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BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP

Spring 2016 Grant Applicant Workshop Presentations

Date and Time: 2:00 PM on Wednesday, March 30, 2016

Location: Home Loan Building, 205 N. 4th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, in the Community Room on the Basement level

In attendance:

David Ludlam
Craig Springer
John Justman
Christina Reddin
Andrew BE
Kristin Trezise (Caprock Academy)
Dan Sherrill (Caprock Academy)
Eli Jennings (Clifton Sanitation District)
Diane Raine (Mesa County School District 51)
Eric Neilson (Mesa County School District 51)
Tim Leon (Mesa County School District 51)
Melody Burgeon (Mesa County School District 51)
Joe White (Palisade FD)
Richard Rupp (Palisade FD)
Mark Austin (Town of DeBeque)
Michael Bennett (City of Fruita)
Ken Haley (City of Fruita)
Rich Sales (Town of Palisade)
Ty Minnick (GJ Regional Airport Authority)

Meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

I. Introduction

- a. C. Reddin welcomed participants and introduced board members C. Springer, J. Justman and D. Ludlam. Introduced the concept of the workshop, as originating from feedback from previous applicants. Suggestions for improvements to the process are welcome.
- b. Presentation format: 7-minute optional presentation with questions from the Board, for total 15-minute presentations.

II. Presentations by Spring 2016 Grant Cycle applicants;

- a. 2016-ST-01 - Caprock Academy for their Construction of Safe, Permanent Parking Areas, Medians and Walkways project. Kristin Trezise and Dan Sherrill presenting.

- i. Grant request: \$350,000
 - ii. 13th ranked highschool in Colorado; 3rd consecutive year of receiving a Daniel Scholar.
 - iii. Caprock has felt impact of reduction of extraction activities, per pupil revenue (PPR) has dropped from \$6500 to \$5698. PPR has gone up to about 95% of state average.
 - iv. Caprock does not receive property tax or mill levy funding. Charter schools receive about 80% of other schools.
 - v. Enrollment has about 10% of families involved in the energy industry.
 - vi. Caprock had to change its original project scope to decide how to prioritize its revenue projections, which included eliminating paving and sidewalks.
 - vii. Dust from the unpaved parking lot is a health and safety issue for students, and risk of asthma, ankle, and knee injuries.
 - viii. Additional costs and impacts to the interior of the school.
 - ix. Neighbor church garden is also experiencing impacts from the dust.
 - x. Questions:
 - 1. C. Springer: What's the enrollment? 771 students.
 - 2. C. Springer: Describe the school layout. A gymnasium and several modular buildings.
 - 3. C. Springer: Do you have a long-term plan for development? New buildings to replace modular spaces.
 - 4. C. Springer: Will this project benefit the development of this project? Yes.
 - 5. J. Justman: Are you in the city or the county? We are in both the city and county.
- b. 2016-ST-02 - Clifton Sanitation District for their Wastewater Master Plan Update. Eli Jennings presenting.
- i. Grant request: \$75,000
 - ii. Update the master plan of the wastewater management plan and financial plan.
 - iii. District serves 3,100 acres. Serves 21,000 people. 400,000 feet of sewer mains in district.
 - iv. Costs are increasing to maintain and repair the assets of the district. Striving to be proactive with maintenance and management to avoid emergency repair costs.
 - v. GIS to identify and track assets. Website integrates with GIS for customers benefit.
 - vi. Asset management software is beneficial for future outlook and customers.

