

**Bend Sustainability Fund
Advisory Council Project Review
Draft Minutes
August 30, 2022 - 1:00pm-3:00pm
Embark
2843 NW Lolo Dr., Bend OR 97703**

In Attendance:

Advisory Council Members:

Austin Smith – Athlete; Beau Estes – Old Mill District; Brent Fenty – Oregon Desert Land Trust; Cliff Elsinger – 900 Wall; Jared Garfield – Wanderlust; Jason Randles – Crux Fermentation Project; Kevin Hoar – Fly and Field Outfitters.

Liaisons:

Lisa Machnik – Forest Service; Rachel Colton – Bend Parks and Recreation District; Ben Hemson – City of Bend; Will Groves – Deschutes County.

Visit Bend Staff: Kevney Dugan – President/CEO; Nate Wyeth – VP of Marketing and Communications; Serena Bishop Gordon – Sustainability Manager.

Minutes: Shari Crandall/ZOOM and recording

Absent:

Clara Soh – Climber, Medical Consultant; Jeff Kitchens/Nick Weber – BLM; Josie Norris – The Conservation Alliance; Bronwen Lodato – Bronwen Jewelry; Mallory Duncan – Outdoor Industry Professional; Michelle Cunha – Sunnyside Sports; Eric Rock – Element Hotel; Kelly Jamieson – Residence Inn; Samuel Johnson – Oxford Hotel.

Gordon called the meeting to order at 1:06pm.

I. Introductory Remarks

Gordon thanked those present for coming; she then introduced the following topics and facilitated the meeting.

Bend Sustainability Fund (Slide 1)

Bend Sustainability Fund's (BSF) top priority is to take care of the places that take care of us. We invest in projects that protect, steward, and create sustainable experiences in Bend's community.

Advisory Council Project Review Meeting Notes (Slide 2)

The Advisory Council (AC) project review will be recorded. Minutes from this meeting will be available to the public upon request.

Advisory Council Project Review Meeting Outcomes (Slide 3)

The desired meeting outcomes of the AC Project review include:

- Discussion of the projects, identifying questions or concerns and points of support;
- Provide a list of project recommendations for the Community Ballot (Ballot); all projects on the Ballot will receive some level of funding; and,
- Provide funding recommendations for each project on the Ballot.

Conflicts of Interest (Slide 4)

While a conflict of interest with an organization or project up for review does not bar AC participation, BSF does require full disclosure for the record. An AC member has a conflict of interest if s/he: has a direct role with the organization or project; is a board member of the organization; and/or has a financial stake in the organization or project.

Funding Criteria (Slides 5 and 6)

BSF will award grants to shovel-ready projects that meet the following criteria:

- Will protect, steward or create a "tourism-related facility"* with an impactful life of greater than ten (10) years;
- Said "facility" will have substantial use by out-of-town visitors;
- Has a clear timeline and measurable outcomes within the next 12 months; and,

- Has grassroots/community support.

*Oregon law and City Code defines “tourism-related facility” as:

- (a) A conference center, convention center or visitor information center;
- (b) Other improved real property that has a useful life of ten (10) or more years and has a substantial purpose of supporting tourism or accommodating tourist activities.

Gordon noted each project to be discussed, on its face, had met the above criteria. The Visit Bend team (Team) did due diligence and noted some of these ultimately did not meet the criteria.

Importance of Balance (Slide 7)

It is important to keep in mind as funding decisions are made:

- The project can be urban, recreation, arts and culture, etc.;
- The source from which BSF receives funding;
- What our responsibility is to our community and visitors;
- Whether the project is sustainable – socially, environmentally and/or economically.

