

2016 Grant Requests:	2015 Amount awarded	2016 Amount Requested	Amount suggested by staff	2016 Amount Awarded
Access After School	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$500.00	
Advocate Safehouse	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$300.00	
Aspen Community Foundation	\$300.00	\$750.00	\$600.00	
Family Visitor	\$0.00	\$3,750.00	\$500.00	
High Country RSVP	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	
Junior Achievement	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Lift Up	\$750.00	\$800.00	\$750.00	
Literacy Outreach	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
LoVa	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	
New Castle Community Mkt	\$3,100.00	\$4,250.00	\$3,850.00	
RFOV	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	
River Bridge	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	
River Center	\$10,600.00	\$11,000.00	\$10,750.00	
Salvation Army	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
West Elk Multi-Use Club	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	
YouthZone	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$900.00	
	\$18,300.00	\$31,550.00	\$20,400.00	\$0.00

New Castle Lions Club	\$500.00			
Middle Colorado Watershed Council	\$750.00	\$1,000.00	\$600.00	
***from the Utility fund not included in the total				
**Reserves			\$1,000.00	
			<u>\$21,400.00</u>	

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Debbie Nichols/Tom Baker
Date: 12/02/2015
Re: Grants funding to area non-profits

In studying the grant applications received we looked at the needs being met in the community directly. Undoubtedly all of the applicants provide much needed services and so the task is to take what funds we have and disperse them in a way that will support our community the best.

In the past, and also this year, we have focused Council's resources on the River Center due to the significance of this organization in providing assistance to New Castle residents. Also, again this year, we have focused on the New Castle Community Market as our second highest recipient of funds due to its importance in creating activity in downtown New Castle and providing access to locally grown and healthy food. As you can see, both of these organizations are recommended to receive amounts similar to what they received last year; however, in both cases it is less than requested. As you review this memorandum, you will see that requests for funding exceed distributed funds by over 162%.

Please review the program descriptions and staff recommendations. Staff included a reserve amount of \$1,000.

Access AfterSchool – \$2,500

Access AfterSchool's mission is to provide opportunities for students to develop academic, social and physical skills in a safe and healthy environment within extended day programs and beyond. They offer three different programs, serving 1,593 students, which 393 (25%) are New Castle students, providing 825 hours of high quality programming. They also have volunteers serving 550 hours with assisting the teachers.

Staff recommendation - \$500

Advocate Safehouse - \$500

Advocate Safehouse offers comprehensive and confidential services to survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence, and their children. In order for ASP to be successful it is critical that they receive local support to be able to qualify for foundation grants. Already in the first nine months of 2015, 34 residents of New Castle have received services from the Advocate Safehouse Project. During 2014, 48 residents of New Castle received service from ASP.

Staff recommendation – \$300

Aspen Community Foundation - \$750

Aspen Community Foundation provides the “Preschool on Wheels” program or better known as The Sunshine Bus or Gus the Bus, which is here in New Castle on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They currently have 120 preschoolers in the program. They serve 30 children from New Castle bringing a preschool program to children that do not have access to a regular preschool program. They are in the final stage of completing a \$20,000 matching grant challenge sponsored by Columbine Ford Rifle and Brenden Mann Theatre Foundation, so our grant to them will help them achieve this goal.

Staff recommendation - \$600

Family Visitor Programs - \$3,750

Promoting healthy families by providing education, advocacy and support services that strengthen and empower families and prevent child abuse and neglect. During the 2014-2015, 63 New Castle families have received Home Visitor Program services, with a projection of 30 families in the coming year.

Staff recommendation - \$500

High Country RSVP - \$500, late submission

Their mission is to enrich the lives of people 55+, providing local senior programming through volunteering. Four of their programs are not duplicated in Garfield County. They have assisted 90 New Castle residents from Medicare guidance to AARP driver safety class. In 2014-2015 their volunteers have logged 29,000 hours.

