gear Library and sup</del>	
	<b>\$4,560</b>
Labor	
Other:	
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind	
Cash SLV GO	\$440
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	<b>\$4,560</b>

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

The expected results of the project are to reach 150 people during our outreach activities. We will quantify that success by counting the number of surveys (paper and electronic) completed by Creede/Mineral County youth and families. We believe that these outreach events will engage youth and their parent in identifying the most desirable opportunities for outdoors learning, recreation, and stewardship. The target beneficiaries are children and their families who live in Creede/Mineral County year round. However, we anticipate that the residents without children, seasonal residents will also benefit from the places, programs and pathways identified in the outcomes of the surveys and implemented in the next round of funding from GOCO.

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

This funding request closely aligns with the Virginia Christensen Fund Criteria to make Creede a better place through enhancing recreation opportunities. We are fortunate to live in an area where we are less than five minutes from a trailhead. We have 96% public land surrounding us, and it is the goal of this outreach project to foster a deep sense of place in our youth to value the natural world around them. With the outdoors as our amazing backdrop, we seek to create youth who want to keep Creede the wild and scenic place it is. The best way to do that is to nurture love for the outdoors. In addition, this project will make Creede a better place by providing other citizens with ample access to nature to develop a deep connection to our surroundings. The outcomes of this project will create places like parks and gardens to be in nature. The outcomes will create programming like science camps, youth conservation corps and guided nature walks. The outcomes of this engagement will help to create pathways for youth to gain experience in outdoors jobs so that they become land stewards who go out into the world and spread that knowledge of the outdoors, nature and passion for them both.

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

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

Our project timeline is between now and the end of July 2016. We will be conducting outreach activities during this time so that we can host events to get these surveys filled out, and get people excited about our project. The Gear Library will be ongoing and we hope that this gear library will begin this summer.

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

SLV GO, a trails organization in the SLV has committed \$440 to the outreach events mentioned above.

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

The Recommendation Report that will be completed in July will include the best ideas for connecting kids to the outdoors. This recommendation report will be the guiding document for implementation. Since SLV Inspire turned in a very competitive application, they will be eligible for up to \$5 million dollars to implement the activities identified in the Recommendation Report. The output of this project will have recommended recreation places, programs and pathways for our youth and funding to implement them. We will use the checkout log from the gear library to quantify how many people are using the library and can demonstrate our impact on how many kids are using outdoor gear to get outdoors.

**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?**

In our current conversation with SLV we understand that this planning piece will be completed in July. This project will not require any further funding. The Gear Library is a common theme throughout the hubs and we anticipate this will be one of the highest priority of the future implementation funding. The future funding will also be available to implement all the recommendations in the report.

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

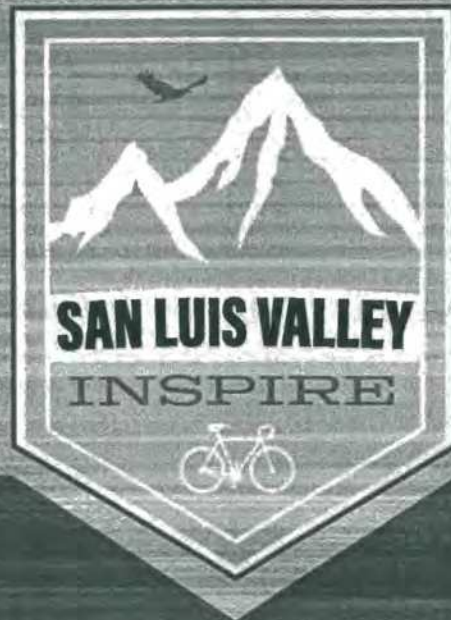
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1. Please see the itemized budget below:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Total Project Cost	<b>\$5,000</b>
Materials:	\$5,000
Food for outreach events (\$440 from SLV GO)	\$600
Venue rentals	\$250
Supplies for outreach (t-shirts, stickers, water bottles, printing costs, etc...)	\$1,000
5 mountain bikes (@ \$300 each)	\$1,500
5 bike locks (@\$40 each)	\$200
5 backpacks (@ \$200 each)	\$1,000
5 rain jackets (@\$ 50 each)	\$250
5 sleeping pads (@\$40 each)	\$200
Total Funds from other sources: (SLV GO)	\$440
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED:</b>	<b>\$4,560</b>

Why aren't Valley youth playing outdoors and experiencing nature every day?



