

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 - Snowcountry Explorers
  - 7:00 - Creede Historical Society
  - 7:15 - Mineral County Public Health
  - 7:30 - Creede Community Fund
  - 8:15 - Creede Repertory Theatre
  - 8:30 - Mineral County Fairgrounds Association
  - 8:45 - Creede Arts Council
  - 9:00 - Creede Underground Mining Museum
  - 9:15 - Creede Community Recreation
  - 9:30 - Chamber of Commerce
  - 9:45 - Creede Early Learning Center
- VI. OTHER BUSINESS
  - a. Approve/Disapprove Recommendations to Board of Trustees for Funding Requests
- VII. ADJOURN

POSTED 4/16/15

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**VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION**

Applicant/Group: Day's of '92 Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Item	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>15,000</b>
Material Trophies \$650, T-shirts \$1400, Supplies \$175, Postage \$125, Fuel \$200	2550
Labor Announcer	300
Other: Prizes \$11,500, Liability Insurance \$650	12,150
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
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	<b>5000</b>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Grant Application Received <u>3/30/15</u>	Amount Requested <u>\$5000</u>
Not-For-Profit Status Verified <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	VC Meeting <u>4/30/15</u>
Presentation Time <u>7pm</u>	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: Creede Historical Society

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

Address: P.O. Box 608 Year Established: 1984

Contact Person: Jim Loud Phone : 658-1280 John Howard 658-2614

Email Address: [jjl7280@aol.com](mailto:jjl7280@aol.com) Non-profit status? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**The Creede Historical Museum in the Denver and Rio Grande depot lacks sufficient lighting and outlets to properly highlight its exhibits. In addition to poor lighting on key exhibits many of the exhibit labels and historical information cannot be read at the current lighting levels. In addition, the newly renovated (thanks to a \$10,000 donation) Bachelor Cabin does not have lights, outlets or electricity. Lastly, a 2013 inspection by S.H. Electric in Del Norte noted hazardous wiring in the museum attic (open splices, open J boxes).**

The requested funds would be used to provide for the following electrical upgrades:

- Add new outlets (16) in areas that don't have any. Run in wiremold.
- Run new 50 amp line to north side of building for new panel.
- Install new panel
- Cleanup unsafe wire in attic (open splices, etc.)
- Add some general area lighting in each room. We have (donated) Trac lighting that can be used for highlighting specific exhibits.
- Add wiring, outlets and lighting to Bachelor Cabin

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

Item	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	\$5,500
Material	\$1,200
Labor	\$3,300
Other:	
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	\$500
In-Kind Trac Lighting	\$500
Cash	
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	\$4,500

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

**The Creede museum houses many rare and priceless exhibits. Improved lighting will greatly enhance the attractiveness and accessibility of those exhibits, many of which are currently poorly lighted and difficult to view or identify. Upgrading the electrical infrastructure will also help protect the museum and its contents from fire caused by the currently unsafe**

wiring. Wiring the Bachelor Cabin (currently used for storage) will allow us to ultimately use this structure for additional exhibits – as intended when it was acquired and renovated in 2014.

The beneficiaries are everyone with an interest in Creede and early Colorado history as well as all those who will visit the museum in the future (3000 in 2014) and all area businesses that benefit from attracting and keeping tourists in the area.

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:** Renovated via a \$200,000 grant in 2000, The Creede Historic Museum has attracted tourists, historians, students and local visitors for many years. The museum has hosted many public events in the past including the CRT 2014 season announcement. In 2015 the museum hopes to host several lectures and a book signing for a new CHS publication on the life of Bob Ford, as well as presentations on the early history of Creede for Creede school attendees.

**Historical Preservation:** The museum contains some of the finest, and one-of-a-kind, local historical artifacts (hand fire pumper, horse drawn hearse, couch from Bob Ford’s saloon, etc.) found anywhere in this area.

**Safety:** An electrical inspection by S.H. Electric found numerous safety deficiencies with the current wiring. Corrections for those deficiencies are included in this project.

**Art:** There are numerous works of art (Bob Ford Mural, paintings, photographs, mosaics, quilts, etc.) that are both unique and irreplaceable.

**Economic Wellbeing:** Last year the museum attracted approximately 3000 visitors and was a major source of funds for the Creede Historical Society (CHS). The museum hopes to double its attendance in 2015 with redesigned and enhanced displays, events to coincide with CRT’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary production, book signings, school outreach, and increased use of tourist outlets and social media advertising. Thanks to some generous donations and considerable volunteer effort, the museum now includes the renovated “Bachelor Cabin,” new and rearranged displays, enhanced labeling, etc. All these enhancements are intended to attract, entertain and educate a wider section of both local and tourist visitors.

**Education:** The museum tells the story of early Creede more comprehensively than any other available source. In addition to the exhibits themselves there is considerable (but difficult to read with the current lighting) written information explaining many of the artifacts and historical figures as well as their significant influence on our area.

The Creede Historical Museum is run 100% by volunteers and primarily governed by a newly established six member Museum subcommittee of the CHS. The Museum Committee has prioritized a list of needed upgrades for the museum including renovation of museum outbuildings, secure storage for historical items not on display, security alarm and video system, fireproof storage for historic pictures and media, etc. Enhancing the electrical system and lighting was, however, considered the most critical of these priorities by unanimous vote of the Museum Committee. Thus this request for funding.

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Grant Application Received 3/14/15 Amount Requested \$4,500 \*App has typo

Not-For-Profit Status Verified Y  N  VC Meeting 4/30/15

Presentation Time 7:30 p.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: Snow Country Explorers of the Upper Rio Grande, Inc.  
Small Grant (\$1-\$5000) \_\_\_\_\_ Medium Grant (\$5001-\$20,000) \_\_\_\_\_ Large Grant (\$20,001+) x  
Address: PO Box 702, Creede, CO 81130 Year Established: 1985  
Contact Person: Janelle Kukuk Phone : 719-658-2221  
Email Address: kukuk@fone.net Non-profit status? Yes x No \_\_\_\_\_

If no, indicate the name and contact information of the non-profit organization you are applying under.  
Do not have a 501(c)3 but registered as a not-for-profit corporation in the state of Colorado – have permission to apply under the Colorado Snowmobile Association if necessary.  
Please attach a copy of a current Certificate of Good Standing for your organization.

### 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 Snow Country Explorers is negotiating the purchase of a newer and bigger snowcat for winter trail grooming activities. The snowcat currently owned by the Snow Country Explorers is a 2002 BR275 with a tiller and packing bar that has nearly 8000 hours on it. The cat is in good operating condition but has proven to be a fuel guzzler and the club is looking to improve the fuel efficiency of their grooming activities. The club grooms nearly 90 miles of winter recreation trails between South Fork and Lake City. The trail network has the capability of connecting to trails groomed by a club in South Fork and regularly connects to trails groomed by the club from Lake City. This connectivity allows recreationists the ability to travel all day without seeing the same country twice. The unpopulated nature of the area offers an opportunity to recreationists that has become quite rare these days. Additionally, the inviting rural nature of this area creates the need for out of town guests to stay in our motels and eat in our restaurants. The trail grooming efforts are supported by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Snowmobile Program through reimbursement of grooming related expenses (fuel, insurance, repairs/maintenance, etc.). The Snow Country Explorers are an all-volunteer snowmobile club that works tirelessly all year to provide the grooming opportunities. They fundraise in the summer and fall, do trail maintenance in the late fall, maintain the equipment all year long and of course groom trails as soon as snow allows, usually late November through March. The funding from the Virginia Christensen grant will be leveraged with capital grant money from CPW Snowmobile Program and cash put up by the Snow Country Explorers to facilitate the purchase of the cat. The prohibitively high cost of new snowcats necessitates the need to buy used. The club is looking at potentially purchasing a newer, slightly bigger cat that has been used in another grooming program in the north part of the state.*

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

Item	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	\$100,000.00
Material	
Labor	
Other: Purchase of Cat	\$100,000.00
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	\$ 70,000.00
In-Kind	
Cash	\$ 70,000.00
Sale of current cat \$30,000, CPW Grant \$30,000, Club cash \$10,000	
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	\$ 30,000.00

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

*The trail grooming program facilitated by the Snow Country Explorers of the Upper Rio Grande has been in existence for over 25 years. A strong partnership with the Divide Range District of the Rio Grande National Forest has assured environmentally viable trails into the backcountry of the Upper Rio Grande that allows any and all winter recreationists to safely access the gorgeous vistas and challenging terrain that makes winter so special in Mineral County. Of course, these regularly groomed trails are popular with and well used by locals but because of the uncrowded nature of the area and surrounding trails the trail network has become popular to recreationists looking for the challenge without the people. The club gets regular calls all winter from visitors across the snowbelt getting information for new places to visit for their annual trips. Over the years the trails are entertaining a wide range of users – the standard snowmobile, ski/snowshoe and hiking use as well as fat tire bicyclers, kite skiers, ice fisherman and timber bikes. Each of the trails offers a different experience, a ride through the burn area, a trek above timberline, boondocking through the timber – first timers and well experienced can all enjoy what this trail system has to offer. As technology in both motorized and human power recreation choices changes the trails become more of a gateway to back country enjoyment than ever before.*

*The Snow Country Explorers have a long term agreement with the Mineral County Search and Rescue leadership and are totally committed to be always mission-ready. Additionally, the SLVREC, CPW Wildlife Managers and Colorado Avalanche Information Center know that SCE will always be available for emergency access and service.*

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

*The trails groomed and maintained by the Snow Country Explorers are foundational to the winter economy in Creede and Mineral County. The recreation experience these trails offer is unique in its remoteness, vastness and accessibility. Recreationists from all over the snowbelt as well as regular Mineral County visitors and part-time residents join the local population in enjoying these safe, well maintained trails. Many out of state visitors are looking for extended “destination” trips. These trails are well situated to be included in these kinds of treks because of their connectivity and proximity to other premier areas around Wolf Creek Pass, Gunnison and beyond.*

*The club sponsors regular snowmobile safety and avalanche awareness education. Periodically the club invites instructors from avalanche education centers around the region to offer more extensive rescue and snow science*

classes as well. On average the club donates a minimum of 100 volunteer hours a year just in grooming activities. Another 20-25 hours are put into trail cleaning and maintenance and equipment maintenance. Other charitable hours are donated by highway clean-up crews twice a year. All of the club members support the community through donated time and dollars not just through the club but through their churches, the fire department, search and rescue, EMT service, Ladies Aide, Arts Council and on and on. The club and its membership are completely invested in this community and see the upkeep of the winter trails as an integral part of that support.

