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\$18,000 in Grant Awards Benefit Ouray County Nonprofits

November 1, Ouray, CO – Fifteen Ouray County nonprofits are receiving a total of \$18,400 in grants from the Ouray County Community Fund. The Steering Committee comprised of six local community leaders reviewed the grant applications totaling over \$46,000 in requests from 21 organizations. The grants are being distributed to the following organizations for the purposes listed:

- Friends of the Wright Opera House – general operating support
- Log Hill Mesa Fire Protection District – replacement of breathing apparatus for volunteer fire fighters
- Ouray Beautification Project – upgrades to public facilities
- Ouray County Food Pantry – general operating support
- Ouray County Historical Society – computer to archive historical photos
- Ouray County Performing Arts Guild – youth enrichment performances
- Ouray Public Library – expand STEM programs for youth and teens
- Partners of Delta, Montrose and Ouray – mentorship programs in Ouray County
- Ridgway Chautauqua – develop a year-round community theater program
- Ridgway Chautauqua/Sherbino Theater – Youth Night at the Wright
- Ridgway Spirit Fest – support for SpiritFest 2018
- Top of the Pines- completion of Pavilion Educational Center
- Voyager Youth Program – summer enrichment and after-school programs
- UpstART Theater That Moves – production at the Wright Opera House
- Weehawken Creative Arts – scholarships for children’s creative arts programs

Now in its second year, the Ouray County Community Fund (OCCF) was established as an endowed or permanent fund by local community leaders in Ouray County. OCCF partners with the Western Colorado Community Foundation to build the endowment and distribute the earnings annually. OCCF has made grants totaling \$33,000 to benefit the nonprofit organizations in Ouray County.

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