

Chaffee County Community Foundation

**Board Meeting  
May 26, 2020 ♦ 3 pm**

Participating Board Members via Zoom:

Paul Alexander  
Merrell Bergin  
Jordan Brown  
Ed Cooper

Wendy Hall  
Rick Hum  
Megan Leesley  
Dustin Nichols

Gordon Schieman  
Syd Schnurr  
Kayce Penrod  
Rachele Vierthaler  
Exec Dir: Joseph Teipel

**I. Call to Order and Approval of Consent Agenda**

No revisions to the agenda. Consent items approved.

Merrell said that City Council just announced they had voted to allow extended seating for restaurants, F St. will be blocked off for two blocks.

**II. Executive Director's Report**

Budget

- Review of the updated projected budget. Free radio announcements are a significant in-kind donation.
  - ▶ Request that Board donations be broken out under revenues into a separate account, and a graphic of Board giving as a percentage of total revenue.
- Belief that CCCF has demonstrated its value to the community, which could result in obtaining higher operating revenue/donations.
- Re: food systems development – with no face to face meetings of players, and Joseph's time already restricted with little time to devote to this effort, Guidestone has agreed to take on the effort.
- Board vote to approve Joseph to proceed with hiring contract Project Coordinator to help with organizing the Pivot Conference and other administrative tasks.

Emergency Response Fund

- New applicants for funding has dropped significantly while renewal applications have ticked upward.
- At the current pace, the Fund could drop below \$20,000 by end of July.
- Joseph setting up for a thank-you email going out to all past donors, with the graphic demonstrating donations and assistance payments that have gone out. A second email will go later to everyone in the database with an "ask." Will need to do a smaller donor mailing to individuals without an e-mail.
- Remaining dollars for nonprofits to focus on food pantries/systems. The various components of food systems need to come together for better planning, no overlap, tighter organization, so the efforts are not as scattered.
  - The Grants Committee recommends that rather than grants going to individual nonprofits, that funds be allocated to segments. Food service directors from HRRMC, the community centers and schools should be working together. The Salida Community Center has just pushed to

get as much food out into the community as possible, no qualifying. Joseph has contacted Creekside Gathering Place (BV) and The Grainery but hasn't heard back from them yet.

- Question if Joseph believes that school children will continue to be fed during the summer. BV schools are providing food through June 30<sup>th</sup>. Salida schools have stated they don't see feeding the children during the summer is part of their role. However, they have offered their kitchen facilities for use by other groups for food prep, etc.
- Because none of the groups giving out food at the present time do any "qualifying," there is no way to prove in Salida if or how many kids actually need food assistance or that would go hungry without it.
- Boys & Girls Club in Salida is opening to a very limited number of participants this week. Kids bring their own lunches, snacks will be served.
- Joseph asked for guidance on the minimum balance that should be retained in the ERF. There is ~\$13,000 in the ERF dedicated to fire response. The Executive Committee will discuss this in next Tuesday's call.

#### Housing

- The Salida project is now called "Adaptive Housing." In winter, facilities can be used for homeless sheltering, but there will be space for nonprofit shared workspace/meeting rooms. In summer, housing for seasonal workers with some affordable family housing component. Becky Gray is taking proactive leadership of this project. Bob Grether, architect who designed the Steamplant, has agreed to donate all architectural services for the project.
- The BV Schools property in BV will have facilities for pre-K and early childcare/learning on the ground level, with affordable housing above.
- Joseph cautioned that as these projects move forward, each will require an enormous amount of work and he is not certain how he can manage any larger workload.
- Bonnie McDonald and family have agreed not to try to sell that property for 90 days, to give sufficient time over the summer to flush out the details and plans. The housing team goal is to complete a development package within the 90 days, at which time CCCF's role will be defined. Two alternatives: if CCCF is serving as the "developer," there would be a substantial funding percentage coming to CCCF. Or, CCCF may end up being the facilitator who brought the stakeholders together. Chaffee Housing Authority could end up being the developer/manager, then CCCF's role could be managing the nonprofit shared space. All of this will come out in the planning process.
- Joseph said the biggest unknown right now is what price Bonchuck LLC will sell the property for if it is to CCCF.
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### **III. Scenario Planning**

- A team needs to work on writing the Scenarios discussion from CCCF's perspective. Rick, Ed, Gordan, and Joseph will work on drafting a document.
- In order to lead, CCCF has to be resilient and agile, working to fill-in the gap for individuals and NPOs.
- The EDC, SBDC, and Chambers need to have joint sessions so all parties are getting and sharing the same information and perspective.
- A "playbook" with guidance can be a conversation the CCCF's Center for Common Good leads. Best path forward will have to be collaboration. Rename to WeAreChaffee.
- Recommendation that team present three scenarios to the NPOs: work toward "best case," "worst case," and "probable case."

- Upcoming Directors Coffee: Joseph can get a pulse on what the NPOs need most; ask “what are the programs where CCCF can help?”

#### **IV. Other**

If this economic downturn lasts for many months, how does CCCF raise the funds to pay our overhead when the public’s focus is on the ERF and operating funds dry up?  
Recommendation that an “ask” be incorporated into the on-line giving with a button: “Can a portion of your donation go to operating costs?” or something similar.

**Next meeting:** Monday, June 22, 2020

Submitted by W. Hall 5/20/2020. Reviewed by \_\_\_EC\_\_\_\_\_