Dugan reiterated the applications to be discussed initially appeared to have met the requisite thresholds; there were projects that did not. In terms of balance, Dugan was struck by the reviewers’ comments regarding the variety of projects, the differing perceptions of each reviewer regarding sustainability, geographic standpoint, the status of applicant – nonprofit/for profit developer/government/tribe. He found all comments helpful. He now asks the group to consider the collective, how do the projects support the differing elements of community; he asked them to think about how the collective slate meets a variety of needs. With respect to geographic boundary, the projects may occur beyond the city limits. In regard to “sustainability” – we often look at sustainability as pertaining to the environment. This year, there wasn’t a true environmental piece. However, sustainability also extends to social and economic considerations. He invited AC to keep an open mind in relation to the three “pillars” of sustainability as they discuss the projects.

Project Review/Budget Discussion/2022-2023 Project Application Budget (Slides 8 and 9)

Based upon AC feedback, the Team prepared a potential funding scenario (Scenario A, Slide 10, pg 3) for further discussion.

Factors to be considered and discussed at this meeting include:

- The total amount requested versus the proposed fund amount;
- The proportion of the budget that is funded/not funded;
- Individual projects;
- Additional analysis and recommendations AC would like to make to Scenario A proposed budget.

The total BSF FY2022 budget is \$1,400,000. Within this budget, \$300,000 was earmarked last cycle to be paid in 2022; therefore, the total funds available for 2022 Year-1 awards is \$1,100,000.

2022-2023 Project Application Budget

Organization	Project	Total Amount Requested (\$)	1- or 2- Year Request	Year 1 Amount Requested (\$)	Year 2 Amount Requested (\$)
Bend BMX	Bend BMX Improvements	350,000	1-Year	350,000	
Cascades Theatrical Company	Cascade Community Theatre Restoration and Upgrades	100,000	2-Year	50,000	50,000
Central Oregon Disc Golf Club	Pine Nursery Disc Golf Course Upgrade	12,700	1-Year	12,700	
Central Oregon Nordic Club	Dutchman/Swampy Trail Signage Improvements	38,900	1-Year	38,900	
Central Oregon Trail Alliance	Wanoga Mountain Bike Hub Development	199,482	2-Year	100,000	99,482

Petrich Properties	The Catalyst	575,000	2-Year	287,500	287,500
Sunriver Nature Center and Observatory	Campaign for Sunriver Nature Center & Observatory	250,000	2-Year	125,000	125,000
The Museum at Warm Springs	The Museum at Warm Springs Exterior Restoration	494,000	2-Year	247,000	247,000
Upper Deschutes Watershed Council	Riverbend South Access and Restoration Project	142,565	1-Year	142,565	
USDA Forest Service	Royal Flush Trail Completion	10,220	1-Year	10,200	
Warm Springs Community Action Team	Warm Springs Commissary Pavilion	250,000	1-Year	250,000	
Total		2,422,867		1,613,885	808,982

The request of \$1,613,885 is \$513,885 more than the total \$1,100,000 funds available.

Scenario A Based upon AC Initial Review Feedback (Slide 10)

Organization	Project	Requested Amt (\$)	1- or 2- Year	Requested Amount (\$) (2-year 50/50)		Awarded Amount (\$)		Difference (\$)	Total (\$)
				2022/2023	2023/2024	2022/2023	2023/2024		
Bend BMX	Bend BMX Improvements	350,000	1 Year	350,000	0	80,897	0	(269,103)	80,897
Cascades Theatrical Company	Cascade Community Theatre Restoration and Upgrades	100,000	2 Year	50,000	50,000	45,000		(55,000)	45,000
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Petrich Properties	The Catalyst	575,000	2 Year	287,500	287,500	275,000	200,000	(100,000)	475,000
Sunriver Nature Center and Observatory	Campaign for Sunriver Nature Center & Observatory	250,000	2 Year	125,000	125,000	0	0	(250,000)	0
The Museum at Warm Springs	The Museum at Warm Springs Exterior Restoration	494,000	2 Year	247,000	247,000	160,000	100,000	(234,000)	260,000
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Warm Springs Community Action Team	Warm Springs Commissary Pavilion	250,000	1 Year	250,000	0	250,000		0	250,000
TOTAL		2,422,867		1,613,885	808,982	1,100,000	350,000		
Total FY 2023 Budget		\$1,400,000							
2022 Grant Obligations		\$300,000							
Total Available for 2023 YEAR 1 awards		\$1,100,000		(513,885)					
Total Available for 2023 YEAR 2 awards		\$300,000 - \$400,000							

Scenario A funds \$1,100,000 in Year-1 in FY2022 and \$350,000 for Year-2 in FY2023. Dugan reminded AC, Scenario A is just a starting point for their discussion.