- vii. Expenses outweigh revenue, necessitating almost \$800,000 draw from reserves.
 - viii. Tap sales swing greatly with population fluctuations.
 - ix. Questions:
 - 1. D. Ludlam: How would this project help meet regulatory requirements? Study looks at treatment requirements.
 - 2. D. Ludlam: Why have fees increased so much faster than state norms? District was lagging in increasing fees.
 - 3. J. Justman: What is residential charge? \$29.50/month.
 - 4. C. Springer: What are your reserves? Unknown.
- c. 2016-ST-03 - Mesa County Valley School District 51 for their Security Classroom Lock Replacement project. Tim Leon presenting.
- i. Grant request: \$100,000
 - ii. District averages at least 2 lock-downs or shelter-in-place per week.
 - iii. Colorado Department of Education mandates lock-down protocols, to include all interior and exterior doors are locked.
 - iv. Currently, doors have magnets in the door jam to create secure classrooms. Demonstrated with a video.
 - v. New fire code states that magnets be removed by 2018. Demonstrated with video. Necessary for teacher or administrator to physically open door, lock with key and reclose.
 - vi. New lock system allows students to lock down the doors themselves. Demonstrated with video. Only necessitates push button from interior.
 - vii. District has 1,300 doors. Sprinkled classrooms can remain with the magnet system. The unsprinkled rooms will be subject to the new fire code standards.
 - viii. Questions:
 - 1. D. Ludlam: Explain difference from this grant request as opposed to previous request. Previous was for exterior door keyless door with swipe card. This is for interior classroom doors. Currently, doors open into the hallway, requiring the teacher to go into the hallway exposing them to harm.
- d. 2016-SM-01 - Palisade Rural Fire Department for their New Self-contained Breathing Apparatus project. Joe White presenting.
- i. Grant request: \$35,075
 - ii. Need 20 new SCBAs.
 - iii. Palisade has 0% SCBAs in compliance.
 - iv. New SCBAs have 20-year useful life.
 - v. Equipment goes with firefighters on every call.

- vi. Last year saw 14% growth in call volume.
 - vii. New equipment has numerous safety features not found on older models.
 - viii. Service region includes 12 miles of I-70, 15 miles of Colorado River, and rail road passing through Palisade.
 - ix. Mutual service agreements extend operation within and without Mesa County.
 - x. Limited budget is utilized for wages, insurance, and daily operating supplies, leaving no extra for major equipment upgrades.
 - xi. New equipment is compatible with all other departments.
 - xii. Questions: None
- e. 2016-SM-02 - Town of De Beque for their De Beque Street Repairs project. Mark Austin presenting.
- i. Grant request: \$50,000
 - ii. Need money for second-phase of 2nd Street improvement project.
 - iii. 2nd Street is a major access route for gas fields to the west of town.
 - iv. Street was not designed to handle the traffic or heavy trucks, no curb, gutter, or sidewalk.
 - v. Hoping to team with Mesa County Road and Bridge to combine projects and save costs.
 - vi. 65% of Town of DeBeque works for or is tied to the oil and gas industry.
 - vii. Questions: None
- f. 2016-SM-03 - City of Fruita for their Fruita Downtown Utility & Streetscape Improvements project. Michael Bennett presenting.
- i. Grant request: \$25,000
 - ii. Fruita needs to create engineering design document for Phase 2 of downtown master plan. Includes utility, street, landscape, sidewalks, etc.
 - iii. Fruita completed Phase 1 last summer with help of energy impact grants.
 - iv. Insufficient sewer lines have had direct impacts on local businesses and town services (police).
 - v. Fruita has felt the effects of boom and bust of energy industry, and is trying to diversify to draw more people and businesses into town.
 - vi. As Fruita is putting more funds into the town, they're seeing increase in private investment and economic growth. 5 new businesses moving into town.
 - vii. Questions:
 - 1. D. Ludlam commented the display of utility need along with beautification makes for a stronger presentation and application.

III. Public comment:

- a. D. Ludlam reiterated why this workshop process is beneficial for the board and appreciated the participation by applicants. Welcomed feedback on how to improve this process.
- b. C. Springer expressed how the details in these presentations were helpful.
- c. J. Justman expressed his appreciation and usefulness of these workshop presentations.

IV. Unscheduled business:

J. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Notice of this meeting was posted on March 25, 2016, on our website at www.mesaFML.org and at Grand Junction City Hall, 250 N. 5th Street, and at the Mesa County offices, 544 Rood Ave, Grand Junction.