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

5. What is your project timeline?

*The cat purchase will be made late summer or early fall of 2015 depending on funding finalization with the CPW Snowmobile Program Grant. The CPW grant will be applied for concurrently with this one, project recommendations are scheduled for early May with final approval slated for July or August. No purchase will be made until that final approval and subsequent paperwork is in place. The plan is to have the replacement cat on the trails for the 2015-16 season.*

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

*There are several components to the match for this grant. The Snow Country Explorers will sell the cat they currently own, this may happen within the Snowmobile Program to accommodate a program that needs a backup cat or second cat to groom a portion of their trail system but there is also contacts being gathered for a sale outside of the program. The expected result of that sale will be approximately \$30,000. In addition, the club has committed \$10,000 cash from their reserves as match. This \$40,000 coupled with the possible award of the Virginia Christensen grant request of \$30,000 will be leveraged for the final component from the CPW Snowmobile Program Grant with a request of an additional \$30,000. (All of these amounts, except the \$10,000 cash from the club, are approximate at this point in time. The \$30,000 request we are making of the Virginia Christensen Trust could be lessened depending on the 1) outcome of the sale of the current cat and 2) the actual cost of the replacement cat. This request is designed to be a placeholder for no more than the \$30,000 in the event the whole amount is needed.)*

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

*The grooming and maintenance of this trail system is followed by and reported to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Snowmobile Program manager on a monthly basis. A minimum of weekly reports are made as to trail activity and conditions on the Colorado Snowmobile Association website, [www.snowmobilecolo.com](http://www.snowmobilecolo.com), per the contract for funding from CPW. The club keeps track of the out of town contacts that are made with questions and information requests. Any large group that is anticipated into the area is announced to area lodges and eateries so that they may be prepared. It is not difficult to see how a group of recreationists staying in town for a few days can positively affect the local economy and tax receipts. If requested, the club is prepared to gather that information to track the impact of winter trails on the Mineral County/Creede well-being.*

**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?

*This request is to make a capital purchase. VC Funds will not be expended to maintain and operate the cat. However, for information's sake the maintenance and operation costs for the grooming program are a combination of fundraising activities by the club and application to the CPW Snowmobile Program for an allocation of money each season to subsidize the cost of fuel, insurance, haul vehicle, repairs/maintenance and*

*taxes. The Snow Country Explorers have been a part of the CPW Snowmobile Program for over 25 years and have an excellent record with CPW for efficient and effective spending of their allocation coupled with the dedication of the volunteers supplying the service.*

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Grant Application Received 4/13/15 Amount Requested \$30,000

Not-For-Profit Status Verified Y  N  VC Meeting 4/30/15

Presentation Time 7:15 pm 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: Mineral County Public Health Agency

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

Address: 802 Rio Grande Avenue Year Established: 1989 (tax ID issued)

Contact Person: Joni Adelman Phone: (719) 658-2416

Email Address: joniMCPHnurse@gmail.com Non-profit status? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Mineral County Public Health (MCPH) provides vital health and educational services to the children of Mineral County. Childhood and Adolescent Health Education and Promotion has become a focus for MCPH because these services are not available at any other agency in the area. In the previous four years MCPH has developed a child & adolescent program that now freely provides developmental screening, newborn home visits and breast-feeding support, sport physicals, sexual health course in conjunction with our school district, monthly nurse visits to Creede Early Learning Center, child-care physicals, oral health screenings, serum lead screening, phototherapy for hyperbilirubinemia, consultation during illness, Reach Out and Read literacy promotion, vaccine outreach, and fresh fruit and vegetable vouchers available to families in conjunction with Ladies Aid. Many of these roles and services are not funded by the State of Colorado and are done for the benefit of Mineral County residents. Health education aims at bridging the gulf between the health knowledge and health practices of the children as well as diagnosing developmental delays early. The main role of all education should be to help every child develop a healthy body, an alert mind and sound emotional attitudes. Research studies provide evidence that promoting and establishing healthy behaviors for younger people are more effective, and often easier, than efforts to change unhealthy behaviors already established in adult populations. School health education can reduce health risk behaviors such as tobacco use, poor nutrition, lack of physical activity, drug and alcohol use, as well as actions that increase stress, and risk of injury, and violence. The Joint Committee on National Health Education Standards recommends that students in Pre-K to grade 2 receive a minimum of 40 hours and students in grades 3-12 receive 80 hours of instruction in health education per academic year. MCPH uses teachable moments in partnership with the Creede School District and the Creede Early Learning Center to supplement health education and help meet these recommendations. The *Downstream Gift Cards* will be used as incentive for adolescents to receive Human Papilloma Virus and Meningococcal vaccines which are recommended between the ages of 11-18. The *Smile-Maker Treasure Chest Toys* is a refill of toys for children 2-month-Age 5 that receive vaccines. The educational props will assist with health education teaching that MCPH provides for the Creede School District and the Creede Early Learning Center. The *Medical Equipment* requested will assist with health screenings for pre-K and school age children that are performed by the public health office. The potential for health education to improve health and save lives is significant and MCPH is asking the Virginia Christensen Grant for help in purchasing educational tools and props to continue and facilitate our campaign to enrich the lives of the children of Creede and Mineral County.

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

Item	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	
<i>Material</i>	
Downstream Gift Cards (\$5.00 x 100 cards) Adolescent treatment incentive	\$500.00
Smile-Maker Treasure Chest Toys Toddler/young child treatment incentive	\$463.00

Child/Adolescent Educational Props	
-Sexual Health	\$450.00
-Hand washing/Hygiene	\$155.00
-Nutrition	\$105.00
-Oral Health	\$51.00
-Ages & Stages Materials Kit	\$570.00
<i>Medical Equipment</i>	
-Nebulizer (\$115.00 x2)	\$230.00
-Pediatric Pulse Oximeter (in-office)	\$800.00
- Pediatric Pulse Oximeter (loanable)	\$157.98
-Ophthalmoscope	\$645.00
-Tympanic Thermometer	\$188.00
-Portable Measuring Board	\$134.00
<i>Labor</i>	
-Creede Early Learning Center (30 hours)	\$750.00
-Creede School Sexual Health Class (5 hours)	\$125.00
-Childhood Vaccinations & Education (100 hours)	\$2500.00
-Well-Child visits & Sport Physicals (50 hours)	\$1250.00
<i>Other: Shipping/Taxes/Storage</i>	\$553.27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5000.00</b>
Matching Funds	<i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>
In-Kind	\$4625.00
Cash	00.00
Mineral County Health Council	\$1200.00
<b>TOTAL PROJECT budget for 2015</b>	<b>\$9625.00</b>
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	<b>\$3800.00</b>

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

*The expected results and goals of Childhood and Adolescent Health Education and Promotion:*

- Increased vaccination percentages – MCPH is able to monitor vaccination rates among our pediatric population and also uses school reports to monitor improvement and catch-up rates. Mineral County is among the highest percentage of school-age completion rates in the state of Colorado. However, our job is not complete until every child and family has had the opportunity to receive age-appropriate vaccines for preventable diseases!
- Maintain levels of low sexual transmitted disease in 12-18 age group – Giving young people basic information from an early age provides the foundation on which more complex knowledge is built up over time. In a review of 48 studies of comprehensive sex and STD/HIV education programs in US schools, there was found to be strong evidence that such programs did not increase sexual activity. Some of them reduced sexual activity, or increased rates of condom use or other contraceptives, or both. School-based sex education can be an important and effective way of enhancing young people's knowledge, attitudes and behavior. There is widespread agreement that formal education should include sex education.
- Decreased developmental delays found in kindergarten students – A child whose delay is found early is more likely to catch up due to the tremendous amount of brain development that occurs in the first five years of life. Generally, children need to learn these developmental skills in a consecutive fashion. Also, early intervention helps a child advance in all areas of development. Sometimes if a child has a delay in one area (i.e. speech), it can affect other developmental areas (i.e., social and emotional). Therefore, it is

vital that a child receive early intervention as soon as possible. Finally, early intervention is critical for the child to develop good self-esteem.

- Improve health and wellness in student populations & reduce communicable disease in Mineral County – Herd Immunity also called community immunity, describes a form of indirect immunity that occurs when large percentages of a population have become immune to an infectious disease, thereby providing a measure of protection for individuals who are not immune. The healthier our population becomes the less illnesses with cycle throughout our population.
- Increase dentistry visits among childhood population - The link between oral health and overall wellbeing has been well established in the medical field. Evidence-based research has proven a correlation between poor oral health in expectant mothers and pre-term/low birth weight deliveries. Oral diseases affect our children by hindering their learning and speech development. In Colorado over 7.8 million hours of school are lost annually because of oral pain. While dental caries are the single most common chronic childhood disease—over 5 times that of asthma—they are totally preventable.
- Create strong health literacy foundation – The development of health literacy—the capacity of individuals to obtain, interpret, and understand basic health information and services in ways which are health enhancing—is essential for children to adopt and maintain health behaviors and have improved quality of life.

*Target Beneficiaries*

- Direct beneficiaries of Childhood and Adolescent Health Education and Promotion include all children birth to age 18 years-old who reside or attend school in Mineral County. The program is developed around offering direct services, education, and resources to children.
- Indirect beneficiaries include parents and families of children that receive services because of the off-set of cost as all services are free, the convenience of services offered in school and community, and the availability of services in community. All residents and visitors of Creede and Mineral County will benefit from a healthy community!

