



# GREATER RIFLE IMPROVEMENT TEAM (GRIT) ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA



July 14, 2026  
12:00 PM  
202 Railroad Avenue, Rifle, CO 81650

The Board may act on any of the following agenda items as presented or modified before the meeting, and items necessary or convenient to effectuate the agenda items.

## 12:00 PM - Regular Meeting

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Visitor Introductions**
  - 3.a. Introduction of Karah Brubaker, City of Rifle's new Economic Opportunity Specialist II and Main Street Manager.
4. **Consent Agenda**
  - 4.a. Discussion and possible action regarding June Minutes of the regular GRIT Board Meeting
5. **Presentation**
  - 5.a. RAMBO application for funding
6. **Regular Agenda**
  - 6.a. Election of GRIT Board Chair
  - 6.b. Discussion and possible action regarding GRIT Grant Applications
    - 6.b.i. Discuss and Vote on Symphony in the Valley, application for funding
    - 6.b.ii. Discuss and Vote on The Young Guns, application for funding
    - 6.b.iii. Discuss and Vote on New Ute Theatre Society, application for funding
    - 6.b.iv. Discuss and Vote on RAMBO, application for funding
7. **Administrative Reports** Economic Opportunity Specialist /Main Street Manger

## 7.a. Administrative Reports

## 8. Adjournment

*The order and times of agenda items listed above are approximate and intended as a guideline for the Board*

The GRIT Advisory Board has two grant cycles. The grant cycle and deadlines to submit an application are:

January Cycle – Application Deadline: December 31<sup>st</sup> = Funding: February

June Cycle – Application Deadline: May 31<sup>st</sup> = Funding: July

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**Agenda Item #3.a.**

**Agenda Item Name:**

Introduction of Karah Brubaker, City of Rifle's new Economic Opportunity Specialist II and Main Street Manager.

**Presenter:**

Karah Brubaker, Economic Opportunity Specialist II

**Item Description:**

**Recommended Action:**

N/A

**Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

**Operational Impact:**

Karah will be the City liaison to the GRIT Board and co-manage administering the VIF Budget.

**Prior Board Motions:**

N/A

**Background Information:**

N/A

**Executive Summary:**

N/A

**Notification Requirements:**

N/A

**Prepared By:**

Zach Higgins, Community Development Director

**Attachments:**

None



#### **Agenda Item #4.a.**

**Agenda Item Name:**

Discussion and possible action regarding June Minutes of the regular GRIT Board Meeting

**Presenter:**

Karah Brubaker  
Zach Higgins, Community Development Director

**Item Description:**

June Minutes of the regular June GRIT Board Meeting.

**Recommended Action:**

Move to approve the minutes of the regular June meeting of the GRIT Board.

**Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

**Operational Impact:**

N/A

**Prior Board Motions:**

N/A

**Background Information:**

N/A

**Executive Summary:**

N/A

**Notification Requirements:**

N/A

**Prepared By:**

Zach Higgins, Community Development Director

**Attachments:**

1. Rifle\_GRIT\_Action\_Minutes\_06-09-2026



## RIFLE GRIT ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING ACTION MINUTES

June 09, 2026

12:00 p.m.

Rifle City Hall, 202 Railroad Avenue, Rifle, CO

### CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Rifle GRIT Advisory Board was called to order at approximately 12:07 p.m. at Rifle City Hall.

**Present at Roll Call:** Chair Slappey, Vice Chair Young, Board Members Mackley, Rogers, Allen, Pruett, and City Council Representative Roberts.

**Absent:** Board Member Frontella.

**Others Present:** Representatives were present from Young Guns, NUTS, and Symphony in the Valley. City Staff were present and participated in the meeting discussion.

A quorum was reported present.

### CONSENT AGENDA

The Board considered approval of the May 12, 2026, action minutes.

|               |                                                                            |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Motion</b> | Approve the May 12, 2026, GRIT Advisory Board action minutes as presented. |
| <b>Mover</b>  | Ryan Mackley                                                               |
| <b>Second</b> | Annick Pruett                                                              |
| <b>Vote</b>   | All in favor                                                               |
| <b>Result</b> | Passed                                                                     |

### Presentation

#### Presentations from GRIT Grant Applicants

##### NUTS (New Ute Theater Society)

Request: \$4,200 toward Ute Theater rental fees for the newly formed Ute Players, formerly Aspen Community Theater.

- The group plans to present "Lend Me a Tenor" over six performance dates in November.
- The anticipated attendance goal is approximately 600 people.

Board Action: No action at this time.

##### Young Guns Touch a Truck Event

Request: \$5,000 to support for food vendors, portable restrooms, and marketing for a community event promoting trade careers to high school students.

Board Action: No action at this time.

## Symphony in the Valley

Presenter: Kelly Thompson

Request: \$8,000 in funding requested to reduce ticket prices for the annual Nutcracker performance at the Ute Theater during Hometown Holiday.

- The stated goal was to lower adult tickets from \$35 to below \$30 and reduce the overall cost for families.
- Board Action: No action at this time.

## Regular Agenda

### Discussion and possible action regarding Railroad Ave light pole banners

The Board reviewed a design concept for approximately 40 banners intended to create a welcoming entrance along Railroad Avenue. Estimated cost was approximately \$40 per banner, with potential Downtown Development Authority participation to cover the cost within DDA's boundary.

|               |                                                                                                    |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Motion</b> | Move to approve the Railroad Avenue light pole banner project with a budget not to exceed \$1,500. |
| <b>Mover</b>  | Annick Pruett                                                                                      |
| <b>Second</b> | Samm Young                                                                                         |
| <b>Vote</b>   | All in favor                                                                                       |
| <b>Result</b> | Passed                                                                                             |

### Discussion regarding Barks, Brews, and BBQ

The Board discussed operational, financial, and safety concerns related to the Barks, Brews, and Barbecue event and its current partnership structure with Journey Home.

- Concerns included funding allocation, planning coordination, and budget efficiency, including an estimated \$20,000 cost for approximately 1,000 participants.
- Members discussed wind and safety concerns at the current venue.
- The Movie Theater parking lot and grass area were discussed as an alternative venue, with the theater lobby potentially serving as a conditioned judging space.
- The Board discussed moving the event away from Rendezvous weekend and high school graduation, potentially to the weekend of May 22, subject to schedule confirmation.

**General Direction:** Staff and event partners should confirm venue and date availability, clarify responsibilities and approvals, and update the event-planning structure before the next event cycle.

## Administrative Reports

### Third Thursday Event Updates

- Upcoming programming was expected to feature local businesses and include a line-dancing lesson.
- A Chamber Ambassador was expected to manage alcohol sales.
- The Board recognized Align and the broader marketing team for effective videos, banners, and event promotion.

### Comprehensive Plan Survey Update

Staff reported that the comprehensive plan survey had received more than 200 responses. The Board discussed a Hispanic community-focused survey event at the library to improve representation. Survey results were expected to be presented to City Council before determining whether additional targeted outreach was needed.

### **Main Street Manager Transition**

The Board discussed the transition to Karah Brubaker as the new Main Street Manager, with a reported start date of the 22nd. Zach Higgins is expected to remain involved for several months during the transition.

### **Grant Requirements and Sponsorship Recognition**

The Board discussed updating grant language to require recipients to provide visible sponsorship recognition for GRIT and the City through banners, marketing materials, or similar acknowledgment. Staff will incorporate the requirement into future grant administration materials.