II. Discussion of Projects

The projects will be discussed in alphabetical order by organization. There are two projects that received full support: Central Oregon Nordic Club's Dutchman/Swampy Trail signage for \$38,900; and, Warm Springs Community Action Team's Commissary Pavilion for \$250,000. Consequently, these were fully funded (see above) and will require no additional discussion.

Bend BMX – Bend BMX Improvements

Statement of Success: Bend BMX and the Big Sky Bike Park are a premier destination for BMX; a turnkey facility capable of hosting regional and national events. The covered bleachers provide a comfortable place to spend the day and watch the action. The track is smooth, wide, fast, and virtually maintenance-free. Bend BMX is a breeding ground for talent, developing champions who shine a spotlight on cycling in Bend Oregon.

Amount Requested: \$350,000 – 1-year grant

Scenario A Fund Amount: \$80,897

Comments:

Gordon reported applicant lacks requisite permitting for several aspects of the project; however, the existing track can be rebuilt. Accordingly, Scenario A funds the track and fence for 2022.

Colton, BPRD representative, stated applicant approached BPRD with its plan. BPRD was excited about the project and continues to think the plan has great potential. However, applicant needs to meet certain criteria, such as building permits and structured plans, before it can go forward with the larger project. She notes this is a great first step and BPRD would love to have applicant come back after the requisite steps have been taken and if applicant is unable to find funding from other sources.

Others commented that permitting, organizing large events, promoting and drawing visitors requires a lot of work and a workable plan; they were unsure whether applicant currently has the necessary personnel and resources to achieve its goal.

It was generally agreed, BSF would fund the track and fence; BSF would encourage applicant to reapply for funding following the requisite stakeholder meetings and permitting applications had cleared.

Cascade Theatrical Company - Cascade Community Theatre Restoration and Upgrades

Statement of Success: Major renovations and upgrades of the venue will allow a larger space to create productions, provide new educational opportunities and welcome larger and more diverse audiences from our community and beyond.

Amount Requested: \$100,000 – 2-year grant

Scenario A Fund Amount: \$50,000 Year-1, \$45,000 Year-2

Comments:

Gordon noted BSF would like to support art/culture projects in the downtown area. It would like to fund the lights, sound booth and marquee to upgrade quality and increase capacity. However, the tourism related facility (TRF) criteria was not strong; the project did not warrant the full \$100,000.

The discussion turned to the definition of “visitor” and what constitutes “substantial use” by visitors. Wyeth explained ORS defines out-of-town visitors as those people who reside outside a 50-mile radius; locals reside within that radius. People who reside in Sunriver or Sisters, therefore, are local. Surveys collect demographic data such as: zipcode of the primary residence, where visitor is spending the night, and other data. Some organizations ask attendees to complete a questionnaire/survey to support request for funds. Visit Bend also collects this data; it found in the last three years, downtown data showed 78% surveyed were local and 22% were visitors.

Dugan asserted: every year this issue - the substantial use percentage of visitors to locals – arises. Where does BSF draw the line regarding substantial use? Should it be a hard and fast rule or one that is nuanced, based on several factors. Last year, AC approved an application with a 70/30 projection. He would prefer a nuanced interpretation that can support urban culture, diversity of venues, healthy growth, and that also takes into account the project’s location. For example: is the project slated for downtown? Outside urban growth boundary (UGB)? Last year most of the projects were outside UGB.

After further discussion, AC would like to partially fund this downtown arts/culture project to help provide an alternate theater option, separate from the Tower, to draw visitors.