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

Funding from the Virginia Christensen Grant will help the Childhood and Adolescent Health Education and Promotion program through MCPH by adding informative curriculum, health education props, and medical equipment. Public Health is synonymous with health and education. The comprehensive goal of Mineral County Public Health is to improve the quality of life in Mineral County by filling gaps created by our remote location. Promoting and establishing healthy behaviors for younger people is more effective. Interestingly, as more and more people begin to practice preventive healthcare (annual health screenings, vaccines, and healthy diet/weight) we will also be benefitting all of us collectively. By minimizing our individual demands on the health care system, we contribute to keeping the system efficient, affordable and functioning smoothly. Promoting health and providing education and direct-care access is doing what is best for the entire community.

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Grant Application Received <u>4/14/15</u>	Amount Requested <u>\$3,800</u>
Not-For-Profit Status Verified <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	VC Meeting <u>4/30/15</u>
Presentation Time <u>7:45 pm</u>	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: \_\_\_\_ 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.

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**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, Cabin Fever Daze and other shows Creede may want. CCF is requesting **\$11,000** for a project costing **\$16,268** to continue and improve the annual fireworks.

- 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.**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	\$16,268
Material and Insurance: 4 <sup>th</sup> of July	\$8,000
Cabin Fever Daze	\$3,000
Other shows Creede will have	\$2,500
Labor (10% of cost)	In Kind (\$1,350)
Other: Administration Costs (\$1,000) mileage (.32 per gallon at 280 round trip)	In-Kind (\$1,268)
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind: Labor, administrative fees, mileage	\$3,618
Will ask for \$100 business sponsorships	TBD
Cash - CCF	\$1,000
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	<b>\$11,000</b>

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

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 is a draw for business and 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 enjoyed and anticipated 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 two 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and any other date requested by City, County, Chamber etc.

**6. 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 and provide donation jars specifically for fireworks in town. All of Jenna’s licenses, hours and the cost normally charged to put on a show will also be donated, \$3, 618.

**7. 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 will investigate the possibility of a vehicle 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Creede Community Fund DBA Creede Community Foundation \_\_\_\_\_  
Small Grant (\$1-\$5000)  Medium Grant (\$5001-\$20,000) \_\_\_\_\_ 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  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 “Cabin Fever Daze” (CFD). CCF is requesting \$5,000 for a project costing \$6,550 to refine and improve the “CFD” organization and activities:

- Increase local and visitor participation in activities through expanded marketing and awareness.
- Purchase materials, entertainment and permits.
- Increase the number of participants in the ice sculpting competition.
- Increase entertainment opportunities by increasing the number of artists’ performances

“Cabin Fever Daze, ” is a weekend of activities sponsored in 2015 by the Creede Community Foundation, The Creede Chamber and Quiller Gallery.

The CCF was established in response to the devastating economic and emotional effects caused by the 2013 wildfires. CCF is a Colorado Non Profit corporation and Federally recognized 501(c)(3). Our mission is to bring economic sustainability, development and security to the Creede/Mineral County community.

The fires made us all aware of how tenuous a seasonal economy is and how important it is to extend the “season,” and create a recreational winter (off season) event to boost the economy, create an awareness of Creede as a winter destination and provide an opportunity for the people, businesses and organizations of Creede to come together and celebrate this very special town.

Businesses, non-profits, the City of Creede, Mineral County, and many committed individuals worked hard and worked together to make the second annual “CFD” a success. The goal for “CFD” is to create an annual winter event involving the whole community. In this off-season event we provide recreation and entertainment for our local community, attract visitors and with this influx of people and events it will provide a boost to our Creede economy. In 5 years we intend for CFD to be self-sustaining.

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

<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	\$6,550
Material: Decorations for Dance, pole banners, prizes, insurance	\$2000
Band	\$4,000
Labor and volunteer hours	In-Kind
Marketing	\$500
Other: Permits	\$50
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind - CCF minimum 100 volunteer hours	Labor
Will ask for sponsorships And Donations	\$1,500
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>

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

With the requested amount of \$5,000 for a project costing \$6,550, the expected results and benefits of a winter event weekend in Creede is to extend the tourism season, boost awareness of what Creede has to offer in the winter, and provide a weekend of activities for locals and visitors during the long winter.

“Cabin Fever Daze” weekend offers a chance for community participation, cooperation, and activities for the people and businesses of Creede during a usually very slow time of the year.

The target beneficiaries of the CCF and “CFD,” are the businesses, organizations, and community members of Creede. Through an amazing cooperative effort the people and organizations of Creede come together and create a weekend that entertains, encourages participation in recreational activities, and boosts the economy.

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

“Cabin Fever Daze” significantly and positively impacts Creede’s winter economic well being by providing a weekend of entertainment, art exhibits and recreation that welcome the participation of locals and visitors.

The great attendance at “CFD” 2015 by our local Creede Community is an indicator of the importance of this off - season celebration.

The attendance at the Valentine’s Day Dance was over 150, and CRT’s Boomtown was completely sold out for both shows. Many businesses in Creede reported a weekend similar to the Fourth of July.

The economic boost created by “CFD”, helps our local businesses stay open and employ Creede locals during the very slow winter months. Availability of work during the winter season is essential for a good quality of life.

Locals and visitors were given the opportunity to not only be entertained, but participate in many artistic and recreational activities: ice sculpting, ice skating, “Creede Curling,” hockey, a biathlon, snowmobiling, art exhibits, theatre and stand-up comedy. We hope to continue to increase participation by locals and visitors in 2016.

The CCF recognizes and values the importance of “CFD” to the Creede community and plans to cosponsor the event in 2016 with a proposed project costing \$6,550. The CCF is committed to support “CFD”, both monetarily with sponsorships, donations and through volunteerism. Many businesses, non-profits and individuals supported “CFD” with monetary donations, in-kind time and labor and are already planning for 2016. The first few years of an event is a risk, but through the tireless work of volunteers and community commitment to a winter weekend event, “CFD” 2014 and 2015 was a huge success.

The CCF, businesses and individual sponsors will contribute \$1,500 towards the requested funds. All funds will be invested back into the community creating an annual event that will become self-sustaining. Extending the business season with a destination event provides businesses the opportunity to increase revenues, hire winter employees and pay their bills. Increasing tourism and participation will allow CCF to make a profit to roll over into the following year and create self-sustainability.

“Cabin Fever Daze” 2015 had a very successful second year and we look forward to improving and growing the event and making it a yearly much anticipated weekend in Creede.

The CCF and “CFD” believe that event and organization success is dependent on the cooperation and participation of all the community members. Our commitment is to the inclusion of as many members of the Creede community as possible, and to the openness for new ideas and requests.

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Virginia Christensen Advisory Board  
2223 N. Main Street  
Creede, CO 81130

RE: CREEDE MAIN STREET PROGRAM

Dear VC Advisory Board,

The Creede Community Fund and Creede Economic Development Committee are pleased to present this proposal for your review. We look forward to partnering with you to provide a sustainable program providing economic development assistance, historic preservation, and planning to our community.

Creede and Mineral County have approached a junction in its future. With advancements in the form of a new school, reclamation of historic mine sites, and new community centric events, the Creede community at large requires an institution to take a holistic approach to the health of our population. Our community struggles with a median income of roughly half the state average (a lion's share of which make less than \$19,999 a year), a lack of affordable housing, and a sharp decrease in population offset only by increases in the 55+ demographic.

During the last year, we have had marked success in economic development: helping educate 5 existing businesses, 5 startups, and 5 non-profits to create successful business plans and connecting those organizations with lenders; community development: Cabin Fever Daze and the Halloween Theatre of Fear, collaboration with nearly all non-profits within Mineral County; historic preservation: working with History Colorado on a working plan for façade grants, building maintenance and renovations, and historic site designation.

The successes that the Creede Main Street group has achieved in such a short period of time are measurable and felt in many areas of our community. Our proposal requests \$10,000 in funding to provide bridge funding for our Community Assessment as well as seed money for priority projects.

We appreciate the VC Advisory Board taking an interest in helping our community develop, grow, and preserve. Please give me a call at 970-946-2613 if you require any further information or have any questions concerning this proposal.

Thank you,



Caitlyn Jewell  
Director  
Creede Community Foundation  
PO Box 754  
Creede, CO 81130

**VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION**

Applicant/Group: <u>Creede Community Foundation &amp; Creede Economic Development Committee</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 754 Creede, CO 81130</u>	Year Established: <u>2013</u>
Contact Person: <u>Caitlyn Jewell</u>	Phone: <u>970-946-2613</u>
Email Address: <u>info@creedecommunityfoundation.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.**

In 2014, Creede was selected to become a member of the Colorado Main Street Program. This sustainability and development program uses an approach that advocates a return to community self-reliance, local empowerment, and the rebuilding of central business districts based on their traditional assets of unique architecture, personal service, local ownership, and a sense of community.

The Creede Community Foundation in collaboration with the Creede Economic Development Committee are seeking seed funding in the amount of \$10,000, for the local organization that will administer the Colorado Main Street Program within our community. Funding for this program will be used for initial implementation of priority projects as identified by the entire community during our upcoming assessment, as leverage towards larger scale funding and grant opportunities, as well as supplemental costs associated with obtaining state and federal grants.

Our local organizations have already engaged state and federal agencies on downtown revitalization efforts and have undertaken sustainability planning for our community in the form of a scheduled Community Assessment May 31-June 2nd of this year. The assessment's technical assistance, preservation planning, economic recovery planning, and marketing direction comes to Creede and Mineral County at a cost of \$15,000 with an additional \$1500 of associated logistical fees. Through diligent work and countless volunteer hours, our community has been gifted with \$12,600 in grants from RWEACT, DOLA, and OEDIT; additionally, we have applied for USDA and El Pomar grants which may help offset some of the additional costs but will not cover the balance in its entirety, nor will it allow for start up funding of a partnership with community wide benefits and the numerous projects within our town that have been waiting for technical assistance, state and/or federal funding, and the volunteer hours to help facilitate them.