## **NEXT MEETING**

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The next regular GRIT Advisory Board meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:32 p.m.

## **PREPARED BY / APPROVAL**

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Prepared from the meeting summary for review by City Staff and the GRIT Advisory Board.

Approved by the GRIT Advisory Board on: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Street Manager Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



**Agenda Item #5.a.**

**Agenda Item Name:**

RAMBO application for funding

**Presenter:**

Ari Philipson - President

**Item Description:**

**Recommended Action:**

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$5,000

**Operational Impact:**

N/A

**Prior Board Motions:**

**Background Information:**

**Executive Summary:**

**Notification Requirements:**

N/A

**Prepared By:**

Karah Brubaker, Economic Opportunity Specialist II

**Attachments:**

1. GRIT\_Application\_RAMBO\_2026



## GRIT Grant Application for Funding

### Applicant Information

Date: 7/1/26

Organization Name: RAMBO (Rifle Area Mountain Bike organization)

Address: P.O. Box 823, Rifle, CO 81650

Contact Person: Ari Philipson, President, RAMBO

Phone Number: 772-696-1790 Email Address: ariphilipson@gmail.com

Federal Tax ID: \_\_\_\_\_ State Tax ID: 20-578079B

### Organization Information

#### Organization's Current Board of Directors or Trustees

| Name                                            | Phone #             | Email Address                 |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| <u>Ari Philipson, President (same as above)</u> |                     |                               |
| <u>John Leybourne, VP</u>                       | <u>303-981-1006</u> | <u>pjcoc89@hotmail.com</u>    |
| <u>Sam Giffin, Secretary</u>                    | <u>970-531-4485</u> | <u>sam@RoanCreekBikes.com</u> |
| <u>Gerry Mojarro, Treasurer</u>                 | <u>224,430-4406</u> | <u>gmojarro1@gmail.com</u>    |
| <u>Steven Spevere</u>                           | <u>970-948-6638</u> | <u>sspevere@gmail.com</u>     |
| <u>Steven Arauza</u>                            | <u>832-661-8177</u> | <u>stevanarauza@gmail.com</u> |
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### Brief summary of Organization's History

Since 2010, RAMBO has been the conveners of mountain biking in the Colorado River Valley. We engage and lead the community in building & maintaining quality mountain-bike specific trails. We've hosted our annual fundraising event, the Grand Hogback Extravaganza, since 2020.

### Grant Request

Amount Requested: \$5,000

How many people will benefit from the funding? All of Rifle! currently 10,924

In what way will they benefit? Better trails, closer to home! Rifle residents usually have had to travel elsewhere to recreate on bikes, now we have the Grand Hogback Trail System in our backyard!

Has your organization applied for a grant in the past?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If Yes, what year? 2025

How much was the grant for? 5,000

Brief description of request. This will be our 6th year hosting the Grand Hogback Extravaganza, our premiere fundraising event. This year our theme is "pedal and metal" where riders can participate in a game-style ride showcasing the best of our trails.

Description of current programs, activities and accomplishments:

Throughout the year, RAMBO hosts events that bring the community together - our full moon rides, volunteer maintenance days and involvement in many city of Rifle events have made RAMBO a community staple of non-motorized recreation.

If funds are granted, what is your plan to create a self-sustainable program/event?

Annually we seek additional revenue streams through sponsorship from our local business community and regional/national outdoor brands. We continue to seek out dedicated funding.

Timetable for implementation: Event date in Saturday, October 17.

The funding for the Greater Rifle Improvement Team is generated through the Lodging Tax. The proceeds of the lodging tax shall be used primarily for the following:

Please check the area(s) your request falls under:

- ☒ Visitor Improvement and Attractions
- ☐ Historic Preservation
- ☒ Special Events
- ☐ City Beautification
- ☒ City Promotion

### Program/Project Budget

#### Revenues or other funding sources

Individually list all sources of funds (including sponsors) and the level of funding provided:

Alpine Bank - \$2,500

Grand River Health - \$1,000

Roan Creek Bikes - \$2,500 (in kind)

Gumption Trail Works - \$2,500 (in kind)

} season-long sponsorships

Total funds available to the program:

Expenses:

Amount:

BLM event permit \$250

Event insurance \$750

Logo design - \$200

course decor & game products \$1,000

Event logowear - \$1,500

Event marketing - \$500

Live music - \$800

Please attach a balance sheet or profit and loss statement for requesting organization.

## Measure of Success

What will be the measurable results? Example: How many people are expected to attend/benefit?

Annually, we measure results by the number of event attendees, but we also look at awareness building as a metric and the overall impression people have of the Grand Hogback Trails as a place they want to return.

How will the organization define and measure success of the event or project?

We always aim for 100 attendees, which is about the capacity for our current parking. We also measure success by the number of first-time attendees and overall visitor numbers.

To what degree will the project and/or organization have a long-term sustainable value to Rifle?

The Grand Hogback trails continue to gain in popularity across the Western Slope, bringing economic diversification to our region.

Additional information you would like the GRIT Advisory Board to consider:

RAMBO continues to be grateful to the City of Rifle and GRIT Board for your continued investment in and support of our trails!



**Agenda Item #6.a.**

**Agenda Item Name:**

Election of GRIT Board Chair

**Presenter:**

Zach Higgins, Community Development Director

**Item Description:**

GRIT Board Election of Board Chair through next election cycle.

**Recommended Action:**

Move to elect (select name) as Chair of GRIT Board through the end of the current term.

**Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

**Operational Impact:**

A Chair needs to be elected to run the monthly GRIT Board meetings.

**Prior Board Motions:**

N/A

**Background Information:**

Kari Slappey has vacated her seat as the GRIT Board Chair at the end of June 2026. The GRIT Board now has a vacant Chair position that needs to be filled to run the monthly GRIT Board meetings.

**Executive Summary:**

N/A

**Notification Requirements:**

N/A

**Prepared By:**

Zach Higgins, Community Development Director

**Attachments:**

None



**Agenda Item #6.b.**

**Agenda Item Name:**

Discussion and possible action regarding GRIT Grant Applications

**Presenter:**

Karah Brubaker, Economic Opportunity Specialist II  
Zach Higgins, Community Development Director

**Item Description:**

**Recommended Action:**

N/A

**Fiscal Impact:**

**Operational Impact:**

**Prior Board Motions:**

**Background Information:**

**Executive Summary:**

The GRIT Board is requested to consider three grant applications and one late submission totaling \$22,200. To date, the Board has awarded \$14,600 of the \$55,500 2026 GRIT Grant Program budget, leaving \$40,900 available for award.

**Notification Requirements:**

N/A

**Prepared By:**

Zach Higgins, Community Development Director

**Attachments:**

1. GRIT\_GRANT\_July\_Workbook

## GRIT Grant Program

### 2026 Grant Summary & July Board Actions

| 2026 Budget | Awarded to Date | Remaining Budget | July Requests | Late Submission |
|-------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| \$55,500.00 | \$14,600.00     | \$40,900.00      | \$17,200      | \$5,000         |

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:** Review three July applications totaling **\$17,200** and one late submission **(RAMBO)** requesting **\$5,000**.

