



ROUTT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA COMMUNICATION FORM

ITEM DATE: 12/11/2018	ITEM TIME: 10:55 am

FROM:	Admin/Helena Taylor
TODAY'S DATE:	12/05/2018
AGENDA TITLE:	COLORADO OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP (COSI)

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I. DESCRIBE THE REQUEST OR ISSUE:

In 2015, the Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution #2015-058 and again in 2017, Resolution #2017-007. The resolutions approved a partnership for application to the 2015-2016 and 2017-2018 Colorado Opportunity Scholarship (COSI) matching challenge scholarship to be used to fund post-secondary education on behalf of Routt County students attending college.

Routt County's portion of the total funding was \$14,033 and would create scholarships to benefit 15 eligible Routt County students. Funds could be utilized at both CMC and the Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC).

The 2016/17 grant agreement had previously been sign by the then Chair, Commissioner Corrigan. The grant was submitted to the State and somehow lost. In order for CMC to request the 2016/17 funding, the contract needs to be resigned and resubmitted to the State.

II. RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Consideration to approve and authorization for the Chair to sign the 2016/17 Grant Agreement on behalf of Routt County as a partner to a Colorado Opportunity Scholarship (COSI) matching challenge scholarship as submitted by Colorado Mountain College (CMC).

III. DESCRIBE FISCAL IMPACTS (VARIATION TO BUDGET):

PROPOSED REVENUE:

PROPOSED EXPENDITURE:

FUNDING SOURCE:

Raising matching funds for the scholarships is the responsibility of the local community foundations.



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IV. IMPACTS OF A REGIONAL NATURE OR ON OTHER JURISDICTIONS (IDENTIFY ANY COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS ITEM):

This is a collaborative grant application that includes four counties.

V. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At its core this application builds off a successful intense student support project - which was the Mountain Futures Fund, a grant project proposed in 2014. That project had a relationship where the CMC Foundation was the top recipient of a \$400,000 grant to support student achievement/college success. It outlined a relationship in which the CMC Foundation would receive the funding and then pass that to the Yampa Valley Community Foundation as a sub recipient.

With this grant, the funding was to be raised directly by the Yampa Valley Community Foundation which would then certify the matching funds had been raised. The Yampa Valley Community Foundation would then be provided with a list of recommended students in Routt County enrolled at CMC to be supported by these funds, and if that list was approved - the Yampa Valley Community Foundation would send CMC a combined scholarship check of the matching funds and the COSI grant funds.

Because the application covered four counties under one contract, COSI simply signed the contract between CMC Foundation, COSI, and all four contracts and included language incorporating the application.

VI. LEGAL ISSUES:

VII. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

VIII. SUMMARY AND OTHER OPTIONS: