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ARPA/SLRF Immediate Needs Grant Final Report
Estes Park Nonprofit Resource Center
Nonprofit Economic Recovery/Revenue Recovery

Dear Larimer County,

In 2021, the Estes Park Nonprofit Resource Center (EPNRC) received a generous grant of \$65,000 through the Larimer County Immediate Needs Grant program, funded under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). These funds were utilized in strict accordance with the objectives outlined in the EPNRC's grant application and project proposal. Specifically, the funds were employed to reinforce the financial sustainability of our organization, which had been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, they were allocated to directly support staff resources dedicated to the strategic implementation and facilitation of programs aimed at forging impactful partnerships between businesses, nonprofits, and local government entities.

Since the award of this grant, the EPNRC has successfully executed various initiatives within the Estes Valley nonprofit sector, including:

National Philanthropy Day in Estes Park: This community-wide celebration, made possible through the collaborative efforts of nonprofits, donors, and volunteers, showcase the culture of philanthropy in Estes Park.

Nonprofit Sector Meetings: Quarterly gatherings are conducted, focusing on the challenges, projects, and opportunities identified within specific sectors such as Arts & Culture, Community & Education, Conservation, Environment & Recreation, Emergency & Human Services, Healthcare & Wellness, and Youth & Families. The outcome of these meetings was the establishment of a support system and accountability cohort, wherein like-minded mission-driven nonprofits collaborated to create a greater collective impact.

Education Deep Dives: Premiere education opportunities were provided to local nonprofits within the Estes Valley, offering insights and expertise in areas such as Grant Writing, Government Grants, Marketing & Branding, Video Storytelling, Board of Director trainings, and Fundraising Campaigns. These sessions were offered to nonprofits free of charge.

Giving Guest: A collaborative fundraising initiative was implemented to engage both tourism and local philanthropy, resulting in tangible benefits for the Estes Valley nonprofit industry.

Further information regarding the outcomes achieved as a result of the Immediate Needs Grant funding can be found in the <u>EPNRC's</u> <u>comprehensive annual impact report for the year 2022</u>. The EPNRC wholeheartedly appreciates Larimer County's investment in our organization, which has enabled us to continue supporting, connecting, and inspiring the nonprofit industry in the Estes Valley. Our unwavering commitment remains centered around the belief that Strong Nonprofits lead to a Strong Community.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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