#### Grant Cycle 1 - Awarded (March 2026)

| Applicant                         | Requested | Awarded | Status    | Recommendation |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------------|
| Bookcliffs Arts Center            | \$4,800   | \$4,800 | ✓ Awarded | Approved       |
| Library                           | \$3,000   | \$3,000 | ✓ Awarded | Approved       |
| Middle Colorado Watershed Council | \$3,000   | \$3,000 | ✓ Awarded | Approved       |
| New UTE Theater Society           | \$3,800   | \$3,800 | ✓ Awarded | Approved       |

#### Grant Cycle 2 - Applications for Board Consideration

| Applicant                    | Requested | Awarded | Status   | Recommendation |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------|----------|----------------|
| New UTE Theater Society      | \$8,000   |         | ⌚ Review |                |
| Symphony in the Valley       | \$4,200   |         | ⌚ Review |                |
| The Young Guns (TouchaTruck) | \$5,000   |         | ⌚ Review |                |

#### Late Application - Board Direction Requested

| Applicant | Requested | Awarded | Status            | Notes                    |
|-----------|-----------|---------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| RAMBO     | \$5,000   |         | ⚠ Board Direction | Submitted after deadline |



**Agenda Item #6.b.i.**

**Agenda Item Name:**

Discuss and Vote on Symphony in the Valley, application for funding

**Presenter:**

Karah Brubaker, Economic Opportunity Specialist II

**Item Description:**

Discuss and vote on an \$8,000 funding request from the Symphony in the Valley

**Recommended Action:**

Move to recommend approval to Rifle City Council for \$8,000 to Symphony in the Valley for the *Nutcracker* during Hometown Holidays

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$8,000 from Special Events Budget

**Operational Impact:**

N/A

**Prior Board Motions:**

N/A

**Background Information:**

The Board heard a presentation from Symphony in the Valley during the June 2026 meeting

**Executive Summary:**

Symphony in the Valley is requesting \$8,000 in GRIT funding to support their community performance for the *Nutcracker* during the December 2026 Hometown Holidays

**Notification Requirements:**

N/A

**Prepared By:**

Karah Brubaker, Economic Opportunity Specialist II

**Attachments:**

1. GRIT\_Application\_SITV\_2026



## GRIT Grant Application for Funding

### Applicant Information

Date: **5/29/2026**

Organization Name: **Symphony in the Valley**

Address: **P.O. Box 1831, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602**

Contact Person: **Kelly Thompson**

Phone Number: **(970) 456-5278**

Email Address: **conductor@sitv.org**

Federal Tax ID: **84-1265543**

State Tax ID:

### Organization Information

#### Organization's Current Board of Directors or Trustees

| Name                         | Phone #      | Email Address              |
|------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Ruth Mollman, President      | 970-319-0062 | president@sitv.org         |
| Sharon Young, Vice President | 970-319-4976 | sharonyoung429@gmail.com   |
| Adrienne Prosser, Treasurer  | 970-618-6283 | treasurer@sitv.org         |
| Jay Duclo                    | 970-366-7696 | yakerjay@gmail.com         |
| Warren Lucio                 | 951-333-3953 | 462ref@gmail.com           |
| Barry Melton                 | 214-315-7582 | b.melton@lvq.net           |
| Jennifer Carden              | 970-987-2635 | littleredheadjen@gmail.com |
| Matt Weisbrod, Manager       | 970-988-7478 | manager@sitv.org           |

Brief summary of Organization's History

**Symphony in the Valley has been performing in the Roaring Fork Valley since 1993. Comprised of volunteer musicians, we perform concerts in October, December, February, May, and July each year. The Symphony is dedicated to providing musical opportunities to musicians of all ages and enriching our community through live musical performance.**

Grant Request

Amount Requested: **\$8,000**

How many people will benefit from the funding? **500+**

In what way will they benefit? **During Hometown Holidays those who attend our Nutcracker show will experience the only performance including live musicians and dancers on the Western Slope.**

Has your organization applied for a grant in the past? ☒ **Yes** **Via NUTS** ☐ **No**

If Yes, what year? **2025** How much was the grant for? **\$3,200**

Brief description of request. **The Symphony will be performing Nutcracker again this year with professional dancers from Colorado West Ballet from Grand Junction. We also perform other holiday favorites at this concert during Hometown Holiday.**

Description of current programs, activities and accomplishments: **Symphony in the Valley has an Instrument Lending/Gifting program for local youth who want to play in band or orchestra but do not have an instrument. We also have a Student Enrichment Program to connect music students to private lessons. We provide a musical outlet for musicians of all ages to perform.**

If funds are granted, what is your plan to create a self-sustainable program/event? **Our Holiday Nutcracker performance is one of our fundraiser events. Our other fundraiser is our Symphony Swing in February. With professional dancers this is an expensive endeavor.**

Timetable for implementation: **We will have four performances total, 2:00PM and 7:00PM (or after the parade) on December 5, and 2:00PM and 4:30PM on December 6**

The funding for the Greater Rifle Improvement Team is generated through the Lodging Tax. The proceeds of the lodging tax shall be used primarily for the following:

Please check the area(s) your request falls under:

- ☐ Visitor Improvement and Attractions
- ☐ Historic Preservation
- ☒ Special Events
- ☐ City Beautification
- ☒ City Promotion

### Program/Project Budget

#### Revenues or other funding sources

Individually list all sources of funds (including sponsors) and the level of funding provided:

**Symphony in the Valley has numerous sponsors throughout the year, specifically for**  
**Nutcracker in 2025: GRIT: \$3,200; Alpine Bank: \$3,000;**  
**NUTS: \$1,250 (\$5,000 for our 4 main concert series); Seth Green: \$1,000; Ruth**  
**Mollman: \$1,000; Town & Country Vet: \$1,000; Darrell Green: \$1,000; Morgan Green: \$500;**  
**Zachary Green: \$500**

Total funds available to the program: **\$12,450 in 2025**

| Expenses:                            | Amount:         |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Dancers</b>                       | <b>\$8,000</b>  |
| <b>Hotel for Dancers, 2 nights</b>   | <b>\$1,728</b>  |
| <b>Ute Rental, 2 days</b>            | <b>\$1,600</b>  |
| <b>Music purchase / arrangements</b> | <b>\$800</b>    |
|                                      |                 |
|                                      | <b>\$12,128</b> |

Please attach a balance sheet or profit and loss statement for requesting organization.

## Measure of Success

What will be the measurable results? Example: How many people are expected to attend/benefit?

Through four performances we can seat approximately 500. With dancers on stage the Symphony takes a portion of the floor, limiting audience space. I believe this is a draw for Hometown Holiday and is a huge asset to the event being the only venue on the Western Slope providing The Nutcracker with live orchestral music and dancers.

How will the organization define and measure success of the event or project?

Nutcracker at the Ute has been a very successful event over the past several years. We have collaborated with Colorado West Ballet for the past 3 years. Our goal is to have four sold-out performances and be a major reason people come to Hometown Holiday from throughout the region.

To what degree will the project and/or organization have a long-term sustainable value to Rifle?

The Symphony has been performing at least one of our concerts at the Ute for each of our four concert series. The Ute and Rifle have become our unofficial "home base." The Nutcracker, specifically, is so enjoyable for the audience, orchestra members, and dancers as it is a unique opportunity to collaborate with dance and music.

Additional information you would like the GRIT Advisory Board to consider:

Due to rising costs, ticket prices have increased over the years. We would like to get enough sponsors this year that we can lower the cost to attend.