Staff recommendation - \$250

Lift Up - \$800

Lift Up’s mission is to provide essential humanitarian assistance in the community. Its purpose is to provide emergency food and basic assistance to the homeless and disadvantaged residents in New Castle. With support from the town it will help individuals and families with food, prescription assistance, and local bus passes for

doctors' appointments and job interviews. In 2014 Lift Up served 2,079 New Castle clients. Through September 2015 Lift Up has served 989 clients in New Castle, which is 9% of their client base

Staff recommendation – \$750

LoVa - \$2,000

LoVa's mission is to plan and develop trails and other designated routes connecting communities and destinations in Garfield County along the Colorado River corridor. They are currently requesting operational support.

Staff recommendation - \$500

Middle Colorado Watershed Council - \$1,000

Their mission is to evaluate, protect and enhance the health of the middle Colorado River watershed through the cooperative effort of watershed stakeholders. They have organized a river clean-up for the last two years.

Staff recommendation - \$600

New Castle Community Market - \$4,250

Market organizers plan to continue the community market and as always, thinking of different ways to expand it. Next year the organizers hope to have local clubs and organizations host weekly demonstrations on cooking, recipes, and food selection and preparation. They will also strive for a greater diversity of vendors and participants. The Market brings people into the downtown and local businesses said that on Thursdays they noticed an increase in foot traffic and business immediately following the Market. 7 full time vendors, 4 part-time vendors 2015 and 8 non-profit groups.

Staff recommendation – \$3,850

River Bridge - \$2,000

At the request of law enforcement and human services agencies in Garfield County, RBRC provides prevention and intervention services in a child-friendly environment for children (ages 2-18) who have allegedly been abused or who have been witnesses to violence. From January – November 2015, 10 (10%) of Garfield County total served 100 victims and 150 non-offending caregivers from New Castle.

Staff recommendation – \$500

River Center - \$11,000

River Center's mission is to identify and address unmet community needs through compassionate volunteerism. With the funds they receive 80% is spent in New Castle and Apple Tree Park. The numbers for their different teams:

LifeAssistance – Assisted over 50 people, excluding repeats, in the past 10 months with the resources to make rent or utility payments.

Seniors Outreach – Averaging 20-25 seniors from our community at a luncheon served at the Center.

School Outreach – 184 children each week receiving a bag of non-perishable food for the weekend, Summer Food program, 50 children received weekly food bags during the summer months. Back to School Drive provided \$2,500 in school supplies and winter outerwear distributed to 500 people last year.

Community Garden – Just over 170 pounds of produce was harvested and distributed in the community.

Volunteer New Castle and Family Education – providing New Castle with the volunteers needed for different situations and bringing free seminars to the community.

They also to continue to mentor The ROC in Rifle and The Point in Glenwood Springs to provide similar outreaches in those communities.

Staff recommendation - \$10,750

Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteer (RFOV) - \$1,000

RFOV promotes stewardship of our public lands by engaging the community in volunteer opportunities trail and conservation projects. Over the past four years they have implemented two new programs, which have been successful to involving more youth and adult volunteers. They are projecting two or three projects in the New Castle area for 2016. Trail maintenance on the Colorow, Jolley and Mt. Medearis trails.

Staff recommendation - \$500

West Elk Multi-Use Club - \$500

West Elk Multi-Use Club is a multi-community outdoor recreation volunteer based group, whose mission is to mark, maintain, and promote trails in the White River National Forest north of New Castle for many outdoor activities. With the club's membership 23% are New Castle residents. With a game camera, they are able to track at least 800 users of the West Elk trail in the 2014-2015 season.

Staff recommendation - \$ 500

YouthZone - \$2,000

YouthZone provides prevention and intervention programs to kids and their families in order to divert and prevent them from entering the juvenile justice system. YouthZone is the only youth organization in three counties that intervenes with the juvenile court system. YouthZone's success rate of 90% for kids not to repeat another offense while at YouthZone is significantly higher than the state's success rate of 49.7%. For fiscal year 2014-2015, YouthZone served a total of 860 clients, 93 clients resided in New Castle, which is 11%.

Staff recommendation – \$900

The following organizations submitted their required mid-year report 7/31/15:

- Junior Achievement
- Lift Up
- LoVa
- Middle Colorado Watershed
- New Castle Community Market
- River Bridge
- River Center
- Salvation Army
- YouthZone

❖ The Grant Notebook with all the complete applications is available in Melody's office for review.