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WELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECEIVE DONATION TO THE BRIGHT FUTURES GRANT PROGRAM

WELD COUNTY, CO – The City of Evans Mayor John Morris and City Manager Aden Hogan presented the Weld County Board of Commissioners with a donation to the Weld County Bright Futures Grant Program in the amount of \$21,000 to fund seven students with \$3,000 per year for up to four years.



Mayor Morris and City Manager Hogan presented Commissioner Pro-Tem Sean Conway, Commissioner Chair Mike Freeman, Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer and Commissioner Steve Moreno with a donation to the Bright Futures Grant Program on March 30, 2016.

"Education is the cornerstone of any great community," said Commissioner Chair Mike Freeman. "The Board is proud to partner with the City of Evans to help grow our county's workforce."

Since its launch on September 1, 2015, the grant program has received many donations from businesses and residents, but the City of Evans is the first municipality in the county to invest in Bright Futures. "I challenge all Weld County municipal leaders to join us in partnering with Weld County by making a donation to the Bright Futures Grant Program," said Mayor Morris.

"Similar to Commissioner Freeman's comment, municipalities are the cornerstone of any great county," said Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer. "The Board is very appreciative of the City of Evans donation and their willingness to invest in the future of Weld County."

The Weld County Bright Futures Grant Program was initiated after the Board pursued a legislative change through Senate Bill 15-82 during the 2015

session. This change put in place the necessary authority to allow the use of county property tax incentive payments or credits by taxpayers who wish to contribute to a county workforce development fund.

For more information about the Weld County Bright Futures Grant Program, visit www.weldcountybrightfutures.com.

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