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Chaffee Nonprofits Encouraged to Apply for a Total of \$44,000 in Fall Grant Opportunities

(SALIDA, CO) August 9, 2022 – The Chaffee County Community Foundation (CCCF) invites all qualified nonprofit organizations within the region to apply for nearly \$44,000 in funds available through its Fall Grant Cycle, which is open from September 1 through September 30, 2022. These grants are being made possible through a partnership among the Sangre De Cristo Electric Association, BlueTriton beverage company, and the Chaffee County Community Foundation.

“The Chaffee County Community Foundation is so excited to launch the Fall Grant Cycle, especially because it gives local nonprofits another opportunity to increase their capacity to serve our area,” said Betsy Dittenber, Executive Director of CCCF. “We are well aware of the many challenges facing our communities, and we’re looking forward to seeing these grants create positive impacts in a myriad of ways.”

The grants are divided into two categories. In the first, the Sangre De Cristo Electric Association (SDCEA) Grant Fund will distribute a total of \$25,000 to organizations that serve the communities of Custer, Chaffee, Fremont and/or Lake Counties. These nonprofits must either focus on community-based health programs; provide support for food, shelter, and human services; offer disaster preparedness and relief services; or support animal protection and welfare.

The second category is the CCCF Community Grants Fund has \$18,755 available for organizations that serve communities in Chaffee County and that focus on community health, community vitality, and community capacity. This available funding is made possible by local donors and BlueTriton.

While there is no maximum award, the average grant award is expected to be \$1,000, and CCCF will notify award recipients of their grants by November 15, 2022. To be qualified, applicants must be registered as 501c3, 501c4 or 501c6 – or under the fiscal sponsorship of an eligible organization – and in good standing with the IRS and State of Colorado.

For more information or to apply, eligible nonprofit organizations should visit www.chaffeecommunity.org/grants. Questions may also be directed to admin@chaffeecommunity.org.

Founded in 2018, Chaffee County Community Foundation is a public, nonprofit organization established to promote and facilitate philanthropy in Chaffee County, created by and for the people in that area. CCCF acts as a catalyst to inspire positive change through the power of philanthropy to enrich the lives of all people within the county. Its goals are to make informed philanthropy accessible to all, build local nonprofit capacity, and enable community conversations. Since 2018, CCCF has actively supported nonprofit organizations for the betterment of Chaffee County and the local communities. To learn more, visit www.chaffeecommunity.org.

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