

## Memorandum

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Tom Baker, Town Administrator

**Date:** June 18, 2013

**Re:** LoVa Request for Direction on the Disposition of Town Funds

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**Purpose:** The purpose of this memorandum is to direct staff on the disposition of \$925.00 that LoVa received in 2011 for the purpose of doing work on the South Canyon Trail.

**Background and Discussion:** (From Larry Dragon) Two years ago, LoVa requested a total of \$3,000 from the Town toward Phase 3 of the South Canyon Trail, \$1,000 each year for 3 consecutive years. Though a small amount for a \$4,400,000 project, it demonstrated the Town's commitment. In that 1<sup>st</sup> year, we requested the 1<sup>st</sup> \$1,000 through the Town's new granting process, and the Town awarded us \$925.00 toward this project. Last year, again through the grant process, we requested \$1,000 for LoVa's operational support, rather than toward the trail, which was granted in full, and spent by LoVa. The \$1,000 for the trail for year 2, was going to come from some other Town source.

As you are well aware, Garfield County has declined finding for LoVa and the South Canyon Trail for the foreseeable future. The \$925.00 granted 2 years ago has been kept ear-marked to give to the County when they were ready to proceed with South Canyon, presumably in 2012, 2103, or 2014. Given the circumstances we will not spend the Town funding on South Canyon.

**Recommendation:** (From Tom Baker) LoVa has been a consistent partner in supporting all the town's grants and at times Larry Dragon has advocated for the Town in various regional meeting when trails have been a topic. While we could request that LoVa return the funding (\$925.00), staff finds that providing this partner with modest support may be most important at this point in time. Staff recommends the Council allow LoVa to keep this funding and use it for operations this year, which includes our collaborative efforts to plan for the LoVa Trail east of Town.