# Symphony in the Valley

## Profit & Loss

September 2024 through August 2025

|                                          | Sep '24 - Aug 25 |
|------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense                  |                  |
| Income                                   |                  |
| 40000 · Contributions                    |                  |
| 40005 · Grants                           | 20,710.00        |
| 40010 · Individual Donors                |                  |
| 40012 · Masterpiece \$3,000 - \$4,999    | 3,000.00         |
| 40013 · Composer's \$1,000 - \$2,999     | 4,000.00         |
| 40014 · Bravo Circle \$500 - \$999       | 4,984.00         |
| 40015 · Conductor's \$250 - \$499        | 2,935.50         |
| 40016 · Encore Circle \$100 - \$249      | 2,757.50         |
| 40017 · Friends - Less than \$99         | 700.78           |
| Total 40010 · Individual Donors          | 18,377.78        |
| 40020 · Business Donations               |                  |
| 40023 · Composer's Biz \$1,000 - \$2,999 | 4,000.00         |
| 40024 · Bravo Biz \$500 - \$999          | 750.00           |
| Total 40020 · Business Donations         | 4,750.00         |
| 40050 · Chair Sponsors                   | 3,250.00         |
| Total 40000 · Contributions              | 47,087.78        |
| 41000 · Income Other                     |                  |
| 41300 · Checking Account Interest        | 0.60             |
| Total 41000 · Income Other               | 0.60             |
| 47200 · Program Income                   |                  |
| 47201 · Fall Concert                     |                  |
| 47201 A · Fall Concert A                 | 1,565.00         |
| 47201 B · Fall Concert B                 | 1,643.00         |
| Total 47201 · Fall Concert               | 3,208.00         |
| 47202 · Winter Concert                   | 11,815.00        |
| 47203 · Spring Concert                   |                  |
| 47203 A · Spring Concert A               | 1,497.00         |
| 47203 B · Spring Concert B               | 1,630.00         |
| Total 47203 · Spring Concert             | 3,127.00         |
| 47215 · Gigs                             | 2,000.00         |
| 47220 · Season Tickets                   | 2,080.00         |
| Total 47200 · Program Income             | 22,230.00        |
| 47210 · Swing Ticket Sales               |                  |
| 47211 · Swing Concert A                  | 5,593.00         |
| 47212 · Swing Concert B                  | 15,325.00        |
| Total 47210 · Swing Ticket Sales         | 20,918.00        |
| 48000 · Golf Tourney                     |                  |
| 48010 · Golf Sponsorships                | 300.00           |
| 48020 · Golf Registrations               | 13,045.00        |
| Total 48000 · Golf Tourney               | 13,345.00        |
| 49930 · Noodle Soup Income               | 4,874.00         |
| Total Income                             | 108,455.38       |
| Gross Profit                             | 108,455.38       |

# Symphony in the Valley

## Profit & Loss

### September 2024 through August 2025

|                                                         | Sep '24 - Aug 25 |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Expense</b>                                          |                  |
| 60000 · Concert Expenses                                |                  |
| 60015 · Music Arrangements                              | 200.00           |
| 60020 · Music Purchase                                  | 459.67           |
| 60040 · Piano Tuning                                    | 200.00           |
| 60070 · Program Printing                                | 1,088.56         |
| 60000 · Concert Expenses - Other                        | 9,036.00         |
| <b>Total 60000 · Concert Expenses</b>                   | <b>10,984.23</b> |
| 60900 · Business Expenses                               |                  |
| 60920 · Biz Registration Fees (S of S)                  | 35.00            |
| 60925 · Music License                                   |                  |
| 60926 · Licenses (ASCAP & BMI)                          | 748.00           |
| <b>Total 60925 · Music License</b>                      | <b>748.00</b>    |
| 60940 · Square / PayPal fees                            | 331.80           |
| 60900 · Business Expenses - Other                       | 174.18           |
| <b>Total 60900 · Business Expenses</b>                  | <b>1,288.98</b>  |
| 61000 · Special Programs                                |                  |
| 62050 · Instrument Gifting                              |                  |
| 62051 · Instrument Distribution Repair                  | 100.00           |
| <b>Total 62050 · Instrument Gifting</b>                 | <b>100.00</b>    |
| <b>Total 61000 · Special Programs</b>                   | <b>100.00</b>    |
| 62000 · Enrichment Lessons                              |                  |
| 62001 · Lessons - Weisbrod                              | 900.00           |
| <b>Total 62000 · Enrichment Lessons</b>                 | <b>900.00</b>    |
| 62890 · Rent, Utilities, & Maintenance                  |                  |
| 62892 · Musical Instrument Storage                      | 1,080.00         |
| 62893 · Performance Space Rental                        | 1,840.00         |
| 62894 · Rehearsal Space Rental                          | 250.00           |
| <b>Total 62890 · Rent, Utilities, &amp; Maintenance</b> | <b>3,170.00</b>  |
| 62900 · Direct Fundraising Expenses                     |                  |
| 62910 A · Swing Rental Space - A                        | 1,250.00         |
| 62910 B · Swing Rental Space - B                        | 9,937.78         |
| 62920 A · Swing Food Expenses - A                       | 3,789.59         |
| 62940 · Swing Music Purchase                            | 292.34           |
| 62945 · Swing Square / PayPal Fees                      | 80.10            |
| 62946 · Swing programs, posters, printi                 | 465.55           |
| 62950 · Swing Advertising                               | 250.00           |
| <b>Total 62900 · Direct Fundraising Expenses</b>        | <b>16,065.36</b> |
| 63100 · Fundraising Expense - Golf                      | 11,893.52        |
| 65000 · Operations                                      |                  |
| 65010 · Books, Subscriptions, Reference                 | 200.00           |
| 65020 · Postage, Mailing Service                        | 182.00           |
| 65030 · Printing and Copying                            |                  |
| 65035 · Toner & Paper                                   | 74.99            |
| 65030 · Printing and Copying - Other                    | 15.35            |
| <b>Total 65030 · Printing and Copying</b>               | <b>90.34</b>     |
| 65050 · Telephone, Telecommunications                   |                  |
| 65055 · Constant Contact                                | 707.00           |
| <b>Total 65050 · Telephone, Telecommunications</b>      | <b>707.00</b>    |
| 65070 · Grant Subscription                              | 199.00           |

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# Symphony in the Valley

## Profit & Loss

### September 2024 through August 2025

|                                        | Sep '24 - Aug 25 |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|
| 65120 · Insurance - Liability, D and O | 1,732.00         |
| Total 65000 · Operations               | 3,110.34         |
| 65100 · Other Types of Expenses        |                  |
| 65170 · Noodle Soup Musician Payments  | 2,571.38         |
| Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses  | 2,571.38         |
| 72000 · Contract Labor                 |                  |
| 72001 · Artistic Director/conductor    | 12,000.00        |
| 72005 · Manager                        | 10,200.00        |
| 72010 · Webmaster                      | 2,400.00         |
| 72020 · Librarian                      | 1,000.00         |
| 72050 · Concertmaster                  |                  |
| 72055 · Concertmaster - Fundraiser     | 900.00           |
| 72050 · Concertmaster - Other          | 2,700.00         |
| Total 72050 · Concertmaster            | 3,600.00         |
| 72060 · Treasurer                      | 6,000.00         |
| 72070 · Grant Writer                   | 2,400.00         |
| Total 72000 · Contract Labor           | 37,600.00        |
| Total Expense                          | 87,683.81        |
| Net Ordinary Income                    | 20,771.57        |
| Net Income                             | 20,771.57        |



