



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
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Re: Info Update

FREE MONEY FROM THE FEDS!

Of course, we know that federal money is never free (just borrowed) money; nonetheless, the State of Colorado has finally decided to start allocating money it has received from the CARES Act (Federal government) to counties and municipalities. The allocation process is still not defined, but we expect it to be a grant-type request. It is our initial understanding that the more we collaborate with adjacent municipalities and the county the stronger our “grant request” will be. As an order of magnitude, we believe all of Pitkin County may be eligible for up to \$1.5 million dollars. Of that amount, Snowmass Village could be eligible for about \$170K (largely based on population distribution). In initial talks with the County, Basalt and Aspen we are thinking that rather than dividing the money between the organizations, we may be much better off to keep the money in one organization and have it be invested for much needed county-wide services like contact tracers, consumer protection staff, inspection and education efforts and other similar services that are needed to ensure safety guidelines are in place and complied with. The State hasn’t even created the grant process yet, so we may be putting the cart before the horse, but assuming we aren’t, we think combining our forces to achieve this county-wide goal will make our grant application very strong and help provide funding for some much needed services. We think this region approach will help make sure we open as safely as is possible. If you have thoughts or concerns about this joint approach, please let me know.

SPEAKING OF MONEY FROM THE FEDS

Next week we expect to receive about \$580K to help further subsidize the cost of the Village Shuttle. This is obviously great news. The additional revenue will help to off-set the costs of closing down early and of additional equipment we have been purchasing for the buses to increase cleanliness and safety for the passengers and drivers.

MORE GOOD NEWS

In compliance with the State-wide Public Health Order, we will open playgrounds, basketball courts, the skatepark and tennis courts on Monday. Over the next couple of weeks we expect to receive further guidance on how and when the Recreation Center can open. At this point, we are planning on the Recreation Center and associated day camps to open on June 15 (subject to regulations and a potential soft opening for some activities). As with all things, the Recreation Center will not be able to open at full capacity, nor operate like we used to. We will have a reservation system set up so we can control occupancy and meet distancing requirements. The gym floor replacement will be completed very soon, but because of all the construction dust created by the project, we will need to undertake yet another

deep cleaning effort. Finally, we are hoping to receive guidance on when the pool can open in the near future, but as of today, we don't yet have a date that the state will allow the pool to open.

MAYOR'S TASKFORCE FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY

The Taskforce met again this morning. In addition to the Shop Local Campaign and other ideas developed last week, the Taskforce fully embraced the concept of creating a shop local voucher program. The Taskforce thought this would be an excellent way to increase activity in the community and get traffic to local businesses. We are developing programs details as I type.

TID BITS

- We still are still trying to determine if and how sports leagues could happen this summer.
- Construction activity on the new Big Burn 6 pack is starting to mobilize.
- Restaurants and lodges could open starting on Wednesday at a 50% capacity. Be sure to swing buy and support our local merchants.
- Speaking of restaurants, we are working with them to expand the areas they can serve food and alcohol. Our hope is that providing them more acreage to have tables, they will be able to more safely serve their customers.
- In addition to keeping the rest of the community safe, we are continuing to work on protocols and procedures to keep our own TOSV staff safe too.
- Our Summer marketing program starts this week. In addition to adds and activities we expect to have our guest services staff on board to answer questions starting mid-June.
- Coffey Place is making progress. Foundations are in and framing is going up. We also closed on our construction loan this week. We are working with the contractor to understand the additional cost we incurred for the construction shut down.
- We are exploring ideas to install more electric charging stations in the Village.
- The Planning Commission will continue its review of the Base Village PUD Amendment on June 3.
- Pitkin County launched a new COVID – 19 Website this week with all sorts of tracking information. You can go direct to [covid19.pitkincounty.com](https://www.covid19.pitkincounty.com) or [pitkincounty.com/covid](https://www.pitkincounty.com/covid)
- We are planning to stripe all the roadways starting Monday, June 1st. Starting with Brush Creek, Owl Creek, Highline then into the subdivisions.
- WE-cycle is coming to Snowmass Village! The docking station has been installed, and the bikes are expected to show up the week of June 8.



CC: Department Directors