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Re: Donation to HCHS

The Hinsdale County Historical Society (HCHS) as a non-profit organization in Lake City, CO, EIN 510199445 kindly requests a donation of $1000 from the Town of Lake City 2027 budget.

HCHS plays an active role in Lake City with its team of volunteers designing new museum displays for interpretation, maintaining past treasures in its archives, leading events such as ghost and cemetery tours, Alfred Packer/ courthouse tours, Volcano and Ute Ulay field lectures, in-museum book signings and author lectures as well as holding the Victorian Banquet fundraiser. Each event attracts visitors to the Hinsdale County Museum and makes their stays in Lake City more rewarding. HCHS is also a co-sponsor of the Halloween Trunk-or-Treat and the annual Turkey Trot which raises money for Toys for Tots. HCHS participates in the Christmas in Lake City event, while supporting other town activities.

Besides recurring expenses to keep the museum operational such as utility, administrative and insurance costs, we see upcoming projects to fix leaking gutters, replace weather damaged wood on the exterior lift and on the roof of Caboose 588 as well as preparing for replacement of our heat boiler. The biggest project for 2027-2028 will be the construction of a Rail Car-Port to protect our newly restored Rail Car 211 along with Caboose 588 from solar damage and winter weather. This will cost approximately $150,000 and HCHS is actively writing grant requests and will be seeking other donations to cover these costs.

The board of directors at Hinsdale County Historical Society thank you and the Lake City Town Trustees for your past support and consideration of this requested donation.

Sincerely,

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