Central Oregon Disc Golf Club – Pine Nursery Disc Golf Course Upgrade

Statement of Success: Pine Nursery Disc Golf Course gains a reputation that improves Bend's standing as a disc golf destination; measured by an increase in the number of visitors Bend receives with disc golf on their itineraries. These proposed improvements will allow players to play several different course layouts on the same course.

Amount Requested: \$12,700 - 1-year grant

Scenario A Fund Amount: \$0

Comments:

Gordon reported confusion and discrepancies within the application - not only was the application inaccurate, it had budget discrepancies. The Team would like to recommend applicant return next year with a clearer explanation for area enhancement and requests applicant submit an actual project.

The question arose whether installation of baskets alone would be enough to draw visitors. AC appeared to agree to not fund this project as written. They would like to see applicant return next year with a bigger, more comprehensive and accurate, plan that possibly includes partnerships.

Central Oregon Nordic Club – Dutchman/Swampy Trail Signage Improvements

Statement of Success: Trailheads that provide for more intuitive visitor use and better welcome both winter and summer visitors.

Amount Requested: \$38,900 – 1-year grant

Scenario A Fund Amount: \$38,900

Comments:

Gordon highlighted: this project will not be completed if applicant does not receive funding. Reviewers agreed, this project should be funded in full; no further discussion is necessary.

Central Oregon Trail Alliance – Wanoga Mountain Bike Hub Development

Statement of Success: Success is developing a robust mountain bike hub at the Wanoga Sno-Park. Upon completion, the hub will boast a refurbished pump track and four new bike park-like downhill trails for skill building and fun laps. The hub will respond to the often-heard request for more enduro-style trails and provide trails for a variety of riders, including people who ride adaptive mountain bikes.

Amount Requested: \$199,482 – 2-year grant

Scenario A Fund Amount: \$110,378 Year-1; \$50,000 Year-2

Comments:

BSF would like to fund this project when the National Environmental Policy Act permitting has been approved.

Machnik, US Forest Service, reported the applicant's plan was efficient but given the complexity and soil maintenance challenges, obtaining the final NEPA approval within this application timeline was difficult. The projected NEPA approval is spring, 2023, which then triggers the project's construction.

With the current NEPA permit status, discussion arose regarding what "shovel ready" means within BSF context. "Shovel ready" definitions and criteria vary for different funding sources, such as federal and sustainability. The group recognized there are costs associated with getting a project off the ground. If an applicant, such as COTA, has created a solid plan and has taken the requisite steps necessary to implement the plan, including speaking with the land manager and applying for the applicable permit(s), then, as one AC member put it, the project is a matter of "when" it will happen, not "if" it will happen; consequently, the funder's risk is significantly diminished. In certain cases, that diminished risk can be further mitigated by placing contingencies upon fund allocation.

Dugan stressed the need for transparency regarding the allocation of funds, how is this application different from other applications? And, if BSF does fund, how will the contingency be worded?

The discussion then turned to funding options: 1. Should applicant receive BSF funding for both years – 2022 and 2023? 2. Will applicant receive BSF funding for Year-2 only? 3. Will applicant need to reapply next year when the final piece is in place? 4. If BSF does want to go forward this cycle, would a contingency clause

regarding NEPA approval within “x” date be appropriate, and if contingency is not met, funding would not be issued?

It appeared reviewers uniformly agreed: applicant has taken the requisite steps, and now is in waiting mode, to begin the project; this project is a “known risk.” AC recommended BSF withhold funding until applicant receives final NEPA approval within a specific time frame; if applicant doesn’t receive that approval, BSF will not allocate the funds, which will then be rolled back into BSF for the next grant cycle.

Petrich Properties – The Catalyst

Statement of Success: Success means there is a safe, vibrant, and open-to-the-public gathering amenity in the core of the BCD that fosters tourism, community building, and inclusion. We envision a hub of economic growth, creating a space that brings tourists and locals alike together to experience our ethnic and economic diversity. This project will activate the North East “2nd & Hawthorne” corridor by providing a public space for all to enjoy.