\$10,000 represents 15% of the grant monies needed to start seeing our community's needs and desires met, but would go a long way towards bridging the gap in funding for our Community Assessment and program implementation. As a burgeoning organization with a strong volunteer base, no awarded VC grant dollars would be used towards salary costs. An accounting of priority projects identified in the assessment can be given to the Advisory Board mid-cycle and will be presented in regular updates to the Creede Board of Trustees in their capacity as a sponsor of the Economic Development sub-committee.

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

Item	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>
Material:	
Assessment and Report (\$15,000), Travel, Lodging, Logistics (\$1,675)	\$16,675
Labor	
Other:	
Seed Funding	\$30,000
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind : Supplies, Donated Travel Expenses, Lodging	(\$3000)
Conservative current valuation of volunteer hours on the Creede Main Street Program	(\$32,850)
Cash : RWEACT (\$6600), DOLA (\$4000), OEDIT (\$2000)	\$12,600
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

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

The Main Street program is locally driven, funded, organized, and run. Utilizing a Four-Point approach of Organization, Promotion, Design, and Economic Restructuring, the Main Street Program reaches every part of our community: non-profits, business owners, local governments, historic preservationists, and civic minded groups. Everyone within Mineral County has a stake in the economic health and sustainability of our community. Every year round family, summer resident, tourist, and lost hiker benefits from a healthy Creede economy and preservation of the historic core that reflects Creede's heritage and personality.

The benefits of the Creede Main Street Program have already manifested in its facilitation of the Leading Edge Training Course that was attended by 5 new and existing businesses and 4 non-profits, collaboration with more than half of the 34 charitable groups within Mineral County, and new reporting from the state demographers office that has spared the City of Creede hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest fees as well as offering more accurate information for all of Mineral County's non-profits in their own search for funding. Technical assistance from DOLA, History Colorado, and OEDIT have begun the process for preservation of our historic sites, and repair and renovation assistance for the buildings of our historic Main Street corridor.

Case studies of the successes of the greater Main Street Program can be seen across the state including a stellar example within our neighbor, Lake City. In that community, the Main Street Program has facilitated, organized and in some cases, fully funded capital works projects that the city was unable to immediately address, promoted events and fundraised for community projects as well as individual non-profits, created and continued to administer a local revolving loan fund for businesses.

Major state and federal grant dollars from History Colorado, DOLA, USDA, EPA have been predominantly or solely distributed to Main Street communities due to working closely with those organizations, networking, training, continued education, and leveraging the organization and dedication of the communities themselves. DOLA mini-grants are awarded each year in increasing amounts to CO Main Street communities.

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

The Main Street Program fits within multiple categories of the Virginia Christensen Grant Program.

**Entertainment & Recreation:** Cabin Fever Daze and the Theatre of Fear have directly impacted recreation, providing much needed family friendly events with youth engagement.

**Community Beautification & Economic Well-Being:** An early project with which the Main Street group collaborated with Ladies Aid, several local businesses, city and county volunteers was the cleaning of and garnering renewed interest in an abandoned building on Main street which contributed to its recent sale. One of the 4 points of the Main Street Program is entirely focused on economic restructuring to create a sustainable environment for our many long time businesses and new enterprise.

**Education:** Offering classes, trainings, as well as individualized courses has provided much needed education in business and office management to increase productivity of Mineral County businesses and non-profits.

**Historic Preservation:** The Colorado Main Street Program is aligned with History Colorado and the state planning architect. We have created a database of our historic sites, both those with official designation and those without, and are seeking grant funding for facade work of our downtown district, renovation and repair of our historic buildings, and increased traffic, appreciation, and accessibility of our history.

**Health:** The health of our population is directly impacted by the services available and infrastructure projects. Creating an environment that is attractive to families and industry. Ensuring that the Creede community no longer has a majority of its population working below the poverty line and our commuting out of our region. An identified goal is a revolving loan program for improvements to home energy efficiency including improved air quality during our winter months.

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

5. What is your project timeline?

The Creede Community Assessment will take place May 31-June 2nd 2015. Following the final report from that assessment, initial projects that are deemed most attainable in size, provide the greatest community benefit, and have the most possibility for continued development will be originated. In the long view, Lake City's Main Street Program, Lake City DIRT, was able to develop into a financially self-sustaining organization before recently graduating from the Main Street program after 10 years which is a major accomplishment and sets an achievable precedent for all Main Street towns across the country. Creede's program will likely be ongoing for many years and will ultimately dovetail with existing programs and organizations to help them succeed.

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

The Creede Main Street Program has already met the match requirements to nearly a 1 to 1 ratio.

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

An integral part of our Community Assessment is creation and implementation of measurable objectives. The greater Main Street organization has an established proven history of demonstrable results. A large function of our assessment will be to reduce duplication of efforts and ensure investment in projects with the best returns to 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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### Community Quick Facts

Population (2013)	292
Ann. Population Growth (2010 to 2013)	0.60%
Median HH Income (ACS 08-12)	\$30,000
Employment (County in 2013)	635

Source: State Demography Office  
U.S. Census Bureau

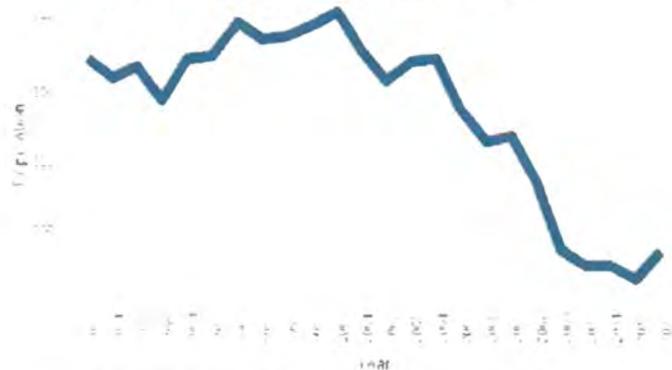


## Population

Population Estimates and Forecasts for the resident population are produced by the State Demography Office.

- Creede experienced steady population loss between 2000 and 2010.
- Since 1990, Creede has consistently seen slower growth than the state as a whole.
- Since 2010 both the city and Mineral county have grown slightly despite prior losses due to a small increase in jobs.

City of Creede Population, 1990 to 2013

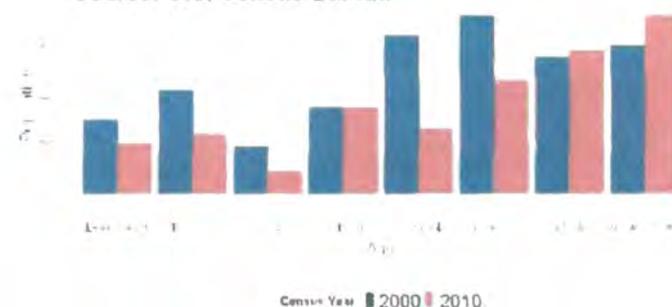


	Population		Annual Average Growth Rate (%)	
	City of Creede town	Colorado	City of Creede town	Colorado
1990	362	3,294,473		
1995	363	3,811,074	0.06%	3.00%
2000	379	4,338,801	0.90%	2.60%
2010	287	5,049,717	-2.70%	1.60%
2013	292	5,264,890	0.60%	1.40%

### Population By Age

Creede's population by age is shown in the chart to the right for both 2000 (darker bar) and 2010 (lighter bar). The only increases were in the 55 to 64 and 65 and over groups, which could indicate a need to evaluate aging services in the city. Age groups most commonly associated with families are among the largest declines in Creede.

City Of Creede Town Population by Age  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau



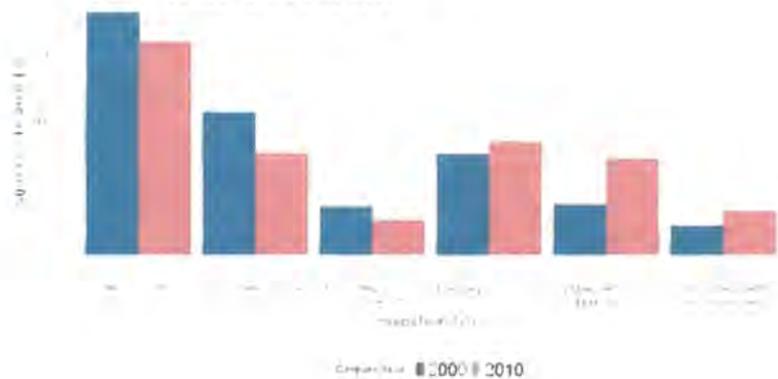
## Housing & Households

City of Creede town Housing Units	2000	2010	2010 %
Total Housing Units	275	270	
Occupied Housing Units	181	159	58.90%
Owner-Occupied Units	125	126	79.20%
Renter-Occupied Units	56	33	20.80%
Vacant Housing Units	94	111	41.10%
For Seasonal	73	83	74.80%
All Other Vacant	21	28	25.20%

- The overall vacancy rate was 41% in 2010, excluding seasonal housing it was about 10%.
- Vacancy rates were higher than the state average due largely to seasonal units.
- Most of the units are owner occupied (79%) which means that there are very few rental units.

- Between 2000 and 2010 households decreased overall.
- The largest decline in household types was in family households. As noted by changes in the age distribution above. These decreases were partially offset by increases in nonfamily households especially those living alone and living alone over 65.

