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Title	<b>Lone Peak Film Festival</b>	06/18/2025
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## Original Submission 06/18/2025

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Request Name	Lone Peak Film Festival
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Who will be the fiscal sponsor of this request?	Lone Peak Film Institute
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Description	<p>Lone Peak Film Institute, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded on December 10, 2024, champions inspiring stories, builds community, offers mentorship, and supports local and Indigenous filmmakers. We are requesting funds to host a film festival in Big Sky, highlighting films with narratives of perseverance and resilience as a counterbalance to the relentless negativity in the media. A grant would support our inaugural festival September 19-21, 2025 (<a href="#">HOME   Lone Peak Film Fest</a>).</p>
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Our Board of Directors and Advisory Board include a diverse group of Indigenous filmmakers, Film industry veterans, and local arts leaders including Bayard Dominick, Ania Bulis, Brook Pepion Swaney, Daniel Glock, Dylan Hale Thornton, Ivan MacDonald, Laynee Jones, Lucia Ortega Toeldo, Rene Jones, Thad Beaty, Bill Weinstein, Jason Burlage and JD Hock. The festival's goals align closely with the Big Sky Resort Tax impact area of Arts & Culture. We see the film festival as an opportunity to share inspiring stories, to cultivate a sense of pride and belonging, and to strengthen the cultural fabric of Big Sky.

We have already secured \$87,750 in commitments from A&E Networks, the Montana Department of Commerce, YCCF, Moonlight Community Foundation, Northwestern Energy, Langlass Construction, American Bank, Karst Stage and others, demonstrating strong regional support.

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Select the projects Investment Type	Programming
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Select the projects Impact Area	Arts & Culture
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Where will this project be taking place?	The festival will be focused in the walkable Big Sky Town Center. Screenings will take place at the Waypoint, lodging for filmmakers will be at the Wilson and in the homes of local volunteer hosts, and the new Big Sky Arts Council building will host additional programming.
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Please explain the community benefit of the project

The Lone Peak Film Festival will be a community-strengthening and family-friendly event that we hope will become a joyful, annual mainstay in the tapestry of Big Sky life. Montana-based and Indigenous stories, in particular, can cultivate a sense of belonging and strengthen cultural fabric. It will offer opportunities to interact with filmmakers, artists, and established industry veterans, to watch uplifting cinema, participate in expert panels and Q&As, and to hear stories tied to land in Big Sky and Montana. We will invite students from Big Sky schools, offer learning panels from film industry veterans and, as the festival grows, partner with Montana State University.

We will gauge success through feedback from attending filmmakers and community members, specifically through the number of local attendees, number of attending filmmakers, and number of attending mentors.

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What is the Resort Tax request for this project?

24550

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What is the total cost of this project?

155000

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Provide a list of the expenses this should this project be awarded funding

BSRAD microgrant funding would be used for the following:

1. \$750/each stipend for up to 17 filmmakers to cover travel expenses including food and transportation = \$12,750
2. Artist grants to filmmaker(s) to cover filmmaking costs = \$10,000
3. Airfare for filmmaker mentors = \$1,800

Note - if acceptable to BSRAD, expenses for grants and stipends may increase or decrease, with the total request remaining the same.

Total = \$24,550

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When do you plan to have incurred the costs being requested?

9/3/2025

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Please provide any additional information on this request if needed

The festival itself will have four story buckets, all of which will share a baseline of positivity and focusing on the good in humanity. The four, which we chose as a reflection of Montana's cultural fabric, are rural/small town stories, stories of the great outdoors, Indigenous stories, and stories of human perseverance and achievement.

We have spent over a year in conversations with Big Sky community members about this festival idea, building our team and cultivating partnerships, including with the Big Sky Arts Council and Chamber of Commerce.

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Please provide the name(s) and email addresses of who will be representing this request at the next BSRAD board meeting

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Application Review & Final Submission

If your application is still in progress you may save your work using the "Save Draft" button. If your application is complete and ready for District review submit using the "Submit Form" button. Once submitted you may not make changes or edits to your application. Application Review: Applications generally will be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting. The board meeting schedule can be found on the District website. If received less than 10 days before the next regularly scheduled meeting it will not be reviewed until the following month/meeting. The applicant must be present at the review meeting to answer questions or provide more information requested by the Board. Application review will not occur during the regular Annual Allocation Meetings (generally in June).

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## Lone Peak Film Festival Microgrant-Contract Amendment Request

Reason for change: We ended up with a broader range of filmmakers and their locations than we anticipated (including overseas!) and therefore are seeking flexibility in reimbursing travel and travel stipends.

Approved grant = total of \$24,450

1. \$750 stipends to 17 filmmakers = \$12,750
2. artists grants to cover filmmaking costs = \$10,000
3. airfare for filmmaker mentors = \$1,800

Requested change = total actual expenses will be under \$24,300

1. \$750 stipends to 14 filmmakers = \$10,500
2. \$375 stipends to cover food but not travel for 2 filmmakers because they are local = \$750
3. (note 1 filmmaker declined stipend because he is local and will only attend 1 day)
4. \$1,322 to cover flight expenses for filmmakers with expensive flights, including one overseas
5. artists grants to cover filmmaking costs = \$10,000 (same as original request)
6. actual airfare for filmmaker mentors = ~\$1700 (similar/under original request)