



ROUTT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA COMMUNICATION FORM

ITEM DATE: 05/10/2022	ITEM TIME: 9:45 AM
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FROM:	Joe Stepan, Facilities Manager & Caroline McClenahan, Grant Administrator
TODAY'S DATE:	5/2/2022
AGENDA TITLE:	Approval of Routt County Fairgrounds Grant Application to YVEA's Operation Roundup Program

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| <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION | |

I. DESCRIBE THE REQUEST OR ISSUE:

The Fairgrounds has prepared an application to YVEA's Operation Round Up program with the goal of funding the installation of fiber-optic internet through Luminate Broadband. This grant application is for the one-time installation of the fiber and not any on-going costs of the internet service. Based upon the quote received from Luminate, the monthly internet cost would be comparable to what is currently paid for monthly internet service. The overall purpose of adding Luminate to the Fairgrounds is to increase user capacity and the ability to host more events. The current internet service is limited to the exhibit hall only. Expanded internet access will benefit ongoing user groups such as 4-H, RV park customers, fair participants and any groups utilizing the grounds as an emergency location (firefighters, etc.).

II. RECOMMENDED ACTION (motion):

Motion to approve the Fairgrounds grant application to the Yampa Valley Electric Association's Operation Roundup program.

III. DESCRIBE FISCAL IMPACTS (VARIATION TO BUDGET):

PROPOSED REVENUE (if applicable): \$14,000

CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT: n/a

PROPOSED EXPENDITURE: n/a

FUNDING SOURCE: YVEA ORU grant

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NEEDED: Yes

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



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V. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Operation Round Up (ORU) is a program adopted by over 250 coops around our nation. Monthly electric bills of participating members are automatically rounded up to the nearest dollar, for an average donation of \$6.00 per year. Those pennies are put into a fund from which donations are made through this program

VI. LEGAL ISSUES:

The quote received from Luminare for the ongoing internet service is for a 36 week contract. There is concern about TABOR compliance (restricting the agreement to 1 year) and whether or not a non-appropriation clause will be needed.

VII. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

VIII. SUMMARY AND OTHER OPTIONS:

IX. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS: