









The Craig Chamber was established in 1946.

Our mission is to build a strong economic environment that contributes to business and community success. The Craig Chamber of Commerce and its members will be the business and community leaders creating positive change



# **Chamber Board of Directors**

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The Marcia Car

Moffat County Visitor Center

# Chamber **MAINSTAYS**

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**Ribbon Cuttings** 

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The Carnival

**Community and Business Promotion** 

Whittle the Wood w/Parrotheads

Policy Engagement

LoveMoffatCounty

**BEST Customer Training** 















Grant Activity			
Grantor	Status	Total Request	Total Approved
BLM	Awarded	400,000	700,000
OEDIT	Awarded	25,000	25,000
City Grant	Awarded	15,000	15,000
CPW OHV	Presented	158,000	
CPW NCOC Partnership	Awarded	120,000	120,000
Waste Management Grant Meeker	Pending	680,000	
Senate Appropriation	Awarded	500,000	500,000
Museum Kilns	Pending	350,000	
Total			1,360,000

### Home Sweet Home



# The Yampa Building

Yampa Building Vision: The Yampa building is a community pillar serving as the Visitor Center, Tourism and Sportsman Headquarters and Chamber Business Hub. Partner agencies and businesses, events, programming and services focus on engaging visitors, advancing small business and economic and community development.

- Visitor Center: Outdoor Recreation and Tourism are identified as areas for economic growth in Northwest Colorado. Creating robust visitor services and amenities will aid in the development of this industry.
- 2. Economic Development: A vibrant presence in the Yampa building is in line with prioritizing our downtown business area. Visitors are encouraged to visit more businesses driving through downtown en route to the Visitor Center. Our coworkspace Yampa CoWorks directly supports economic diversity. Supporting the Arts aligns with our opportunities for economic growth, tourism, and a vital downtown destination.

### Home Sweet Home



Craig Chamber of Commerce The Senior Social Center Northwest Colorado Art Council Moffat County Tourism Association Craig Press



Cortez Consciousness Moffat County Visitor Center Northwest Colorado Center for Independence Yampa CoWorks



























## Watch Now

ON PBS!



WILD RIVERS



FREE TICKETS



### DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE&SCIENCE

### GET FREE ENTRY!

### Pick up at the Chamber!

All tickets expire May 5, 2023. First come, first serve! Tickets are not valid for school or group visits.

- All residents and visitors have access to trails, parks and open spaces to enjoy outdoor recreation.
- Protected natural areas provide habitats for wildlife and places where people can enjoy nature forever.
- People benefit from clean and healthy waterways and open spaces. Visitors and residents are active stewards of trails, parks, open spaces, waterways and wildlife.
- The economy thrives from the outdoor recreation economy, as well as partnerships with federal, state and local governments and their funding sources.

### We advocate to improve the health of our community by:

- Ensuring quality access to all modes of outdoor recreation.
- Conserving land, water, and wildlife.
- Identifying and implementing programs and strategies that support sustainable recreation in our region.
- Securing adequate funds for sustainable outdoor recreation and conservation







In 2050, Colorado's people and economy thrive because of our healthy lands, water, wildlife, and working farms and ranches, accompanied by improved, inclusive outdoor recreation, hunting, and angling opportunities for all. The Colorado Outdoor Partnership works towards this vision using Colorado's Outdoor Principles, and acknowledges that outdoor recreation and conservation should reflect, respect and value the demographic and cultural diversity of our state.

The Regional Outdoor Partnerships were created to ensure that our State remains a world-class outdoor destination while preserving our land, water, wildlife, and quality of life.



The Northwest Colorado Outdoor Coalition exists as the regional partnership representing <u>Moffat</u> and <u>Rio Blanco</u> Counties as recognized by the Colorado Outdoor Partnership.

NCOC aims to promote, expand and protect the unique outdoor recreational opportunities, wildlife habitats, and cultural heritage of our region for visitors and residents alike.



## hit the **ROAD**

2022 Chamber Executive Advocacy Program

Gail Severson Top 25 Most Powerful Women in Business

2022 Boettcher Doers & Difference Makers Fellow

Colorado Chamber 2022 CEO of the Year































# The ROAD AHEAD





### **Calling All Middle** School Students!

Share your ideas and show off your citizenship skills in the National Civics Bee.

### About the Bee

The National Civics Bee is an annual competition that encourages young Americans to engage in civics and contribute to their communities. In the first round of the contest, local middle school students will participate in an essay competition. Judges will then select 20 finalists to participate in the local competition: a live quiz event testing civics knowledge. Then, the top 3 students from each local competition will advance to the state competition.

### How to Enter

If you are a middle school student with an idea about using civics to solve a problem in your community, review the rules and guidelines on this page: https://my.reviewr.com/civicsbee/site/CivicsBee /CO/CraigChamberofCommerce

Next, complete the online submission form, including contact information for your parent or guardian, and upload (preferred method) or mail your 500-word essay.

#### Essay Deadline: February 24, 2023

Craig Chamber of Commerce \$500 cash prize

\$1,000 cash prize STATE FIRST PLACE Each finalist receives a certificate.

LOCAL FIRST PLACE

775 Yampa Ave. Craig, CO 81625 membership@craigchamber.com Call 970.824.5689 for more details.

The National Civics Bee is presented by the Craig Chamber of Commerce, with support from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation

## **National Civics** Bee

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 Luttrell Barn

6:00 pm









Opportunity Now Grant 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase



An immersive education program rooted in individual, business, community transformation exploring the intersection of experience design, cooperative advantage, placemaking, and community.

### BENEFITS FOR THE COMMUNITY + Create new

opportunities for community connection, identity, and investment. + Foster entrepreneurship while sparking crosssector collaboration. + Support the resiliency and growth of the neighborhood, community, region, and state. + Create unique experiences built from local assets. + Opportunity to layer and accelerate personal, business, and community transformation.

### BENEFITS FOR PARTICIPANTS Expand for-sale

offerings through creative experiences and transformational moments. + Experiential learnings and tailored technical assistance to strengthen the business. + Guidance in testing and trying new concepts. + Access to funding to scale ideas that are working. + Connection into a statewide network of talent and collaborative opportunities. + Exploration of new resilient business models that thrive in the experience economy



# Thank you, City of Craig for submitting a letter of support for this grant!

# Investment YAMPA BUILDING

\$500,000 Awarded for Yampa Building upgrades including ADA access to second level and upgraded bathrooms. A commissary style community kitchen will be added as a business support service and community amenity. Jenison Custom Builders will begin work this fall.



Fundamentals Free Seminar



Monday, October 24th 12:00-1:30 PM Craig Chamber of Commerce 775 Yampa Ave. Craig, CO

This free class was made possible by a rural business development grant from the USDA. LEARN ABOUT

A well-built website



Who will win?







There are things to do in MOFFAT COUNTY