SLV Inspire strives to improve access to the natural world for youth throughout the San Luis Valley.



We need to understand what is preventing youth from getting outside regularly.



We will then provide design concepts and recommendations for connecting many more SLV youth to nature.

## WE NEED YOUR INPUT AND IDEAS!

Please share your ideas on where and how we can create more outdoor recreation opportunities for our youth. There are incredible natural areas throughout the San Luis Valley and we want to make sure Valley youth benefit from time spent in these wonderful places.



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# What do we mean by "ACCESS THE NATURAL WORLD" and "OUTDOOR RECREATION"?

We mean playing outdoors in the elements and tuning into the sights, smells, tastes, textures, and sounds of nature. We mean participating in outdoor fun alone, with family and friends, and through organized programs and activities. SLV residents enjoy nature in a variety of places ranging from our backyards to wilderness. SLV Inspire will factor in the full array of places where youth connect to the natural world from parks and public lands to playgrounds and ponds to trails and school yards and beyond!

PLEASE TAKE OUR SURVEY



## **SURVEY for ADULTS**

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/SLVinspire](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SLVinspire)



## **SURVEY for YOUTH (<18 yrs)**

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/SLVyouth](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SLVyouth)

## Project Timeline:

### **Spring-Summer 2016**

Valley-wide outreach

### **Summer-Fall 2016**

Refine recommendations and design concepts

### **Fall 2016**

Submit an implementation grant

### **2016-2019**

Implementation period

## Thanks GOCO!

This project is generously funded by Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO). GOCO's **INSPIRE INITIATIVE** is a five-year strategy aimed at inspiring Coloradans, particularly kids, to appreciate, enjoy and take care of our great outdoors. Thanks also to the many SLV communities and residents that have donated resources to the SLV Inspire project.



# 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>503 Forest Service Road #9</u>		Year Established: <u>1990</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:

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

The Creede Underground Mining Museum and Community Center are applying for seed funding from Virginia Christensen funds in the amount of \$10,000 for infrastructure repairs and improvements. Any funding granted will be used as leverage in the 1:1 match for a grant through the Council of Governments in order to facilitate as many projects as possible. Initial projects include repair and replacement of restroom stalls and repair of the main entrance casing.

Currently, bathroom partitions are in disrepair or missing entirely. We are looking to replace those features with a laminate partition that will better withstand the humidity and weathering issues that occur in the underground facility. The casing for the main entrance will need to be re-supported and restructured to ensure the safety, security, and initial impression of the center.

As the Underground Mining Museum and Community Center are county owned facilities, Mineral County is sponsoring the COG grant which represents 50% of our current ask. Through diligent work and countless volunteer hours, our community has been gifted with a wonderful opportunity to give a fresh face to an integral piece of our heritage, history, and culture.

We have approached the numerous community organizations that utilize our facility in the interest of collaborative community generated process with great success and support and feel confident the new projects will spark renewed interest in the museum.

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

Item	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	
Material	
Partitions, lumber, supplies	14,000
Labor	
Locally Sourced	6000
Other:	
Matching Funds	Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required
In-Kind	
Cash	10,000
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	10,000

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

The Underground Mining Museum and Community Center are locally driven and funded. The benefits of the museum and community center have already manifested in the facilitation of countless long standing conferences, shows, and events. Repairing the infrastructure within the facility will allow us to continue to provide services to the community and grow the reach of the center to accommodate new and more diverse groups that bring dollars to the community, allows Creede to tell the story of its past and present, and provide a true space for the entire community.

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

The Underground Mining Museum and Community Center fits within multiple categories of the Virginia Christensen Grant Program.

