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CCCF Opens Application for Buena Vista Community Grants on October 21st, 2019

Chaffee County, CO – The Chaffee County Community Foundation (CCCF) is announcing the opening of the application process for organizations interested in applying to the Town of Buena Vista's Community Grants program.

The Town of Buena Vista Trustees have entered into a partnership with CCCF to bring more consistency, transparency, and impartiality to their community grants process. In years past, organizations and groups have requested town support throughout the year directly to the Trustees,. For 2020, CCCF has built an online application through which organizations can quickly and consistently request town support. CCCF will form a community grants review committee to review, rank, and conduct site visits with applicants. This committee will then submit their funding recommendations to the Town Trustees for approval.

The online application is "live" as of Monday, October 21st, 2019 and has a deadline of Friday, November 22nd, 2019. Applications will be reviewed and site visits conducted in December and January, with funding being awarded in February, 2020. Organizations who have a dedicated line item of support within the Town's 2020 budget will also apply through the portal and receivefunding on the same timeline. The application portal is the same portal being used by the Marijuana Excise Tax Advisory Board (METAB) and the 1A Common Ground board for their grants. Therefore, organizations who have already created a profile on the portal can use their same login to access the Town of Buena Vista Community Grants application.

The portal can also be accessed through CCCF's website: <u>https://www.chaffeecommunity.org/</u>and clicking on the Grantmaking link under "What We Do".

Or you may use the direct portal link: <u>https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=ccgrants</u>

Organizations with questions or BV residents who are interested in applying for the grant review committee may email grants@chaffeecommunity.org.

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About Chaffee County Community Foundation (CCCF)

CCCF envisions a resilient Chaffee County where residents, nonprofits, businesses, and governments are thriving, interconnected, and well resourced. CCCF's mission is to act as a catalyst to inspire positive change through the power of philanthropy to enrich the lives of all people in Chaffee County. To do this, CCCF is working with nonprofits, residents, businesses, and municipal governments to increase philanthropy, provide capacity building and technical support to nonprofits, and invest in catalytic projects in the areas of Community Vitality, Community Health, and Community Capacity. In addition, CCCF aims to act as a 'center for the common good' by holding space for community conversations and dialogue on tough issues. Learn more at www.chaffeecommunity.org.