Amount Requested: \$575,000 – 2-year grant

Scenario A Fund Amount: \$275,000 Year-1; \$200,000 Year-2

Comments:

Gordon reiterated this applicant is a for-profit land developer who is requesting funds to develop the 2nd and Hawthorne area.

Dugan stated he has struggled with funding a developer who owns the land and has the ability to develop it. Nonetheless, there is a need and to date the community has not done anything about it; someone needs to start building there, to get the ball rolling in that neighborhood. Like the Pearl district in Portland, Dugan would like to clean up this area and create a vibrant neighborhood. He noted applicant has done a great job to obtain further support from other sources; this is a great opportunity to initiate development. It could create a great vibe that could reach thousands. He understands some AC members may feel hesitant funding this project, but nothing is there now and this could be a good way to sustainably develop the property.

The AC understand the need to invest in the community; the project is an unmet opportunity to develop the area and break down the east/west Bend barrier; it is an urban renewal project that could bring people into the heart of Bend, rather than send visitors outside UGB. The developer is solution-oriented and proactive.

However, they struggled and felt uncomfortable with Transient Room Tax (TRT) funding for-profit organizations’ projects. Dugan explained there is precedent within the State of Oregon to expand TRT funding beyond non-profit organizations to also include for-profit, government, and tribal entities. For example, Bend TRT (through BSF) previously funded Mt. Bachelor’s summer hiking trails and Bend Parks and Recreation District’s Big Sky Bike Park.

AC members’ concerns for this particular project included, in part:

- Do people currently residing in the area support this project?
- Will this project support affordable housing within the neighborhood, or will this project create luxury downtown housing?
- What happens if applicant does not receive requisite permits and approval?
- How is applicant held accountable?
- Will applicant’s description of use continue into the future, i.e. will developer provide assurance of continued benefit as proposed?
- What happens if, in the future, applicant sells the property to another entity?

If funded, AC wants applicant to commit to opening the community meeting space to nonprofits for meeting and gatherings free of charge, in perpetuity. In addition, they desire the allocation of funds be contingent on the City’s approval of all requisite permits to complete the project.

Sunriver Nature Center and Observatory – Campaign for Sunriver Nature Center & Observatory

Statement of Success: A fully integrated experience that highlights not only our terrestrial home, but our celestial neighbors and beyond. The Sunriver Nature Center & Observatory will be every person's gateway to an expanding world of information in the natural sciences.

Amount Requested: \$250,000 – 2-year grant

Scenario A Fund Amount: \$0

Comments:

Gordon reported initially the application sounded great but as the Team did back-end research, it learned applicant did not have permitting, nor real plans in place. In addition, applicant's project budget and the amount of its secured funding was unclear, even after the Team had requested additional information. In addition, there was a question regarding the Deschutes County permit process. The Team chose to not fund this project and wanted to encourage applicant to reapply in 2023 when it had done the requisite work, had a clearer budget and could articulate its secured funding from other sources.

After some discussion, AC agreed to not fund this project and to recommend applicant reapply when the necessary steps have been taken.

The Museum at Warm Springs – The Museum at Warm Springs Exterior Restoration Project

Statement of Success: Providing our visitors with a unique, interpreted experience with the Warm Springs natural environment (25 acres), preparing them for a truly wonderful experience inside The Museum as well as ensuring a safe and secure natural area to park, picnic, walk, view flora/fauna, and experience Shi-tike Creek, a site of immense historical and cultural significance within the homelands of the Warm Springs people.

Amount Requested: \$494,000 – 2-year grant

Scenario A Fund Amount: \$160,000 Year-1; \$100,000 Year-2

Comments:

After analyzing the application and associated fund request, the Team proposes funding the water feature, path, and creek restoration but not fund the lights, gates, landscaping and to additionally recommend applicant request funds from other sources, such as Travel Oregon, Visit Center Oregon, etc., and to reapply to BSF in 2024 to assist with the next phase.

Dugan stated he feels Bend can have a bigger impact on the area around us while fulfilling our obligation to our community. The Team is pleased Warm Springs applied for funding; the prospect of helping fund the two Warm Springs' projects is a pretty powerful statement of BSF's commitment to sustainability and accommodating tourist activities.

