

CITY OF GUNNISON
CHALLENGE GRANT SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

TO: City Council
FROM: Challenge Grant Committee
DATE: February 16, 2016
RE: **Gunnison Sage-Grouse Festival and Summit**

APPLICANT: Patrick Magee, Department of Natural and Environmental Sciences, WSCU

AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$ 500.00

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL: The Gunnison Basin Sage-Grouse Festival and Summit will be held March 9-11, 2016. Western State Colorado University is organizing the fourth Gunnison Sage-Grouse Summit. The first Summit held in Gunnison was in 2011 with previous summits held in Telluride and Montrose. The event brings together a diverse group of biologists, managers, researchers, policy makers and stakeholders to learn and discuss the conservation of the Gunnison Sage-grouse. The emphasis of the 2016 Summit will be how to move forward in the post-listing environment.

The 2016 Summit will be hosted by the Center for Environment and Sustainability at Western. Western has donated \$6,500 towards this event and revenues of \$5,500 are anticipated from registration fees. A total of \$1,730 is available from the third sage-grouse summit. Western anticipates the total cost of the summit at \$16,000. Mr. Magee is requesting a donation of \$500 for general event expenses.

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION: In 2011, a request was submitted to the City for the first Gunnison Sage-grouse Summit. The request was for \$3,000 and the Challenge Grant Committee at that time believed the Summit was more of a service to the community and better situated in the Contracts for Service program. The Committee recommended to Council approval of \$500 from the Additional Contracts for Service line item.

As in 2011, the Challenge Grant Committee recognizes the value and educational component of this event to our community; however, believes the Gunnison Sage-grouse Summit is a service to the community and does not fit the criteria for a Challenge Grant. Typically this request would be recommended for funding through the Additional Contracts for Service line item. The 2016 budget does not have additional allowances for Contracts for Services. If the Council desires to fund this request the Challenge Grant Committee recommends transferring \$500 from Challenge Grants to Additional Contracts for Service.

Enclosure:
Request from Patrick Magee



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**The Fourth Gunnison Sage-grouse Summit
Science, Management, and Collaborative Conservation in a Post-Listing Era
9-11 March 2016
Western State Colorado University
Gunnison, Colorado**

1 February 2016

To: Ben Cowan, Finance Director

From: Gunnison Sage-grouse Summit IV Organizing Committee

Re: Funding request for the 2016 Gunnison Sage-grouse Summit

Ben,

My colleagues and I from Western State have been organizing the Fourth Gunnison Sage-grouse Summit since last August – this year’s Summit occurs 9-11 March at the University. This event brings together a diverse group of managers, biologists, researchers, policy makers and a variety of stakeholders to learn about and discuss the conservation of the Gunnison sage-grouse – with emphasis on how we move forward in a post-listing environment. More information is available at www.western.edu/gusg. As this year’s summit will be hosted by the Center for Environment and Sustainability at Western, we have received generous funding support through the University (\$6,500). Further we anticipate approximately \$5,500 in registration fees. We have kept the registration cost very low (\$55/person) to encourage attendance and accessibility to a wide audience. We also have access to the balance on the Gunnison Sage-grouse Summit III fund (\$1,730). Despite these solid revenue sources, we require additional revenue to meet the \$16,000 summit price tag. Summit expenses include travel for several invited speakers, food costs, facility fees, advertising expenses, honoraria for keynote speakers, among other miscellaneous costs. Please let us know if the City of Gunnison City would be able to help financially support the Gunnison Sage-grouse Summit. A suggested donation of \$500 would be very helpful.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Patrick Magee!
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