**Agenda Item #6.b.ii.**

**Agenda Item Name:**

Discuss and Vote on The Young Guns, application for funding

**Presenter:**

Karah Brubaker, Economic Opportunity Specialist II

**Item Description:**

Discuss and vote on a \$5,000 funding request from The Young Guns

**Recommended Action:**

Move to recommend approval to Rifle City Council for \$5,000 to the Young Guns for their Touch-a-Truck event

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$5,000 from Special Events Budget

**Operational Impact:**

N/A

**Prior Board Motions:**

In 2025, the GRIT Board awarded The Young Guns \$5,000 for their Touch-a-Truck event

**Background Information:**

The Board heard a presentation from The Young Guns during the June 2026 meeting

**Executive Summary:**

The Young Guns are requesting \$5,000 in GRIT funding to support their Touch-a-Truck community event

**Notification Requirements:**

N/A

**Prepared By:**

Karah Brubaker, Economic Opportunity Specialist II

**Attachments:**

1. GRIT\_Application\_Young\_Guns\_2026



## GRIT Grant Application and Process

The Greater Rifle Improvement Team Advisory Board has two grant cycles a year. The grant cycles are February and July. The application deadline for each cycle is listed below.

| Grant Cycle | Application Deadline      | Presentation to Board              | Vote by Advisory Board              |
|-------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| February    | December 31 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in January | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in February |
| July        | May 30 <sup>th</sup>      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in June    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in July     |

### GRANT APPLICATION

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2. GRIT event grants are for non-profit or not-for-profit organizations. For-profit organizations/businesses are encouraged to partner with a non- or not-for-profit organization.
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4. At its discretion the GRIT Board may fund all or part of the grant request.
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5. The applicant will be notified by email at the address supplied of the outcome of the grant application.
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7. After the GRIT Board decides on grant applications, the GRIT manager will take the board recommendations before the Rifle City Council for final approval or denial before funds are distributed.

### PROJECT/EVENT EVALUATION

Once the project/event funded by the grant is complete, a Project Evaluation Form is required within 60 days.

The GRIT Board may require additional items with the evaluation form. These items will be listed in the notification email sent at the time of application or may be requested after review of the evaluation form.

Failure to complete the evaluation may result in the organization being ineligible for future funding.

Evaluations may be submitted to [kburner@rifleco.org](mailto:kburner@rifleco.org) or 202 Railroad Ave., Rifle, CO 81650 no later than 60 days after the completion of the project/event.



## GRIT Grant Application for Funding

### Applicant Information

Date: 05/30/2024

Organization Name: Young Guns of Rifle Inc

Address: 100 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Rifle CO 81650

Contact Person: Larry Stewart

Phone Number: 317-473-2528

Email Address: larrystewart2389@gmail.com

Federal Tax ID: 88-1994254

State Tax ID:

### Organization Information

#### Organization's Current Board of Directors or Trustees

| Name             | Phone #      | Email Address                  |
|------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| Klayton Costanzo | 970-319-3669 | klaytoncostanzo@hotmail.com    |
| Larry Stewart    | 317-473-2528 | larrystewart2389@gmail.com.com |
| Tyler Davis      | 970-319-3920 | TDavis@ShelterInsurance.com    |
| Evin Sartin      | 970-319-6099 | evinsartin@alpinebank.com      |
|                  |              |                                |
|                  |              |                                |
|                  |              |                                |
|                  |              |                                |

### Brief summary of Organization's History

The Young Guns started the Touch a Truck event in 2022. Our goal was to get kids excited about careers in heavy machinery, trades, and emergency services. The event lets families get up close to big trucks and equipment to learn how they work. Thanks to support from GRIT and local businesses, the event grew quickly over the next three years. It became a popular and lasting community tradition. In 2026, the event grew even bigger. The Young Guns teamed up with Colorado River Fire Rescue to host a joint event alongside the fire department's annual Open House. This partnership brought together big construction trucks and emergency rescue vehicles in one place. Families got to explore the trucks, meet local firefighters, and learn important safety tips. This team effort helped connect neighbors and inspired kids to think about future careers as tradespeople or first responders. We estimated close to 2000 attendees came through during this event.

### Grant Request

Amount Requested: \$5,000

How many people will benefit from the funding? 2,000.00

In what way will they benefit? This is a family friendly event that will pull in children of all ages for the entire community. Beyond a fun day for families, the event brings neighbors together to support local tradespeople and first responders. It also connects young people directly with future career paths

Has your organization applied for a grant in the past?

Yes

No

If Yes, what year? 2025

How much was the grant for? \$5,000.00

Following the incredible success of our 2025 event, we are expanding our vision for this year. We aim to bring in over 2,000.00 attendees to the 2026 joint event. Our main goal is to keep Touch a Truck completely free for families. To make that happen, we are growing the event in several ways: More Variety: We are bringing in a wider diversity of businesses, participants, and vendors. Broader Reach: We want to pull in families from all across Western Garfield County by ramping up our marketing efforts. More Food: We will invite additional food trucks to comfortably feed the larger crowds. Better Experience: We are working closely with our corporate partners, using their feedback to build a smoother, higher-quality event

Description of current programs, activities and accomplishments: The Young guns proudly hosts the Austin Booth

Memorial Golf tournament which allows us to provide our annual trade school scholarship. This will also be our 5th year of touch a truck and we are regular supporters of the Garfield County Fair and the Salvation Army.

If funds are granted, what is your plan to create a self-sustainable program/event?

Last year, the Young Guns were lucky to have the support of GRIT. Those funds were key to making our biggest year a huge success. We are still looking for sponsors, and we are incredibly grateful for the high demand and community feedback asking for a bigger event. As we grow, we want to show businesses that sponsoring us brings real value. Our goal is to build strong partnerships that help the event grow and eventually become self-funding

Timetable for implementation: Achieving financial self-sustainability remains a realistic 3-to-5-year goal. However, we remain highly responsive to feedback. Strong community demand has driven us to prioritize immediate expansion so we can maximize our positive local impact.

The funding for the Greater Rifle Improvement Team is generated through the Lodging Tax. The proceeds of the lodging tax shall be used primarily for the following:

Please check the area(s) your request falls under:

- ☐ Visitor Improvement and Attractions
- ☐ Historic Preservation
- ☒ Special Events
- ☐ City Beautification
- ☒ City Promotion

**Program/Project Budget**

**Revenues or other funding sources**

Individually list all sources of funds (including sponsors) and the level of funding provided:

Please see attached sheet for a more concise breakdown

**Expenses:**

Please see attached sheet for a more concise breakdown

Please attach a balance sheet or profit and loss statement for requesting organization.

Please see attached

## Measure of Success

What will be the measurable results? Example: How many people are expected to attend/benefit?

Building on the success of 2025, our goals for 2026 are driven directly by community and vendor feedback. To address requests for higher visibility, we are expanding our marketing to attract over 2,000 attendees. Additionally, we are optimizing the event layout and diversifying our vendor list to create a more balanced, high-quality experience for both businesses and families

How will the organization define and measure success of the event or project?