AC discussed this application at length, including:

- The high cost of the overall project;
- The particular projects within the plan including the water feature, the use of water in the feature during current drought conditions, and the feasibility of stream restoration;
- The Bend-visitor threshold and whether, like High Desert Museum, people going to the Warm Springs Museum would stay overnight in Bend;
- The Museum's current disrepair and whether the funded overall project would be maintained for the requisite 10-year sustainable period.

AC also addressed:

- The beauty of the project and the surrounding area;
- The Museum is a good stopping point for people traveling into Central Oregon and on their way to Bend.
- It is a "destination within reach" for Bend visitors, of all ages, to explore such a geographically beautiful and historical land;
- Many agreed funding the project provides an opportunity to educate peoples about: tribal history and the tribes' stories; the importance of water and the river to the tribes; the high desert; wildlife; and, even wildfires.

It appeared many members desired to partially fund the project and to encourage applicant to seek additional funding from other sources.

Upper Deschutes Watershed Council – Riverbend South Access and Restoration Project

Statement of Success: To restore habitat along the Deschutes River, at Riverbend Park downstream of the Bill Healy bridge; to limit future degradation, and consolidate and improve access points to the river. These three additional river access points, including once accessible river entry, will be coupled with interpretive signage to educate users about the river and natural resources. When completed, this project will serve as an example for future improvements along the river.

Amount Requested: \$142,565 - 1- year grant

Scenario A Fund Amount: \$129,605

Comments:

Gordon explained the Team proposes funding the 3-access points but not the \$12,960 admin time line item.

After brief discussion, AC stated this project is important; they would like to see it fully funded.

US Forest Service – Royal Flush Trail Completion

Statement of Success: Completion of the entirety of the Royal Flush Trail (¼ mile of additional trail) and enhanced parking options.

Amount Requested: \$10,220 – 1-year grant

Scenario A Fund Amount: \$10,220

Comments:

Gordon reported the Team recommends this project be fully funded; AC concurred.

Warm Springs Community Action Team

Statement of Success:

1. By Summer-Fall 2023, 500-1000 visitors/day (<10% of est 7K-8K) will stop at the Commissary to sample food, art, learn about tribal history, and see the Reservation landscape.
2. By Summer-Fall 2023/24, 10-30 Bend-based hotels will advertise the Commissary and Pavilion as a day trip destination.
3. By Fall-Spring 2023/24, 5-10 Central Oregon tour companies will advertise the Commissary and Pavilion, with 20+% launching specific day tours to visit.
4. By Fall-Spring 2023/25, 5 new small businesses (2-3 food/culinary, 1-2 retail including arts, barbershop, cafe, employing 10-20 people) will be open(ing) at the Commissary.

Amount Requested: \$250,000 - 1- year grant

Scenario A Fund Amount: \$250,000

Comments:

As previously stated, all agreed to fully fund this project; discussion was not necessary.

III. Potential topics for future discussion regarding BSF funding

Pursuant to a query, Gordon affirmed AC can identify those things they would like to see differently in future applications. Topics that may warrant further discussion included:

- How can BSF spread the funds – diversify funding?
- How can BSF support partnerships?
- Instead of funding applications based on a year, at most two, can funding cover a longer-term commitment?
- Can “substantial use” be more clearly defined? How does an applicant show its project meets “substantial use” in its application? In follow up review and assessment, how can recipient demonstrate “substantial use”?
- Is there follow-up with funded recipients? How does applicant subsequently show it meets its defined goals, in the immediate and in future? How is applicant held accountable? How does recipient demonstrate its project’s sustainability, in funding year(s) and the future?
- How does BSF track visitors for projects already in place? projected into the future? What user-data projects are in place?

- How does BSF market its achievements? How does it build upon those to expand its funding and reach?