City of Creede town Household Types  
Source: Census 2000 and 2010



## Race & Ethnicity

### City of Creede town Population by Race/Ethnicity

	2000	2010	2010 %
Total	377	290	
White	361	277	95.50%
Black or African American	0	2	0.69%
American Indian or Alaska Native	3	1	0.36%
Asian	0	0	0%
Native Hawaiian and Other	0	0	0%
Some Other Race	0	0	0%
Two or More	7	4	1.38%
Hispanic	6	6	2.07%

Source: U.S. Census 2010

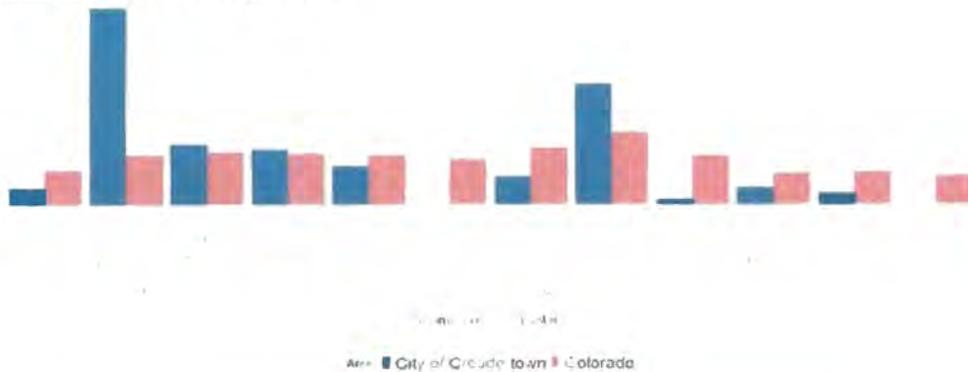
- Creede is significantly less diverse than the state as a whole.
- The overall decrease between 2000 and 2010 was 87, or just over 23%. The majority of this change was within the White population.

## Income

The chart below shows the distribution of income in Creede compared to the rest of the state. Creede has a larger than expected share of those making \$10,000 to \$19,999 than the state and very few households making more than \$100,000. This lower level of income reflects the industry mix and dependence on Tourism. Additionally, the small number of people in Creede may lead to small sample sizes in the ACS which can add uncertainty to these estimates.

The Median Household Income (MHI) for City of Creede town is \$30,000, which is lower than the state MHI of \$58,433.

Household Income Distribution  
Source: 2013 ACS 5-Year File



## Education

Creede has a slightly lower levels of educational attainment than the state as a whole, which is likely related to the high level of service industries. These industries tend to have lower educational requirements. Creede is fairly similar to the state at the higher levels of education.

Educational Attainment for 25 and Older  
Source: ACS 2013 5-Year File



## Commuting

Commuting plays an important role in the economy of an area because not all workers live where they work. Commuting impacts roads and access to employees. The graph to the side shows the data by job and by resident worker. Just under 12% of the jobs are held by residents and 88% of the jobs are held by people who live outside the city. Considering Creede's labor force, just under 17% work in Creede but 83% are employed outside of the city.

Inflow/Outflow Job Counts in 2011

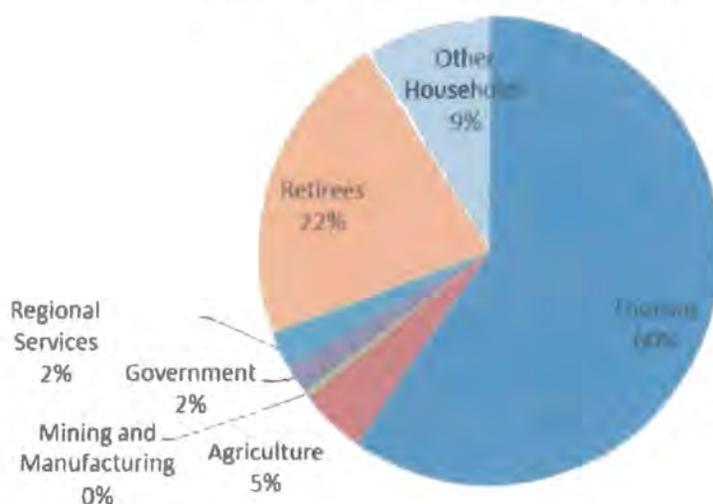


## Jobs & the Economy

The City of Creede has a slightly different industry mix than Mineral county, as evidenced in the chart below. The largest industries by employment are Accommodation and Food, Government, and Retail. The Base Industries chart shows the centrality of Tourism and Retirees to the county. This likely drives the industry mix. The industry mix is not especially diverse in Creede or Mineral, so it will be important to watch economic conditions in these industries. The relatively small population in Mineral county is not well-suited to supporting a large number of jobs.

Total employment in the county was estimated to be 635 in 2013. Mineral has gained approximately 50 jobs since 2010.

### Mineral Base Industries



Share of Jobs by Industry	Mineral	Creede
Agriculture	4%	0%
Mining	0%	4%
Utilities	0%	0%
Construction	8%	5%
Manufacturing	0%	0%
Wholesale trade	0%	0%
Retail Trade	10%	16%
Transportation and warehousing	0%	0%
Information	0%	0%
Finance activities	1%	2%
Real estate	3%	1%
Professional and business services	5%	1%
Management of companies and enterprise	0%	0%
Admin and waste	4%	3%
Education	0%	0%
Health Services	1%	2%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	23%	10%
Accommodation and food	18%	31%
Other services, except public administration	4%	1%
Government	14%	23%

Source: CDLE, State Demography Office

Applicant/Group: Creede Repertory Theatre, Inc.

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

Address: P.O. Box 269, 124 N. Main St., Creede, CO 81130 Year Established: 1966

Contact Person: Maggie Schlundt Phone (719) 658-2540 ext. 231

Email Address: maggie@creederep.com Non-profit status? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

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

### VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION

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

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

Creede Repertory Theatre requests support from the Virginia Christensen Trust to support our Community Engagement Activities. These activities seek to engage with the amazing community of Creede in ways that positively impact locals. They include:

- a) *Community use of The Ruth* – in order to keep the Ruth Humphries Brown Theatre open for off-season use by community and school groups, CRT requests support to offset winter utilities and maintenance and costs. The Ruth costs \$5,150 to maintain in the winter. We are requesting \$4,635 to support this project. With funding, community use of the Ruth will remain deeply discounted.
- b) *The KID Show* – A completely free program (both to participants and attendees), this year an adventure with hand-made skeleton puppets, developed and performed by local kids in conjunction with CRT’s professional artists. The show costs \$18,000 total to put on but is free to the approximately 20 local participants and 580 attendees. We are requesting \$5,000 from Virginia Christensen to support this project that has impacted so many young lives in Creede.
- c) *Collaboration with Creede School* – This past winter, CRT Education Director Johamy Morales partnered with the Creede school to develop a program with local school kids called *Voices of Creede*. Johamy worked with the local kids to help the write stories that expressed their experiences and feelings. It performed at Cabin Fever Daze to great response, as it was a clear and powerful outlet for these children. Johamy seeks to collaborate with the school and the kids on a similar project this coming year. We are requesting \$2,000 to support this project.

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

Item – Ruth Humphrey’s Brown Theatre Winter Maintenance and Utilities	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$5,150</b>
Utilities	\$3,000
Trash	\$150
Labor	\$2,000
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind	N/A
Cash	\$515
<b>VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	<b>\$4,635</b>

<b>Item – The KID Show</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$18,075</b>
Materials:	\$1,700
Labor:	\$14,990
Other:	
Marketing (2 brochures, widely distributed)	\$535
T-Shirts, Snacks, Incidentals	\$600
Consumables	\$250
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind	
Cash	\$5,000
<b>VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>

<b>Item – Collaboration with Creede School</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$2,200</b>
Material	
Music	\$10
Incidentals as needed (Food, Props)	\$93
Labor	
Director/Administrator	\$1,500
Consultant/Co-Director	\$200
Tech Support	\$100
Other:	
Logo Design	\$180
T-Shirts	\$117
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind	
Cash	\$600
<b>VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	<b>\$11,675.50</b>

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

Funding support for utilities and maintenance of the Ruth Humphreys Brown Theatre will greatly benefit the Creede community. It will allow organizations such as the Creede Community Players, Creede Comique, the Creede Arts Council, The San Juan Mining Conference, Rio Grande Reclamation Committee, Creede Historical Society, Rural Philanthropy Days, and the School to conduct community based activities – such as Creede Community Player and Creede Comique Productions, The Creede Arts Council variety show, Steve Quiller Presentations, Jo Johnson Zero Balancing workshops, regional conferences, musical events, after school activities and more- in the Ruth Humphreys Brown Theatre at a much reduced rental rate. Their activities draw a robust audience and meaningfully contribute to the community’s cultural vitality during the winter months. Support from the Virginia Christensen Fund offsets the high costs associated with keeping the Ruth open. The less fiscal support we receive to directly support our winter costs, the more we have to transfer those costs to community members through higher rental costs in order to pay the utilities and maintenance bills.

*The KID Show* is an intensive play-making experience that allows local school children to collaborate with CRT's professional artists on all aspects of creating a play. Not only is this month-long camp free of cost to local children, free admission to *The KID Show* performances allows all participants to showcase their hard work and creativity to their friends, family, and the entire Creede community without financial burden. This program has been hugely influential in the lives of Creede Children. Its goal is to continue to impact young minds in our rural community. Here is a quote from one of the original *KID Show* participants, Hanna Waters: *"As a twelve year old growing up in the tiny nest of Creede, CO, dreams and dreaming often felt impossible and impractical. With The KID Show, not only did I feel allowed to wonder, I felt compelled to do so. As a founding member, I completed seven years of shows, builds, and hard work with the unbelievable artisans and crafts people that contributed their own talents and passions to the project. Ultimately, this lead me to a successful undergraduate career at Colorado College and a year living in the heart of Florence, Italy. Without The KID Show, I would not have dreamed so openly and worked so hard to continue facilitating the same sort of experience in my now adult pursuits. It was and still is a rare catalyst for kids yearning for artistic and creative opportunity."*

Johamy Morales, our Education Director's, Collaboration with the Creede School offers local middle and high school students a creative outlet and a chance to express themselves in an open, meaningful, and cathartic way. The educational program is geared for students interested in any aspect of theatre: design, writing, directing, production, and performance. Through research, writing, acting, and community engagement the students will learn about a specific theme and gain collaborative skills. The goal is to connect Creede students to their surrounding communities in order to build relationships, expose them to pertinent issues, and empower them through the arts. Additionally, this program acts as a preventative measure against drug use and under-age drinking- both of which can become prevalent among teens without extra-curricular activities and outlets for expression. Creede School does not have a large budget for arts education. This program would provide an arts educator, without impacting the school's budget.

