



ROUTT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA COMMUNICATION FORM

ITEM DATE: 10-22-2019	ITEM TIME: 10:55am-11:25am
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FROM:	Scott Cowman – Routt County Director of Environmental Health Megan Moore-Kemp – YVEA Energy Services Coordinator
TODAY’S DATE:	10/14/2019
AGENDA TITLE:	FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR LEVEL 3 DC FAST CHARGER (ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGER) IN THE TOWN OF YAMPA, CO.

CHECK ONE THAT APPLIES TO YOUR ITEM:

ACTION ITEM

DIRECTION

INFORMATION

I. DESCRIBE THE REQUEST OR ISSUE:

Consideration from the Routt County Board of County Commissioners and motion to approve a commitment to contribute \$10,000 to help fund installation of a Level 3 DC Fast Charger (Electric Vehicle Charger or EV Charger) in the Town of Yampa, Colorado.

II. RECOMMENDED ACTION (*motion*):

A motion to approve a contribution of \$10,000 to help fund installation of a Level 3 DC Fast Charger in the Town of Yampa, Colorado.

III. DESCRIBE FISCAL IMPACTS (VARIATION TO BUDGET):

PROPOSED REVENUE (*if applicable*):

CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT: Currently not budgeted

PROPOSED EXPENDITURE: \$10,000

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NEEDED: YES **NO**

A supplemental budget request may be needed in 2020 if too late to consider adding the item to the 2020 budget.

IV. IMPACTS OF A REGIONAL NATURE OR ON OTHER JURISDICTIONS (IDENTIFY ANY COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS ITEM):

An EV charging station would connect the Flat Tops Scenic Byway from the town of Yampa to Meeker where a charging station already exists. Travel Lodge/Penny’s Diner in Yampa has agreed to host the charging station and maintain plowing for the dedicated EV parking spots.



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V. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Colorado Energy Office (CEO) has reached out to Yampa Valley Electric Association (YVEA) to encourage application for a Charge Ahead Grant to fund a Level 3 charging station (EV Charging Station) to be installed in Yampa, CO. An EV charging station would connect the **Flat Tops Scenic Byway** from the town of Yampa to Meeker where a charging station already exists. CEO is partnering with the Colorado Tourism Office (CTO) on the Byway project. CTO would provide outreach and marketing for the station, the town, and Byway. These high capacity chargers provide an 80% charge in 20-30 minutes.



Flat Tops Scenic Byway

The Charge Ahead Grant Program funds charging station infrastructure throughout Colorado. The source of funding is from the \$14.7 billion Volkswagen (VW) settlement agreement. One of the requirements of the settlement is that VW must create a National Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Investment Plan and spend \$2 billion on ZEV infrastructure and programs, and brand neutral media activities aimed at increasing public awareness of zero emission vehicles. YVEA was recently awarded funds from this grant for two workplace chargers located at the two YVEA campuses.

A grant award would total \$30,000. An initial estimate shows total project costs of \$79,893, leaving a \$49,893 funding gap. YVEA is seeking partnerships to help fund the project, including a \$10,000 contribution from Routt County. YVEA would complete the grant application, bring 3-phase electrical infrastructure to the location, coordinate construction, and own and operate the station. Travel Lodge/Penny's Diner has agreed to host the charging station and maintain plowing for the dedicated EV parking spots. The Grant deadline for this cycle is October 30th, 2019.

Reference Information: <http://cleanairfleets.org/programs/charge-ahead-%20colorado>

VI. LEGAL ISSUES:

Unknown

VII. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

Installation of an EV charging station would help meet goals outlined by the Environmental Services Management Team related to transportation, and also (conceivably) meet objectives of a Climate Action and Resiliency Plan (currently in development).

VIII. SUMMARY AND OTHER OPTIONS:

YVEA is requesting a \$10,000 contribution from Routt County. The other option would be to deny the request, suggest alternate sources of funding and/or ask YVEA to seek other partners to help fund the project.



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IX. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

- Draft Approval letter