IV. Next Steps

- Based upon AC comments, the Team will revise the funding recommendations for 2022 and 2023;
- When completed, the revised funding recommendations will be sent to AC for review and comment - BSF is looking to find consensus;
- September 13-September 25, 2022: a Community Ballot will be distributed to the Bend community;
- October 3, 2022: the final funding recommendations will be presented to the Visit Bend Board of Directors;
- Approved grants will be awarded and recipients funded; note: funding for some projects will be based upon applicant meeting specifically defined contingencies.

Gordon thanked the AC for their participation and helpful discussion.

Gordon adjourned the meeting at 3:18pm.

IV. Revised Funding Scenario – September 7, 2022

Based upon AC discussion of August 30, 2022 and Visit Bend's three pillars of sustainability (economic, environmental and/or social), the Team proposed the following revision, with clarifying statements, to the 2022/2023 projects budget and requested reply from AC by end of day Wednesday, September 7, 2022 (see Revised Funding 2022/2023 chart, page 10):

We propose the full funding of four projects:

- Central Oregon Nordic Club - Dutchman/Swamp Trail Signage Improvements;
- Upper Deschutes Watershed Council - Riverbend South Access and Restoration Project;
- USDA Forest Service - Royal Flush Trail Completion; and,
- Warm Springs Community Action Team - Warm Spring Commissary Pavilion.

We propose partial funding of five projects:

- Bend BMX - Bend BMX Improvements

We are excited about the overarching plans you have laid out for a world class BMX venue; this funding cycle we would like to fund portions of the project that do not require permits or applications, and ask that you come back to us in 2023 for additional funding once land use, permits, and development applications have been approved by the county and BPRD.

- Cascade Community Theatre - Cascade Community Theatre Restoration and Upgrades

We are excited to fund this project, the arts and culture community, and a downtown theatre alternative to the Tower; increasing the quality of productions and moving towards making the theatre a more visible tourism related facility.

- Central Oregon Trail Alliance - Wanoga Mountain Bike Hub Development

This project is very exciting and would be an awesome addition to the mountain bike offerings in Bend for numerous reasons. We understand that the NEPA process is not complete and would like to award this funding contingent on NEPA approval by the FS, if complete by spring 2023. If not, we would ask you to apply again in July 2023 once approval for development has been granted.

- Petrich Properties - The Catalyst

Investing in The Catalyst, a tourism related facility in the BCD, will create a ripple effect throughout the core area, spur additional development, and help combat the affordable housing crisis our community currently faces. We ask that Petrich Properties commit, in writing, to opening the community meeting space to nonprofits for meeting and gatherings free of charge, in perpetuity, and first year funding will be contingent on the City's sign off on all permits required to complete the project.

- The Museum at Warm Springs - The Museum at Warm Springs Exterior Restoration

We are excited to fund this project and see a valuable resource in our community come back to life, however, we are not able to provide full funding. We encourage you to seek additional funding from Travel Oregon, Visit Center Oregon, etc, and to reapply for the next phase of the project in 2024.

We propose no funding of two projects at this time:

- Central Oregon Disc Golf Club - Pine Nursery Disc Golf Course Upgrade

Based on inaccurate application and budget discrepancies, we are unable to fund this project in 2022, however, we would ask that you reapply for this or other disc golf project in 2023.

- Sunriver Nature Center & Observatory - Campaign for Sunriver Nature Center & Observatory

Both project scope and budget is unclear and the county permitting process has not been started. When asked for further information regarding the amount of secured funding, we did not receive a clear answer. Once a clear project, timeline and funding plan is in place, please reapply for funding through the BSF.

Revised Funding 2022/2023				Year 1:	Year 2: 50/50				
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Warm Springs Community Action Team	Warm Springs Commissary Pavilion	250,000	1 Year	250,000	0	250,000		0	250,000
TOTAL		2,422,867		1,613,885	808,982	1,100,000	350,000		

Final Note: The revised funding proposal was approved by AC. The Community Ballot will be open to voting from September 13 to September 25, 2022. Following the Community Ballot, the final funding recommendation will go to the Visit Bend Board at its next meeting on October 3, 2022 at 9:00am, via ZOOM.