The target beneficiaries of these projects are all Creede residents, community organizations and Creede School students.

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

Creede Repertory Theatre is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that shares the Virginia Christensen Trust's mission to continually improve our community. Within our region, CRT is an economic engine, pumping \$2 million into the local economy, \$3 million into our region's economy, and \$4 million into the statewide economy annually. Additionally, we are a tourist attraction, serving over 20,000 people each year, over 90% of which are coming to Creede from outside of the San Luis Valley, many of whom patron local Creede businesses while they are in town. By supporting CRT, you are supporting the economic well-being of Creede. CRT has demonstrated that it can carry out projects funded by the Virginia Christensen Trust with success, and continues to seek out ways to further impact our community.

Offsetting winter utilities and maintenance costs in the Ruth allows CRT's local partner organizations to continue offering arts and recreational opportunities to the community during the winter months. These activities gather Creede residents together during a time when the winter weather often prevents social interaction. Support from VCT will help keep these activities affordable for all involved, a positive impact to locals. Additionally, we are able to rent the Ruth to organizations looking for conference space, whose presence has an economic impact.

Offering free admission to *The KID Show* will improve the quality of life of the residents of the community by giving families an affordable, local option for entertainment, and a chance to see local kids create a play, growing and learning crucial life skills in the process. Collaboration with the Creede School will make Creede a better place to live for the students by providing youth with a free, safe place to go in the evenings and a place to express themselves creatively.

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

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

All Community Engagement Activities will occur between May 2015 and April 2016. A timeline for each of the proposed projects is below:

a) *Community use of the Ruth* – The Ruth will be available for deeply discounted use by Community organizations, Community members, and the Creede School beginning September 22, 2015 and ending May 15, 2016. The Creede Historical Society has arranged to host their annual *Mining through Poetry, Stories & Song* event in the Ruth on June 23, 2015. The timeline of the community use depends wholly on the organizations who are interested in taking advantage of it. Here are some events that are typically hosted, or will be hosted, in The Ruth:

- The Creede Arts Council Variety Show – March
- Creede Comique and/or Creede Community Players Production – January or April
- Rural Philanthropy Days – September 23-25
- A non-CRT-related Cabin Fever Daze event – February

b) *The KID Show- planning* has already begun for this year's production by our Education Director and co-director/master-puppeteer Anna Panicia. The process of building the puppets to be used in the play will begin with a workshop entitled "Skeleton Puppets", from June 23- 27, 2015. Rehearsals for *The KID Show* will begin June 30, 2015 and are scheduled from 10 AM-4PM Tuesday-Saturday. Performances are Thursday, July 16 at 1:30 PM, Friday, July 17 at 1:30 PM and Saturday July 18 at 11 AM.

c) *Collaboration with Creede School* – Johamy is working with the school to determine when out this project will be most effective and most beneficial to both the school and the kids. It will continue to be a six-week program offered in the winter, culminating in a final performance, open to the public.

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

Creede Repertory Theatre will be able to match Virginia Christensen Funds received at least up to 10% through foundation and government grants as well as gifts made by individual donors. Virginia Christensen funding of Community use of the Ruth, and the winter maintenance and utilities required to offer such a service, will be matched by gifts from individual donors who give to CRT's general operating fund. VCT support of *The KID Show* will be 100% matched by a gift from the Sheila Fortune Foundation, an organization dedicated to helping at-risk youths gain access to, and expression through, the performing arts. VCT funding for a collaboration with the school will be 30% matched by local business sponsors Coffee on the Fly and Rio Grande Rentals.

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

Each of CRT's Community Engagement Activities has measurable results.

a) *Community use of the Ruth* - We will be able to demonstrate the impact this project has had on the community first by providing a detailed account of the community use of the Ruth. The more the Ruth is used, the greater impact the winter maintenance of the Ruth will have. We will track attendance at all

events/conferences/workshops held in the Ruth to serve as a quantitative measure of the project. The impact will also be demonstrated quantitatively through anecdotes and quotes provided by those who benefit from the Ruth's availability. These beneficiaries include the organizations using the Ruth, the attendees of any public events put on by community organizations, and local businesses benefiting economically from conferences drawing visitors to Creede. All information will be relayed to the Virginia Christensen Trust.

- b) *The KID Show* – Numerically speaking, we will be able to demonstrate the impact *The KID Show* has on the community of Creede by providing a full list of local participants as well as an attendance count of performance attendees. After the program has ended, we will survey the participants, the parents, and select audience members to get a keen sense of the effectiveness and impact of the program. All information will be relayed to the Virginia Christensen Trust.
- c) *Collaboration with Creede School* – Quantitatively, we will be able to demonstrate the impact the collaboration with the school has on the community of Creede by providing a full list of local participants as well as an attendance count of performance attendees. We will track the hours the students spend on this and, because this program will be offered at no fee to the school, we will log Johamy's hours working on this collaboration and calculate what this program would have cost the school if they were to compensate her. After the program has ended, we will survey the participants, the principal, the teachers, the parents, and select audience members to get a keen sense of the effectiveness and impact of the program. All information will be relayed to the Virginia Christensen Trust.

**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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	VC Meeting <u>4/15/15</u>
Presentation Time <u>8:45 pm</u>	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: \_\_\_\_\_ Mineral County Fairgrounds Association \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: P.O. Box 61, Creede, CO 81130 Year Established: \_\_\_\_\_ 2001 \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: Eloise Hooper Phone : 719-658-2333 \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: elfud\_126@yahoo.com Non-profit status? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Funds are requested for permanent capitol property and equipment improvements. Leveled, filled, and packed ground will be extended south of the main arena.

A timbered announcer’s booth will replace the temporary trailer podium.

We will purchase security/ safety vests and 2-way radios for volunteers and events producers, two water truck tires, tractor, and harrow for arena preparations and general maintenance.

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

Item	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b> see attached	
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?**

The ground outside the bull pens, 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 timbered announcer’s booth will be a sturdy permanent addition to the infrastructure of the Fairgrounds property. It will provide all-weather shelter for announcers, timers, score keepers, anthem singers,

photographers/ videographers, and equipment storage. It will be architecturally compatible with a future planned timber frame multi-use building.

Security/ safety vests and radios will allow staff and volunteers to be more visible and to keep in touch to facilitate parking, smoother events production and emergency response.

The water truck is a valuable asset donated by John Parker. It came to MCFA with ten very bad tires. The two worst tires have already been replaced and the remaining eight tires will be replaced as funds become available. Two more tires will keep it reliably rolling for this season.

The tractor and harrow will allow MCFA to groom both arenas, move stock panels and equipment for various events, and keep the entire 45 acre grounds clear of weeds and rocks, making the Fairgrounds / Rec Park cleaner, safer, more attractive and more available for general public use.

### **Benefits**

The Mineral County Fairgrounds Association will be sponsoring the second annual Creede Chute Out June and July 2015 on their property on Airport Road. Last year more than 2200 spectators enjoyed the six-part series, with thousands of dollars added to the local economy.

Improvements to the MCFA/ Rec Park last year and this year, make the Creede Chute Out, ATV rodeos and other activities possible. The target beneficiaries are the residents of Mineral County and the greater San Luis Valley region. We also intend to attract new seasonal and occasional visitors to the Creede, Mineral County area.

The Creede Chute Out in particular has had a very positive response from local residents, businesses, and visitors. MCFAF anticipates that both spectator and contestant figures will increase by at least 10%.

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

The Bull Riding and ATV Rodeos are recreational entertainment opportunities never experienced in Creede/ Mineral County before. These and other events bring economic opportunities to local businesses and entrepreneurs. The Chute Out and Dutch Oven workshops promote Colorado's western heritage. This project will allow MCFA to make the Chute Out series, ATV rodeos and other events at the Fairgrounds more enjoyable and safer for larger audiences. 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 event and facility development.

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

- 5. What is your project timeline?** The first Creede Chute Out rodeo is scheduled for June 24. We hope to have all work done by June 15.

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 has promised 75 cubic yards of sand (\$375) to put on top of the road base. They will also provide heavy equipment and operators, a value estimated at \$5,600. Southway Construction will provide a large dump truck to transport the road base, estimated value \$1,600.

Cash donations and dozens of volunteer hours will contribute to this project.

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 local merchants to see if their foot traffic and sales increased around event days of Creede Chute Out and ATV rodeos.

We will promote and look for increased and varied uses of arenas, horse pens, and training areas after these improvements are made.

**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 4/15/15  
 Presentation Time 9:00pm Amount Recommended by VC Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved by Board of Trustees this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount Awarded \_\_\_\_\_ Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk

Mineral County Fairgrounds Association

VCT grant budget April 2015

Total Project cost	\$ 59,640.50
tractor	\$ 5,000.00
harrow	\$ 750.00
truck tires	\$ 600.00
2-way radios	\$ 125.00
security vests	\$ 125.00
announcer's booth	\$ 6,515.00
225 cu.yds roadbase	\$ 3,037.50
75 cu. Yds sand	\$ 375.00
16 hrs dump truck	\$ 1,600.00
heavy equipment & operators	\$ 5,600.00
labor	\$ 6,093.00

Total project cost	\$ 29,820.00
Matching (56%)	
cash	\$ 9,000.00
In-Kind	
heavy equipment & operators	\$ 5,600.00
16 hrs dump truck	\$ 1,600.00
75 cu. Yds sand	\$ 375.00
total Match	\$ 16,575.00
Total VC funds requested	\$ 13,245.00

**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

Year Established:1997

Contact Person: Jenny VanRy

Phone : 658-2090

Email Address: creedearlylearningcenter@yahoo.com Non-profit status? Yes

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.

