

MESA COUNTY FUNDING REQUEST FROM NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS 2016 BUDGET

AGENCY OR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION NAME: Colorado Mesa University Foundation

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Does your organization have other grants or contracts with Mesa County? YES

If Yes, please enter the other Mesa County Department name and the service being provided in the grant or contract.

BOCC Annual Support of Escalante Hall Classroom Building Project

(\$200,000/year)

Executive Summary: Colorado Mesa University is officially requesting \$100,000 in 2016 to support the annual partnership between Mesa County, the City of Grand Junction and CMU to facilitate property acquisition and campus expansion.

Funding Request Description (please explain what the funding will be used for and please be concise): In 2005, the Mesa County Board of Commissioners pledged \$100,000 per year to support CMU campus expansion through property acquisition. When coupled with annual support from the City of Grand Junction (\$500,000/year) and University funding, this partnership has enabled a doubling in size of the main campus and helped the University compete for limited capital construction funding at the Colorado General Assembly. Colorado Mesa University is respectfully requesting a continuation of this results-driven partnership to facilitate continued campus expansion and economic development.

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Revenue - What are your other sources of revenue and the amounts? The City of Grand Junction provides \$500,000 per year to support campus expansion/property acquisition efforts. In addition to local government funding, CMU budgets at least \$1,000,000 per year to support property acquisition efforts.

What will be the impact if you do not receive the requested funding or if you receive less than you have in the previous year? Failure to secure this funding from Mesa County in 2016 will stall campus expansion efforts and diminish the University's ability to leverage local support when competing for capital construction funding at the Colorado General Assembly.