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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Garfield County grants \$350,000 to YouthZone**

*Nonprofit moves into its new Glenwood Springs home in March*

GARFIELD COUNTY, CO – Garfield County has granted \$350,000 to YouthZone, helping the nonprofit to meet fundraising goals toward its services and new facility in Glenwood Springs. In April 2018, the Garfield County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) agreed to a \$250,000 matching grant for YouthZone’s capital campaign.

Lori Mueller, YouthZone executive director, told the BOCC that through donations from the community, the nonprofit raised \$1.4 million, which was just short of its \$1.7 million objective.

“Our fund-raising campaign was community driven and heartfelt,” she said. “It was very inspiring.”

YouthZone, which offers counselling, mentor programs, and other services for at-risk youth in the area, aims to provide improved and expanded services from Aspen to Parachute. The nonprofit moves into its new home at 413 Ninth St. in Glenwood Springs on March 1.

The funding came from the county’s Energy Mitigation Fund. The BOCC commended Mueller on the nonprofit’s fundraising efforts.

“They have done a wonderful job of collecting funds, and now we need to live up to our word saying that we’d assist if they didn’t quite make it to their goal,” said Commissioner John Martin.

The commissioners approved the grant funds unanimously, 3-0.

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