Success means delivering a highly professional, family-friendly event that unites Rifle and surrounding communities to celebrate the local trades that form our backbone. Through our 2026 partnership with Colorado River Fire Rescue and their annual Open House, we aim to scale attendance to 2,000 visitors. This milestone will drive significant foot traffic to local businesses and establish this as a signature regional event. Ultimately, we want to transition our corporate participants into long-term stakeholders who will help drive our future growth

To what degree will the project and/or organization have a long-term sustainable value to Rifle?

Driven by a passion to make our community a better place, the Young Guns are deeply committed to giving back. Touch a Truck allows Rifle to honor the industries that built our region while inspiring the next generation of skilled tradespeople. Our exciting joint effort with Colorado River Fire Rescue for year two takes that mission even further. As the event grows annually, this gathering is fast becoming a cherished, family-friendly tradition for our community.

Additional information you would like the GRIT Advisory Board to consider:

By sponsoring the Young Guns' 2026 Touch a Truck event, you are investing in a premier regional tradition that directly addresses our local skilled labor shortage. In a historic joint effort with Colorado River Fire Rescue, this year's combined event and Open House will draw over 2,000 residents from across Western Garfield County into Rifle. Your funding keeps this impactful day 100% free for families, drives immediate foot traffic to our local businesses, and gives your brand powerful visibility alongside trusted first responders. GRIT has always been our biggest supporter and as this event continues to grow, we owe our success to you all, so thank you!

## Sponsorships

|                         |    |          |
|-------------------------|----|----------|
| Grit                    | \$ | 5,000.00 |
| Western Slope Materials | \$ | 575.00   |
| Casey Concrete          | \$ | 575.00   |
| Grand River Health      | \$ | 575.00   |
| TEP                     | \$ | 250.00   |
| Total                   | \$ | 6,975.00 |

Expenses

|                            |    |          |              |                            |
|----------------------------|----|----------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Jean's Printing            | \$ | 1,100.00 | Signage      |                            |
| Rifle Parks and Rec        | \$ | 110.00   | Banner       |                            |
| First String               | \$ | 2,000.00 | Advertising  | Banners and tents and Hats |
| Garfield County            | \$ | 220.00   | Rental       |                            |
| Tyler Davis Insurance      | \$ | 250.00   | Insurance    |                            |
| QR Code Subscription       | \$ | 200.00   | Registration |                            |
| Micro Plastics             | \$ | 330.00   | Signage      |                            |
| Redi Services              | \$ | 550.00   | Facilities   |                            |
| Colorado West Broadcasting | \$ | 2,200.00 | Radio        |                            |
| Total                      | \$ | 6,960.00 |              |                            |

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| Total Income | \$15.00 |
|--------------|---------|

**Sponsors**

GRIT

Casey Concrete

Western Slope Materials

Grand River Health

TEP

**Food Trucks**

The Well

Hunger Tech

Chilled Out

**Vendors/Participants**

Colorado River Fire Rescue

Colorado Workforce Center

Gallegos Corporation

Johnson Construction

Screaming Eagle Trucking

Twin Guns

Native American Crane

KMTS

Care Flight

Rifle Equipment LLC

Colorado State Patrol

Garfield County Road and Bridge

Dad's Towing

Mountain Waste & Recycling

Rifle Parks and Recreation

Kuersten Construction LLC

Holy Cross Energy

Colorado Division of Wildlife

Journey Home Animal Care Center

Protestio Brothers Equipment

A-1 Heating & Cooling, Inc

Ryder Towing and Recovery

Alpine Waste & Recycling



**Agenda Item #6.b.iii.**

**Agenda Item Name:**

Discuss and Vote on New Ute Theatre Society, application for funding

**Presenter:**

Karah Brubaker, Economic Opportunity Specialist II

**Item Description:**

Discuss and vote on a \$4,200 funding request from the New Ute Theatre Society

**Recommended Action:**

Move to recommend approval to Rifle City Council for \$4,200 to the New Ute Theatre Society for their November Comedy series

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$4,200 from Special Events Budget

**Operational Impact:**

N/A

**Prior Board Motions:**

In January 2026, the GRIT Board approved \$3,800 for their winter concert series

**Background Information:**

The Board heard a presentation from the New Ute Theatre Society during the June 2026 meeting

**Executive Summary:**

The New Ute Theatre Society is requesting \$4,200 in GRIT funding to support their November Comedy series

**Notification Requirements:**

N/A

**Prepared By:**

Karah Brubaker, Economic Opportunity Specialist II

**Attachments:**

1. GRIT\_Application\_NUTS\_2026



GRIT logo with text: Greater Rifle Improvement Team. Tagline: Better, together.

NUTS

# GRIT Grant Application and Process

The Greater Rifle Improvement Team Advisory Board has two grant cycles a year. The grant cycles are February and July. The application deadline for each cycle is listed below.

| GRIT grant cycles and deadlines |                      |                        |                         |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Grant cycle                     | Application deadline | Presentation to board  | Vote by advisory board  |
| February                        | December 31st        | 2nd Tuesday in January | 2nd Tuesday in February |
| July                            | May 30th             | 2nd Tuesday in June    | 2nd Tuesday in July     |

## Grant Application

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7. After the GRIT Board decides on grant applications, the GRIT manager will take the board recommendations before the Rifle City Council for final approval or denial before funds are distributed.

## Project/Event Evaluation

Once the project/event funded by the grant is complete, a Project Evaluation Form is required within 60 days.

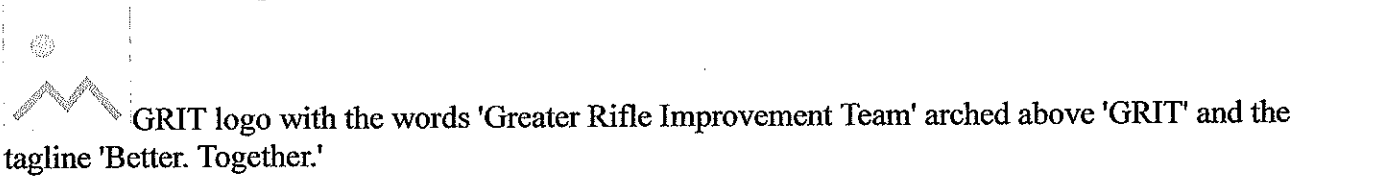
The GRIT Board may require additional items with the evaluation form. These items will be listed in the notification email sent at the time of application or may be requested after review of the evaluation form.

Failure to complete the evaluation may result in the organization being ineligible for future funding.

Evaluations may be submitted to [kburner@rifleco.org](mailto:kburner@rifleco.org) or 202 Railroad Ave., Rifle, CO 81650 no later

than 60 days after the completion of the project/event.