We are requesting \$12,000 to be used for operating expenses that will enable the Creede Early Learning Center (CELC) to continue to provide quality, affordable early childhood education for the children of Mineral County.

To fulfill our 10% match we are pledging a minimum of 60 In-kind hours @ \$22.75 to be fulfilled through yoga classes provided by Kiera Gibbons, sign language classes provided by Dixie Starbuck and storyhour time provided by the Creede Repertory Theatre.

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

<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$123,209</b>
<i>Expenses</i>	
Staff Salaries	\$90,115
Insurance and Licensing	\$11,880
Healthy Food	\$2500
Supplies	\$3000
Utilities, phone, misc.	15,714
<i>Revenue (Matching Funds)</i>	
Tuition	\$90,992
Lunches	\$2767
Other Grants	\$13,000
Fundraising	\$8,000
<i>Percent Match—InKind hours 60 hrs. @ \$22.75(yoga instruction, sign language, story hour)</i>	\$1365.00
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>

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

The expected results will allow us to maintain a year-round safe, dependable, affordable and educational service for our parents (see below and #4). The CELC is the only licensed daycare/early childhood facility for children ages one and up in Mineral County. Target beneficiaries include parents who need childcare in order to work, as well as employers who rely on dependable employees. Non-working parents also benefit from affordable childcare, and our children benefit from the high-quality early childhood education provided by our highly qualified staff.

The average net income of families with currently children is between \$30,000 and \$40,000 (\$2,500-\$3,333 per month net). Average full-time childcare (4 days per week) for one child is \$576 per month, and for two children is \$1048. If a one-child family's net income is \$2916 per month, nearly 20% of that is paid to full day childcare. With two children enrolled full time, almost 35% of a family's income goes towards childcare.

During our budget meeting in November, 2014 it was clear that the CELC would need to increase tuition by \$2+ per day or find alternative funding streams to maintain our Center. Even two dollars per day would be a significant hardship for families who need safe, reliable, affordable childcare.

Not every child registered at the Center is enrolled full time. Some of our families have to be very creative in their childcare arrangements, as they simply cannot afford full time tuition. Providing the CELC with \$12,000 in operating expenses would allow us to maintain the tuition at its current rate, with the hope that additional grants and funding streams would enable us to set up tuition assistance for the families in greatest need.

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

In the Virginia Christensen Trust Guidelines it states that preference will be given to "projects which have a significant impact on or demonstrate the ability to improve the quality of life for the residents of the community." The necessity of the Creede Early Learning Center to the economy of Creede and greater Mineral County is obvious. Of the fifteen families who send their children to CELC, 27 mothers and fathers are employed full- or part-time and 26 of those parents are employed within Mineral County. The economic benefit to our area is clear. Parents who are able to work because affordable childcare is available not only benefit themselves but are also providing necessary services to our community.

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Not-For-Profit Status Verified  Y  N VC Meeting 4/30/15  
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**VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION**

Applicant/Group: Creede Early Learning Center

Address: PO Box 191 Creede

Year Established:1997

Contact Person: Jenny Van Ry

Phone #: 658-2090 Jenny's cell 970-903-1962

Email Address: [creedearlylearningcenter@yahoo.com](mailto:creedearlylearningcenter@yahoo.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.

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 Early Learning Center (CELC) needs to install a bathroom in the basement. We currently have a single bathroom on the main floor that must also serve as the changing room for children in diapers. In the Fall of 2014, CELC was able to removate our basement into a full Preschool classroom and indoor gross motor area. Adding a second bathroom to this space would allow convenient access to our preschool in the morning and all children in the afternoon. Children are currently required to climb to the first floor to use the bathroom facilities creating an inconvenience as well as a staffing complication, as children must be supervised at all times. We are requesting \$4500 to install the necessary plumbing. We are working with the City of Creede to apply for the Council of Governments (COG) grant which would supply matching funds to complete the project.

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

	<b>Amount</b>
Total Project Cost	\$9,000
Materials: See attached bid from McQuitty Plumbing	
Labor:	
Other:	
Verbal bid from Madleson Construction for construction/refurbishing	\$4,000
Verbal bid from Peak Electric	\$500
Total Funds from other sources:	\$4,500
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED:</b>	<b>\$4,500</b>

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

Although all children who spend time in the basement would be beneficiaries, installing a bathroom in the basement would help the preschool program the most. In addition to the comfort and safety of the children it would also help with class time. Children would no longer have to climb the stairs to the first floor, leaving the activities the class was participating in and creating a staffing issue, as children must be supervised at all times.

The General Rules for Child Care Facilities (Commodity No. 615-82-14-0119) section 7.702.85 states:

"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."

On days when the Center attendance is at capacity, there are 19 individuals using one bathroom. The General Rules for Child Care Facilities (Commodity No. 615-82-14-0119) section 7.702.85 states:

"A minimum of one (1) lavatory and one (1) flush toilet must be provided for each 15 or fewer children."

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

The project fits into the criteria for the Virginia Christensen Fund in three ways. First, CELC is working with the City of Creede to obtain the COG grant which requires one-to-one matching funding. The additional COG grant funds would cover changes to the laundry area, constructing walls, installing a door, and providing additional shelving for storage.

Second, improvements in the facilities have a significant impact on the comfort and safety of the children enrolled there. Having two bathrooms, particularly one that is convenient to the children enrolled in the preschool program will improve their comfort while they are at the Center. It also allows for better supervision of children who would have to climb stairs to use the current bathroom facilities.

Finally, the project would fulfill the General Rules for Childcare Facilities regarding bathroom regulations.

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

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Grant Application Received 4/15/15 Amount Requested \$4,500

501(c)3 Status Y x N Attached? 990 Y N VC Meeting 4/30/15

Presentation Time On Call 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: Creede Arts Council

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

Address: PO Box 392 Year Established: 1991

Contact Person: Amy Romero Phone: 719-658-0312

Email Address: creedearts@outlook.com Non-profit status? Yes  No

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

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

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

The Creede Arts Council has met with the Hatchery Art Center group about developing the hatchery south of Creede into workshop, classroom and possibly office and storage space for the arts council. CAC is considering partnering with the group to lease the space from the City of Creede. Part of the process for the groups is to determine if this is a feasible project. We will get bids from local contractors for renovations, upgrading electrical and heating. We will also be working to determine the potential energy costs of the facility by completing an energy audit. We will research the cost of liability and other insurance required to operate the facility. We will also be researching the availability of grants that may be available to make the space usable for our needs.

The space needs serious cleaning before anyone can spend time in the space due to dead animals, droppings, etc. We will use volunteer labor but will need to purchase cleaning supplies including: masks, respirators, gloves, cleaning supplies, and trash bags. We will also need to take a load of trash to the dump.

We request that the Virginia Christensen Fund consider funding the costs of these clean up efforts.

If the Hatchery project is completed it will result in a place for local artists and other residents to work and to teach and attend hands-on classes on woodworking, sculptures, pottery and other disciplines in the arts.

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

Item	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>850.00</b>
<b>Material</b>	
Masks/Respirators, cleaning supplies and trash bags.	350.00
<b>Labor</b>	
<b>Other:</b>	
Dump Fees	100.00
<b>Matching Funds</b>	<i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>
<b>In-Kind</b>	
Volunteer Labor -5-10 people for 5 hours - \$10 per hour	350.00
<b>Cash</b>	
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	<b>450.00</b>

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

If we determine the project is feasible, the Hatchery Project will expand CAC's programming in the community. It will offer a space for artists, local residents and visitors to work and learn about art. Adults and children will learn safe techniques and get opportunities to create artwork.

The target beneficiaries are local residents: professional and amateur artists, children and adults.

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

The Hatchery Art Center will have a positive impact on local residents by providing a place to work and learn about the arts. The project is very likely to attract visitors to the Creede & Mineral County area because plans for the art center include inviting visiting artists to come for residency programs.

This project is in its initial stages and is requesting seed money for the growth of the CAC and HAC partnership. CAC has worked with the Virginia Christensen Fund and other foundations to complete projects in the past. If the project gets beyond this initial planning stages, CAC will seek funding from private and public foundations to complete the necessary renovations to the space.

**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

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

Address: PO Box 392 Year Established: 1991

Contact Person: Amy Romero Phone : 719-658-0312

Email Address: [credearts@outlook.com](mailto:credearts@outlook.com) Non-profit status? Yes  No

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

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

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

The Creede Arts Council (CAC) is seeking funding to help update some of the displays and signs we use for our summer exhibits. Many of these projects have been running for many years and some of the displays we use need to be improved or restored.

Our Annual National Small Print Show is in its 15th year and we are needing to update the plexi glass in our displays. After years of use, the plexi glass has become scratched and hazy.

Our Mountain Shoot Out Photography Show is in need of new paneling to exhibit the photographs that are displayed at the Chamber of Commerce throughout the summer. We hope to purchase a durable, portable and professional looking display.

Because of the increasing amount of artists that participate in the Silver Thread Studio Tour, we are needing more heavy duty road signs to direct people to the artist's homes. We did not have enough of the sturdy signs last year and would like to purchase a few more to keep all the signage similar.

Lastly, the murals that the CAC maintains in town are needing some maintenance. The two murals include the large painting in the back of the Art Park and the painting on the side of San Juan Sports. One mural needs a panel fixed and both murals need to be maintained and re-sealed with a UV coating. We will have to hire a professional to make sure that the art is not ruined.

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

Item	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	\$2035
Material NSPS plexiglass \$600; STST signs \$435; MSO panel display \$800; Mural maintenance \$200	\$2035
Labor : Mural Maintenance Labor	\$ 350
Other:	
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind: Mural Maintenance	\$ 150
Cash: Grants and Donations: \$335.00	\$ 335
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	\$1900

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

Local artists, full-time residents, summer residents and visitors will all benefit from the CAC’s summer exhibits.

