

SPECIAL MEETING

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. REVIEW AGENDA
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Approve/Disapprove 2015 SLVCOG Economic Development Grant Application
- V. ADJOURN

SLVCOG 2015 – 2014 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION

1. Jurisdiction City of Creede, A Colorado Town
2. Name of Person Completing Application Randi Snead, Town Clerk/Treasurer
Address P.O. Box 457, Creede, CO 81130
Phone Number (719-)658-2276
3. Project Title City of Creede & Creede Early Learning Center Basement Restroom Installation
4. Name of Person Responsible for Completion of Project Jenny VanRy, CELC Administrative Director (Supervised by Clyde Dooley, Town Manager)
5. Total Cost of Project \$ 9,000
Amount Requested \$ 4,500
Cash Match \$ 4,500

Please provide the following information. Use a separate attachment if necessary (two pages maximum):

- A. Briefly describe the project. Why is the project needed at this time? How does the implementation of this project address the need?

The City of Creede, A Colorado Town (City) holds a long-term lease with the Division of Wildlife on a public facility along the Rio Grande River that currently, and for the foreseeable future, houses the Creede Early Learning Center (CELC), a preschool and daycare facility that serves all Creede & Mineral County community children and occasionally children from the greater San Luis Valley Area. The City shares property expenses with the CELC. This project is the installation of a restroom in the newly renovated Early Learning Center basement.

Demand for daycare and preschool services has increased dramatically over the past several years, going from a closure due to lack of students in 2008 to nearing capacity in 2015. Student body increases have necessitated renovation of the entire basement of the center, a project that has reached near completion and is currently being used to house all preschool activities. This expansion has necessitated construction of a downstairs restroom facility to achieve compliance with the following General Rules for Child Care Facilities (Commodity No. 615-82-14-0119) in the Colorado Code of Regulations:

Section 7.702.85:

“Toilet rooms for children must be separate from rooms used for other purposes and must be located on the same floor as the inside play area.” Currently preschoolers must leave activities to use the restroom facilities located on the first floor.

Section 7.702.85:

“A minimum of one (1) lavatory and one (1) flush toilet must be provided for each 15 or fewer children.” On days when Center attendance is at capacity, there are 19 individuals using one restroom.

Completing basement renovations with the installation of a restroom facility in this crucial public facility will allow the Creede Early Learning Center to comply with all state and federal

regulations. It will also contribute to reduced class time interruption and an overall much improved and more valuable public facility for all users.

- B. Explain why this project is important to your community and/or the SLVCOG Region. What measurable results do you expect? How and when will these results be measured?

Project results will be immediately measurable because the restroom will allow the facility to operate at full capacity in increase full capacity thus increasing tuition revenue. Additionally, preschool activities may be able to be expanded due to the renovation. These statistics are measured on a daily and annual basis by CELC staff.

Over the long run, it is the hope of the City that CELC improvements (along with other measures) will contribute to an increase in appeal for year-round family residence in our community, measurable annually by school enrollment, income & sales tax data, and American Community Survey data. Preschool improvement and reduction in interruption may also affect overall improvements in student performance measurable by testing data from both CELC and Creede Schools.

- C. What exactly will the funds be used for? Provide a budget for your project clearly listing both revenues and expenses in a table format.

ITEM	EXPENSE	REVENUE
Plumbing hardware & labor, including toilet and sink installation and plumbing extension from existing hardware	\$4,500	
Construction material & labor, including door, drywall, framing, flooring and shelving	\$4,000	
Electric wiring & labor	\$500	
City of Creede 1-to-1 Match via Virginia Christensen Grant		\$4,500
SLVCOG Economic Development Grant		\$4,500
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	\$9,000	\$9,000

- D. In which of the categories listed above under “Use of Grant Funds” does your project best fit? Explain.

This project fits best into item B. ii. a “Small scale capital improvements project,” that demonstrates contributions to Economic Development needs of the Creede & Mineral County community. The City of Creede considers the Early Learning Center to be among the most economically critical organizations in our community. The facility works within our area’s challenging parameters of a \$30,000 Median Household Income (ACS 08-12) and the seasonal nature of our employment opportunities by providing flexible scheduling allowing one- and two- adult household parents to work full time in addition to operating within a strict budget to provide low-cost childcare services. Assisting the CELC with achieving compliance and providing improved facilities with only a small investment serves as both a service to our existing families and a significant and marketable asset for attracting future year-round families to our community.

- E. Assuming the project is funded, when will it begin and what is the timeframe for completion?

Project renovation work will be completed as soon as all funds are received on an anticipated date of May 15, 2015. Renovations are expected to be completed in two months for an anticipated completion date of July 15, 2015.