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# GRIT Grant Application for Funding

## Applicant Information

Date:

5.27.26

Organization Name:

New Ute Theatre Society

Address:

P.O.Box 84

Contact Person:

Helen Rogers

Phone Number:

970-274-6147

Email Address:

hrinteriordesign@msn.com

Federal Tax ID:

27-1061203

State Tax ID:

98008018

## Organization Information

### Organization's Current Board of Directors or Trustees

| Name           | Phone #      | Email Address            |
|----------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Helen Rogers   | 970-274-6147 | hrinteriordesign@msn.com |
| Tanya Giard    | 970-309-2113 | tgiard@giardhomes.con    |
| Elissa Nye     | 970-309-0803 | elissamnye@gmail.com     |
| Kelly Thompson | 970-456-5278 | conductor@sitv.com       |
| Aundrea Ware   | 970-471-4509 | aundreaware@yahoo.com    |

| Name          | Phone #      | Email Address         |
|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Kaitlyn Giard | 970-404-7811 | kgiard@giardhomes.com |
|               |              |                       |

## Brief summary of Organization's History

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The New Ute Theatre Society (NUTS) formed in 2009 in order to return the UTE Theater to what it is today. A thrift store wanted to buy it at the time and a group of community activists felt the theater needed to be saved. The mission of NUTS is to provide a community owned non-profit organization to promote, market, and financially support the city owned theater. Our goals for the theater have been to revitalize it into a performing arts venue , in which live theater, dance, film, comedy and a wide variety of musical genres can perform from across the country. We also support other non-profits to be able to rent the theater. We feel the UTE enhances the downtown and has an economic impact to businesses in the City of Rifle.

## Grant Request

Amount Requested: \$4,200

How many people will benefit from the funding? Potentially 600 people over

In what way will they benefit?

The adult theater group wants to return to the UTE after a successful comedy performance last November. They prefer to do comedies and with today's political and economic climate, comedies bring joy and levity to people's lives. Also, people can't afford to travel to Denver to experience live theater.

Has your organization applied for a grant in the past?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, what year? Last cycle of grants for 202

How much was the grant for? \$3,800

Brief description of request.

There was a consensus from the GRIT Board to try and continue the Third Thursday Events in the downtown. Two Bands were selected, A Band Called Alexis (January) and Hwy 82 (March), both 'country' bands. Unfortunately, they were not well attended but the UTE Staff would like to create a 'western swing' and 'line-dance' opportunity in the future.

Description of current programs, activities and accomplishments:

Currently, this year we have provided rental fees to other area non-profits such as RAMBO, Rifle Heritage Center, and Western Colorado Watershed Partnership. We also support the Symphony in the Valley to perform at the UTE. In May, we have Thursday Night Patio Series to help promote local bands. Every July we hold a Children's Theater Camp and keep the fees low so local kids can experience live theater. Other entities supported are High School Proms, 5Point Film Festival, Rifle Elks Club Veterans Lunch and Hoot at the UTE for Journey Home Animal Shelter (2023-25).

If funds are granted, what is your plan to create a self-sustainable program/event?

The Theater Group is asking for support in order to bring adult live theater to the Rifle Community. Previously, they were called Aspen Community Theater, performing at the Wheeler Opera House with financial help from Aspen. They would like to become their own non-profit in the future, possibly in 2027, but need help getting started and want to become the 'UTE Players'.

Timetable for implementation:

The Comedy they want to put on is called 'Lend Me a Tenor'. Dates for the performances are over two weekends, November 6,7, and 8, and November 13, 14, and15, to include Sunday matinee's. The comedy is a fast-paced farce through unexpected twists, turns and surprises. The characters are eclectic and powerful in their comic qualities.

The funding for the Greater Rifle Improvement Team is generated through the Lodging Tax. The proceeds of the lodging tax shall be used primarily for the following:

Please check the area(s) your request falls under:

Request area categories

☒ Visitor Improvement and Attractions

☐ Historic Preservation

☒ Special Events

☐ City Beautification

☐ City Promotion

Program/Project Budget

Revenues or other funding sources

Individually list all sources of funds (including sponsors) and the level of funding provided:

Revenue or funding source 1

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Revenue or funding source 2

Revenue or funding source 3

Revenue or funding source 4

Revenue or funding source 5

Revenue or funding source 6

Total funds available to the program:

Expenses:

Expense 1

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Expense 2

Amount:

Amount 1

Amount 2

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

**CERTIFICATE OF FACT OF GOOD STANDING**

I, Jena Griswold, as the Secretary of State of the State of Colorado, hereby certify that, according to the records of this office,

NEW UTE THEATRE SOCIETY, INC.

is a

Nonprofit Corporation

formed or registered on 10/06/2009 under the law of Colorado, has complied with all applicable requirements of this office, and is in good standing with this office. This entity has been assigned entity identification number 20091528314 .

This certificate reflects facts established or disclosed by documents delivered to this office on paper through 05/26/2026 that have been posted, and by documents delivered to this office electronically through 05/27/2026 @ 16:14:21 .

I have affixed hereto the Great Seal of the State of Colorado and duly generated, executed, and issued this official certificate at Denver, Colorado on 05/27/2026 @ 16:14:21 in accordance with applicable law. This certificate is assigned Confirmation Number 18610131 .



*Jena Griswold*

Secretary of State of the State of Colorado

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## **NUTS Project Worksheet**

**Adult Community Theater at the UTE Theater/November, 2026**

### **Expenses**

UTE Rental \$ 4,200.00

Full Load In Day: \$600, Four Rehearsal Days: \$1,200

Six Performance Days: \$2,400

Licensing and Material - scripts, sound cues paid \$ 1,650.00

Costumes - 1934 time period est \$ 1,500.00

Props est \$ 500.00

Set Materials est \$ 3,000.00

Furniture - Rental and Purchase est \$ 700.00

Make-up est \$ 200.00

Rehearsal Space est \$ 900.00

|                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Total Expenses</b> | <b>\$ 14,150.00</b> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|

### **Revenues**

GRIT Grant \$4,200.00

Program Underwritten/NUTS or Others \$1,500.00

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Total Revenues</b> | <b>\$5,700.00</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|

Remaining Needed for Production - Out of Pocket or Others \$8,450.00

Anticipated Ticket Sales (2025 - \$9,664) \$10,000.00

Anticipated Profit \$1,550.00

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Accrual Basis

**NEW UTE THEATER SOCIETY, INC****Profit & Loss**

January 1 through May 28, 2026

|                                | Jan 1 - May 28, 26 |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b> |                    |
| <b>Income</b>                  |                    |
| DONATION IN HONOR OF           | 3,436.94           |
| INCOME - PROGRAMMING           | 2,614.00           |
| Merchandise Revenue            | 378.98             |
| Programming Fund Donations     | 6,684.23           |
| SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIPS         | 1,093.73           |
| <b>Total Income</b>            | <b>14,207.88</b>   |
| <b>Expense</b>                 |                    |
| Accountant Fees                | 325.00             |
| DONATIONS / CONTRIBUTIONS      | 6,500.00           |
| Insurance                      | 1,141.00           |
| Marketing                      |                    |
| Programming                    | 10,619.21          |
| Supplies for Performers        | 377.17             |
| <b>Total Marketing</b>         | <b>10,996.38</b>   |
| PATIO CONCERT SERIES EXP.      | 3,093.55           |
| Theater Camp Expenses          | 500.00             |
| <b>Total Expense</b>           | <b>22,555.93</b>   |
| <b>Net Ordinary Income</b>     | <b>-8,348.05</b>   |
| <b>Other Income/Expense</b>    |                    |
| <b>Other Income</b>            |                    |
| Interest                       | 8.97               |
| <b>Total Other Income</b>      | <b>8.97</b>        |
| <b>Net Other Income</b>        | <b>8.97</b>        |
| <b>Net Income</b>              | <b>-8,339.08</b>   |