Entertainment and Recreation, Economic Well Being: The Silverthread Quilt Show, the Rock Show, the Woodcarvers Rendezvous have directly impacted entertainment and the economy of our county by providing destination events that bring non-residents and their dollars to our community while providing much needed family-friendly events and convening space.

Historic Preservation: The mining museum's history is directly tied to the history of our region and aligned with the interests of historic preservation and presentation. The mining museum serves as a living museum of Mineral County's rich mining history and it's ongoing historic mountain mining town present.

Education: In the past, the community center has been the venue of choice for classes, trainings, as well as individualized courses and provided much needed space to Mineral County's businesses and non-profits.

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

5. What is your project timeline?

Pending award of additional match funding, the bathroom repairs should be completed before the busy season of 2016.

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

Grant match will be made with a combination of donations and county funding as well as the potential grant funding from the Council of Governments.

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

As a public facility, the repairs and renovations will be available to the entire community in perpetuity.

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

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

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

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

April 10, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

I am privileged to write on behalf of the Creede Community Foundation to express our support for the Creede Underground Mining Museum and Community Center and wholeheartedly encourage you to support their grant application to the Virginia Christensen Fund.

We have worked closely with the Underground Mining Museum and Community Center to bring regional events, conferences, and workshops to Mineral County and are excited about the impact the facility will have on the community under new directorship.

The positive outreach and renewed efforts at creating a safe, usable space are encouraging for our entire county and should be supported in whatever way possible.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of the Creede Underground Mining Museum and Community Center in their efforts to seek external funding for a facility designed to breed collaboration and community interaction.

Sincerely,  
Shelley Parham  
Creede Community Foundation

Creede Ladies Aid Society  
April 2, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

The Community Center is one of Creede's greatest assets. Not many small communities have a Center that can compare to this facility and its kitchen.

At the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, the center can accommodate all of our friends and residents who come to the Dinner. We have no other place in our entire county that can serve 250-300 people.

The annual Community Christmas Dinner is another large event. Without the Community Center there is no place to seat 150-200 guests at one time.

The Community Center also accommodates Memorial Services for those families who chose to hold the service at the Center. Bereavement Dinners are often held at the Community Center for friends and family because of the space available for visiting and eating. A wonderful place to honor our loved ones.

Ladies Aid is fortunate to be able to use the kitchen to assemble their Chile Relleno Casseroles for their annual Bazaar. 230 casseroles are prepared in 5 hours, thanks to the wonderful ovens at the Community Center kitchen.

Another beneficial use of our Community Center is for Fund Raisers. Due to its spaciousness, large numbers of people can be accommodated at once, allowing more participation. Chris Quiller's recent fund raiser is the latest example of what can happen at the Community Center.


Ladies Aid Society  
Judy Blanch, President

April 2, 2016

To whom it may concern:

Please accept our Letter of Support for the Creede Community Center, Creede, Colorado. The Silver Threads Quilt Guild totally supports the Creede Community Center. Our Quilt Guild uses the community center for our bi-annual quilt show. We have approximately 50-60 exhibitors and 800-1000 people who live in or come to Creede to attend the show. The Community Center is a wonderful asset to the community of Creede and surrounding areas and we appreciate that the community is trying to keep the center in good repair.

Silver Threads Quilt Guild

  
Kathie Jones  
President

Good Day,

Creede Woodcarvers Rendezvous Colorado has been conducting woodcarving classes in the Creede Community Center every July for the last 25 years. It plays an integral part in our event. This Center gives us the opportunity to house a week-long woodcarving event in a quiet out-of-the-way community. We usually have 30 instructors, 100 classes, and 250 to 300 students. The classes range in length from one half day to seven days. The Center makes breakfast and lunch available for our students at reasonable prices with one special meal on our last evening. Our students look forward to this event each year. They arrive from all over Colorado, Arizona, California, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Texas, and Louisiana as a few examples. It is very important to us to keep this facility running as it contributes a lot to the relaxed atmosphere of the Rendezvous.

Sincerely,

Diana Smith, CWRC Secretary