The CAC knows how important it is to promote the arts in Creede. We continually do this by offering a wide range of programs and art shows. Thousands of people stop into the Creede Repertory Theatre and Chamber of Commerce each summer to view the National Small Print Show and Mountain Shoot Out. Because so many people enjoy these exhibits, it is necessary to display the art and photography in an attractive manner. Keeping our displays, signs and murals professional looking and eye-pleasing is essential to the success of these programs.

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

Creede local residents, summer residents and visitors continue to look forward to the programs and exhibits that the CAC offers. Locals, summer residents and visitors have participated in the CAC’s Art in the Park program and will benefit from the maintenance on the Moose mural. This year as we celebrate our National Small Print Show, we have 15 brand new artists contributing to the show. This week we unpacked 140 beautiful prints. This is one example of how evolving and successful our programs are each year. There are many people, locals and visitors alike, who anticipate the opening of the NSPS each year.

By funding this grant request, the Virginia Christensen Fund will be helping us make a long-term investment in our summer exhibit programs.

The CAC has successfully offered many diverse art programs since 1991 and the Virginia Christensen Fund has supported many of these programs including: Collins Memorial Art Park Renovation, the Willow Creek Journal, NSPS, Concert Series, to name a few.



**VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN TRUST GRANT APPLICATION**

Applicant/Group: <u>Creede Underground Mining Museum &amp; 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>FS Rd. 503, Creede, Co. 81130</u>	Year Established: <u>1990</u>
Contact Person: <u>Darryl Miles</u>	Phone: <u>719-850-1394</u>
Email Address: <u>ddmiles@me.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.

WE ARE APPLYING FOR THE FUNDS TO HELP WITH UTILITIES, OPERATING SUB./RAW. HEAT/ ETC. REPAIR AND MAINT. & TRASH, FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE YEAR OF 2015 TO ENABLE THE CENTER TO STAY OPEN 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>\$28,500.</b>
Material	
Labor	
Other:	
Matching Funds <u>2,850</u> <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind	
Cash	<u>2,500</u>
<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?

ENABLE THE CREEDE COMMUNITY CENTER TO REMAIN OPEN YEAR ROUND.

BENEFITS: CITY OF CREED AND MINERAL COUNTY RESIDENTS, TOURIST, VISITORS, AND VENDORS WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY AND USE THE CENTER YEAR ROUND.

CITY OF CREEDE TRUSTEES AND MINERAL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PLEDGED \$10,000 EACH PER YEAR TO HELP COVER EXPENSES TO MAKE SURE WE COULD KEEP IT OPEN.

CITY OF CREEDE CUT THEIRS TO \$5,000 FOR SEVERAL YEARS THEN STOPPED THE \$5,000 TWO YEARS AGO. IT WAS SUGGESTED WE QUALIFY FOR THE VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN FUND WHICH WE DID IN 2014. WE THANK YOU FOR THE MONEY.

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

THE VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN FUND WS SET UP FOR PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE CITY OF CREEDE. SINCE THEN IT HAS WIDEN THEIR ACCEPTANCE THROUGH OUT THE CITY AND COUNTY.

THE COMMUNITY CENTER CERTAINLY FALLS INTO THE RECREATIONAL CATEGORY.

WE ARE NON-PROFIT BEING A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.

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

5. What is your project timeline?

THROUGH OUT 2015

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

WE WILL USE DONATION MONEY WHICH IS GIVEN FROM SUPPORTERS DURING THE YEAR.

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

WITH 7,572 PEOPLE TOURED OUR COMMUNITY CENTER/MINING MUSEUM WHICH IN TURN ADVERTISEMENT ALONE DEMONSTRATES THE IMPACT WITH RECEIVE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. WE HAVE RECEIVED MANY REQUEST TO RENT THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR WEDDINGS, REUNIONS, DANCES AND ETC. THIS IS WHAT IS USED FOR COMMUNITY DINNERS, MEMORIAL, PROM AND MANY OTHER ACTIVITIES.

**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?

TICKET SALES, DONATIONS, MINERAL COUNTY, GRANTS, RENTALS & ETC.

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Grant Application Received	4/15/15	Amount Requested	\$10,000		
Not-For-Profit Status Verified	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	VC Meeting	4/30/15		
Presentation Time	9:30 pm	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: Creede Community Recreation

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

Address: P.O. Box 684 Creede, CO 81130 Year Established: 2014

Contact Person: Heather DeLonga Phone : 618-402-2697

Email Address: hdelwood@gmail.com Non-profit status? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

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 expansion and enhancement of the newly designated Silver Park, formally ice ponds/hockey ponds:  
 -Continuing installation of lighting for the south pond for the betterment of the local hockey program.  
 -Providing more safety equipment for participation in ice skating and hockey for all ages  
 -Providing the proper equipment to maintain and sharpen skates  
 -Improvement of existing structures and facility

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

Item	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>
Materials:	
Lighting:	
12 400 watt LED lights	3348.00
6 steel poles	3700.00
Cement	1000.00
Equipment:	
100 hockey pucks	119.00
10 hockey sticks	150.00
10 hockey helmets	479.90
10 pairs of shin/knee pads	150.00
10 pairs of elbow pads	110.00
10 pairs of hockey gloves	200.00
10 pairs of hockey skates	500.00
Skate sharpener	1500.00
Labor : independent contractors, carpenters	3500.00
Other: equipment rental (backhoe)	500.00
Shipping	1000.00
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind:	
2 structures donated for warming hut and equipment storage	2,000.00 value
Equipment donated: skates, sticks, pads, helmets, gloves	1,500.00 value
Donation to complete Carhartt Zamboni Shed	1,000.00
Volunteer hours: making ice, maintaining ponds/park, hosting skating/hockey events, improvements to structures	800+ hrs per season
Cash	Currently 0.00
Rolled over funds from 2014 cycle	2046.23

<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	15,000.00
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3. What are the expected results and benefits of your project? Who are the target beneficiaries?
- Improving and growing Silver Park
  - Lighting for the south pond
  - Providing more safety equipment to make ice skating and hockey more accessible
  - Having an operating skate sharpener to sharpen and maintain skates locally
  - Eventually expanding the park into a winter attraction that houses several events/sports/activities

Providing these amenities will overall benefit:

- 1) The community
  - 2) The youth
  - 3) Winter tourists
  - 4) Our greater 149 Byway and SLV population
  - 5) Creede Economy
4. Please describe how your project fits within the values of the Virginia Christensen Grant Program as described in the application packet.

The project impacts locals: providing lighting will increase the number of participants because of not having to depend on daylight and people can come after work. This will also increase the number of spectators available to come be involved even if they don't want to play. The night games and open ice skates are activities that will bring people together in the isolated, lengthy, and sometimes hard winters.

This project will also attract winter visitors in from our immediate surrounding areas. Lake City and Creede have already had some friendly battles on the ice. Teams from Alamosa came this winter to use the ice for practices because they had such a poor year. There is certainly a possibility to charge for that use in the future. There are great benefits and connections to be had from interacting and involving our neighboring towns and communities. Silver Park can serve as a hub for opportunities to share and learn from each other through the activities, events, and sports hosted there.

The Silver Park project has potential to be a substantial long-term capital improvement for the City of Creede. Now that the park is designated, there are more outlets for grant opportunities. If the park is expanded to hold more activities there is a heightened interest that can attract more visitors. It is possible to charge for these activities and events in the future which can be paid to the city to maintain and continuously improve the park. Silver Park could ideally perpetually support itself by charging for the events hosted there.

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

5. What is your project timeline?
- Lighting phase: Winter 2015/16
  - Obtaining hockey equipment inventory: Ongoing
  - Improvement to structures: Winter 2015/16- Ongoing
  - Local youth hockey program/tournament: Winter 2018/19
  - Expansion of Silver Park to include possible ice climbing and other activities: Winter 2019/20

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

In kind donations (itemized above)

In kind volunteer hours (itemized above)

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

By expanding and improving Silver Park to provide more winter activities and events for the community and tourists:

-youth ice skating and hockey programs

-local hockey games/tournaments for all ages (SLV, South Fork, Lake City)

-night hockey games/ night open skates and bonfires

-continuous open access to free ice/hockey skates, equipment, and ice ponds

-future addition of ice climbing routes

**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 4/15/15 Amount Requested \$15,000

Not-For-Profit Status Verified  Y  N VC Meeting 4/30/15

Presentation Time 9:45pm 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 &amp; Mineral County Chamber of Commerce</u>	
Small Grant (\$1-\$5000) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium Grant (\$5001-\$20,000) <input type="checkbox"/> Large Grant (\$20,001+) <input type="checkbox"/>
Address: <u>PO Box 580, 904 S. Main St.</u>	Year Established: <u>1985</u>
Contact Person: <u>Della Brown</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.

Creede Specific Street Pole Banners  
 12 banners of two different styles, historic and welcoming.

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

Item	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>1600.00</b>
Material	
	<b>1550.00</b>
Labor <del>zero labor donated by the Chamber</del> <i>zero-labor donated by the Chamber</i>	<i>0</i>
Other:	
Shipping and handling	50.00
Matching Funds <i>Medium Grants 10% Required, Large Grants 25% Required</i>	
In-Kind	
Cash	80.00
<b>TOTAL VC FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	<b>1520.00</b>

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

This project is to beautify the town for our locals as well as for the incoming visitors. We can all appreciate and take pride in what Creede has come from.

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

The project is for beautification, and shows the artistic and historic nature of the area. Again all will be able to enjoy as they walk or drive main street.

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

5. What is your project timeline?

Prior to Memorial Day weekend

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

The Chamber is prepared to offer 5% in funds.

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

The impact will be measured by specifically asking if the public appreciates the banners. Did the banners make them feel welcome? Did the banners inspire them to explore the area?

**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 chamber is prepared to house the banners and work with the City of Creede in determining a time to hang or change up the banners for maximum impact.

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Grant Application Received 4/15/15 Amount Requested \$1,520

Not-For-Profit Status Verified  Y  N VC Meeting 4/30/15

Presentation Time 10:00pm Amount Recommended by VC Committee \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



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