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Accrual Basis

**NEW UTE THEATER SOCIETY, INC**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As of May 28, 2026**

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|                                       | <u>May 28, 26</u>       |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                         |                         |
| Current Assets                        |                         |
| Checking/Savings                      |                         |
| Alpine Bank- OPERATING                | 5,362.10                |
| Programming Fund - GRANTS ETC.        | 11,965.32               |
| Total Checking/Savings                | <u>17,327.42</u>        |
| Total Current Assets                  | 17,327.42               |
| Other Assets                          |                         |
| Start-up Costs                        | <u>750.00</u>           |
| Total Other Assets                    | <u>750.00</u>           |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                   | <b><u>18,077.42</u></b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>       |                         |
| Equity                                |                         |
| Unrestricted Net Assets               | 26,416.50               |
| Net Income                            | <u>-8,339.08</u>        |
| Total Equity                          | <u>18,077.42</u>        |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b> | <b><u>18,077.42</u></b> |







**Agenda Item #6.b.iv.**

**Agenda Item Name:**

Discuss and Vote on RAMBO, application for funding

**Presenter:**

Karah Brubaker, Economic Opportunity Specialist II

**Item Description:**

Discuss and vote on a \$5,000 funding request from RAMBO (Rifle Area Mountain Biking Organization)

**Recommended Action:**

Move to recommend approval to Rifle City Council for \$5,000 to RAMBO for their annual Grand Hogback Extravaganza

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$5,000 from Special Events Budget

**Operational Impact:**

N/A

**Prior Board Motions:**

In 2025, the GRIT Board approved \$5,000 for their annual Grand Hogback Extravaganza

**Background Information:**

The board heard presentation from RAMBO earlier in the meeting

**Executive Summary:**

RAMBO is requesting \$5,000 to support funding for their annual Grand Hogback Extravaganza

**Notification Requirements:**

N/A

**Prepared By:**

Karah Brubaker, Economic Opportunity Specialist II

**Attachments:**

1. GRIT\_Application\_RAMBO\_2026



## GRIT Grant Application for Funding

### Applicant Information

Date: 7/1/26

Organization Name: RAMBO (Rifle Area Mountain Bike organization)

Address: P.O. Box 823, Rifle, CO 81650

Contact Person: Ari Philipson, President, RAMBO

Phone Number: 772-696-1790 Email Address: ariphilipson@gmail.com

Federal Tax ID: \_\_\_\_\_ State Tax ID: 20-578079B

### Organization Information

#### Organization's Current Board of Directors or Trustees

| Name                                            | Phone #             | Email Address                 |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| <u>Ari Philipson, President (same as above)</u> |                     |                               |
| <u>John Leybourne, VP</u>                       | <u>303-981-1006</u> | <u>pjcoc89@hotmail.com</u>    |
| <u>Sam Giffin, Secretary</u>                    | <u>970-531-4485</u> | <u>sam@RoanCreekBikes.com</u> |
| <u>Gerry Mojarro, Treasurer</u>                 | <u>224,430-4406</u> | <u>gmojarro1@gmail.com</u>    |
| <u>Steven Spevere</u>                           | <u>970-948-6638</u> | <u>sspevere@gmail.com</u>     |
| <u>Steven Arauza</u>                            | <u>832-661-8177</u> | <u>stevanarauza@gmail.com</u> |
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### Brief summary of Organization's History

Since 2010, RAMBO has been the conveners of mountain biking in the Colorado River Valley. We engage and lead the community in building & maintaining quality mountain-bike specific trails. We've hosted our annual fundraising event, the Grand Hogback Extravaganza, since 2020.

### Grant Request

Amount Requested: \$5,000

How many people will benefit from the funding? All of Rifle! currently 10,924

In what way will they benefit? Better trails, closer to home! Rifle residents usually have had to travel elsewhere to recreate on bikes, now we have the Grand Hogback Trail System in our backyard!

Has your organization applied for a grant in the past?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If Yes, what year? 2025

How much was the grant for? 5,000

Brief description of request. This will be our 6th year hosting the Grand Hogback Extravaganza, our premiere fundraising event. This year our theme is "pedal and metal" where riders can participate in a game-style ride showcasing the best of our trails.

Description of current programs, activities and accomplishments:

Throughout the year, RAMBO hosts events that bring the community together - our full moon rides, volunteer maintenance days and involvement in many city of Rifle events have made RAMBO a community staple of non-motorized recreation.

If funds are granted, what is your plan to create a self-sustainable program/event?

Annually we seek additional revenue streams through sponsorship from our local business community and regional/national outdoor brands. We continue to seek out dedicated funding.

Timetable for implementation: Event date in Saturday, October 17.

The funding for the Greater Rifle Improvement Team is generated through the Lodging Tax. The proceeds of the lodging tax shall be used primarily for the following:

Please check the area(s) your request falls under:

- ☒ Visitor Improvement and Attractions
- ☐ Historic Preservation
- ☒ Special Events
- ☐ City Beautification
- ☒ City Promotion

### Program/Project Budget

#### Revenues or other funding sources

Individually list all sources of funds (including sponsors) and the level of funding provided:

Alpine Bank - \$2,500

Grand River Health - \$1,000

Roan Creek Bikes - \$2,500 (in kind)

Gumption Trail Works - \$2,500 (in kind)

} season-long sponsorships

Total funds available to the program:

Expenses:

Amount:

BLM event permit \$250

Event insurance \$750

Logo design - \$200

course decor & game products \$1,000

Event logowear - \$1,500

Event marketing - \$500

Live music - \$800

Please attach a balance sheet or profit and loss statement for requesting organization.

## Measure of Success

What will be the measurable results? Example: How many people are expected to attend/benefit?

Annually, we measure results by the number of event attendees, but we also look at awareness building as a metric and the overall impression people have of the Grand Hogback Trails as a place they want to return.

How will the organization define and measure success of the event or project?

We always aim for 100 attendees, which is about the capacity for our current parking. We also measure success by the number of first-time attendees and overall visitor numbers.

To what degree will the project and/or organization have a long-term sustainable value to Rifle?

The Grand Hogback trails continue to gain in popularity across the Western Slope, bringing economic diversification to our region.

Additional information you would like the GRIT Advisory Board to consider:

RAMBO continues to be grateful to the City of Rifle and GRIT Board for your continued investment in and support of our trails!



**Agenda Item #7.a.**

**Agenda Item Name:**

Administrative Reports

**Presenter:**

Karah Brubaker, Economic Opportunity Specialist II

**Item Description:**

Staff Update

**Recommended Action:**

N/A

**Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

**Operational Impact:**

N/A

**Prior Board Motions:**

N/A

**Background Information:**

N/A

**Executive Summary:**

N/A

**Notification Requirements:**

N/A

**Prepared By:**

Karah Brubaker, Economic Opportunity Specialist II

**Attachments:**

1. GRIT\_Admin\_Report\_Jul\_2026



# **CITY OF RIFLE**

## **Community Development**

### **Staff Report**

Economic Opportunity Specialist II / Main Street Manager  
*Board Meeting / July 14, 2026 / 12:00 PM*

#### **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

##### **Grant Applications**

- Processing current funding requests and preparing Board agenda materials.
- Coordinating applicant presentations and follow-up.

##### **Board Development**

- Continuing recruitment efforts for GRIT Board vacancies.

##### **Main Street Initiatives**

- Advancing downtown revitalization projects and business engagement.
- Coordinating downtown misting and shade/canopy initiatives.
- Advancing procurement for Wayfindings