# Tourism and Prosperity Partnership

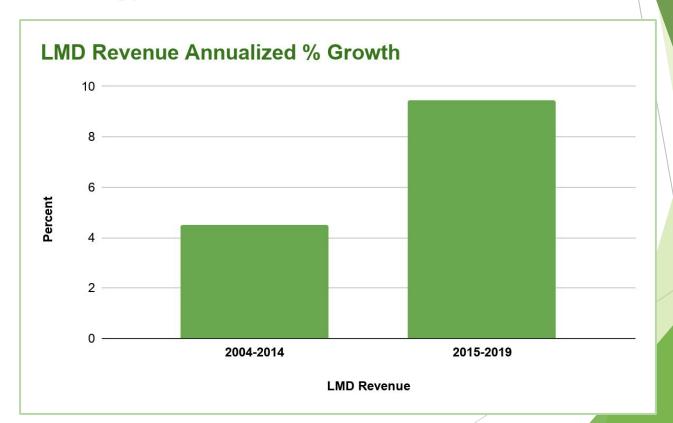


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# **TAPP Principles**

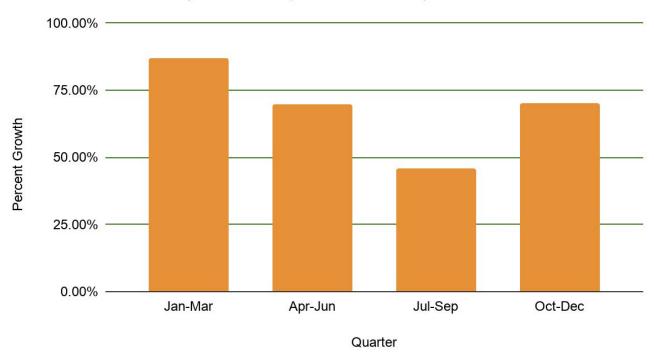
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# Revenue Growth Accelerated Through Trail Strategy

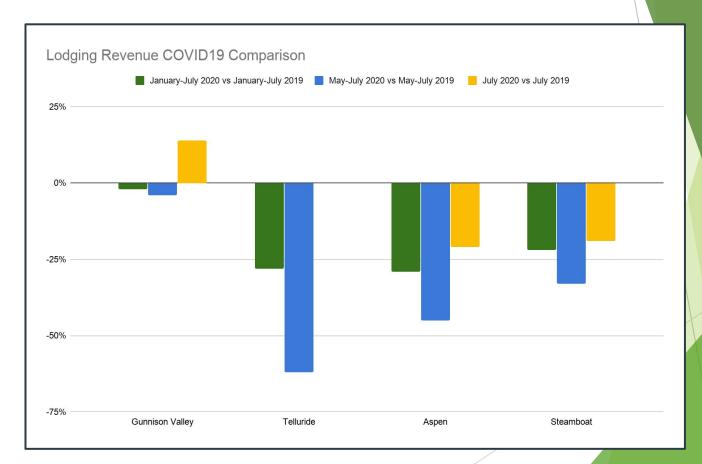


### **5 Year Seasonal Revenue Growth**

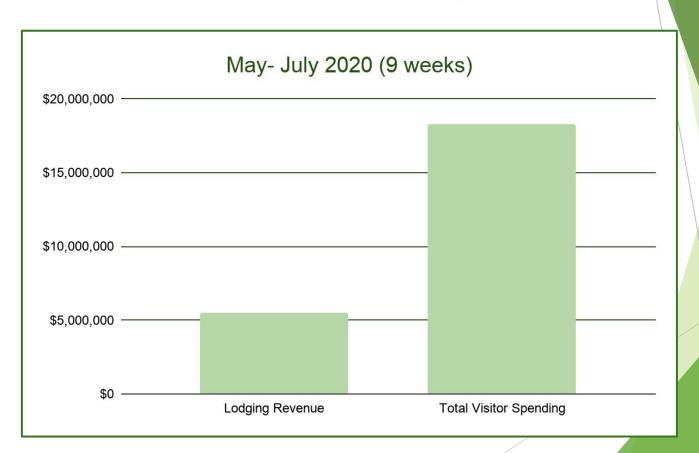
Percent Growth By Quarter (2014 to 2019)



### 2020 To Date



# Incremental Revenue vs Average Recovery



# Proposed results and measurements for those results consistent with the purpose of the GUNNISON-CRESTED BUTTE TA;

- Continuing to show lodging revenue share gains vs other hard-to-get-to Colorado mountain valleys
- 2. Economic Development
  - a. Recruit or help create one company that exports product from the valley
  - b. Help create new jobs \$50,000/year or greater in the valley
  - c. Help grow export companies' revenue annually
- 3. Continued active participation in and support for STOR
- Continued support for positioning Western as a great school in a great location.
  Efforts to position Gunnison as a satellite for outdoor entrepreneurs

# Proposed strategies and associated budgets to achieve the proposed results;

- 1. With tourism, continue the efforts on trails, summer and winter, and our best-in-class messages with regards to our trails systems. Continue to search for other strategies and efforts that will pay dividends
- Strong website presence for other activities such as fishing, wildflowers, and special events
- 3. ICELab continues hosting incubators and accelerators for local entrepreneurs
  - a. Exploring another Outdoor Industry Accelerator with entrepreneurs who may be open to moving their companies to the valley
  - b. Targeting professionals who now have the ability to work remotely
  - c. Maintaining a strong website presence of the benefits of the valley for those considering relocating here

Strategies for creation, maintenance and coordination of an effective digital presence for the County;

- Maintaining gunnisoncrestedbutte.com, cbgtrails.com, gcbeconomicdevelopment.com, and ICELab.co websites with a focus on search engine optimization
- 2. Continued focus on content based electronic media targeting our most likely satisfied visitors, summer and winter
- 3. Regular presence on partner websites

#### Strategies for marketing in-valley experiences and fulfillment;

- 1. Continued financial support for valley visitor centers
- 2. CBGTrails map app
- 3. TrailQuest game
- 4. Trail signage program
- 5. STOR, CBCC, and STOR Corps support
- 6. CB Avalanche Center support
- 7. Continuing the Events Grants program
- 8. Partner listings on appropriate websites

Proposed performance-based contracts with vendors and subcontractors that contract with the GCBTA;

- All vendors and subcontractors are evaluated on performance every year Examples include
  - Switch from Hill Aevium agency to Colvita will result in cost savings and enhancements to competitive analysis
  - ii. New social media content coordinator has driven enhanced engagement with social media users
  - iii. Development contract with TerraQuest ended, and ongoing support is ensured at an hourly rate
  - iv. Negotiated a reduction in Arrivalist contract from \$70K annually to \$60K annually

Coordination with strategic partners including but not limited to CBMR, Western Colorado University, Gunnison and CB/MCB Chambers, major businesses and employers, municipalities, public lands agencies, and event promoters

- 1. CBMR. Agreed on complementary brand messaging. Coordinating on marketing airline programs
- 2. Western. Continued support for Blister Speaker Series. Placing graduates in careers and undergraduates in internships. Working with Outdoor MBA students on capstone projects
- 3. Chambers. Continued financial support for visitor centers. Providing occupancy projections. Aligning the missions of Chambers, SBDC, and ICELab
- 4. Major businesses. Through the ICELab, provided support for Beacon Guidebooks, Team Prep, Campfire Ranch, Camp 4 Coffee, Blister, Third Bowl Ice Cream, Hustle Bike Labs, and several companies just getting ready to launch
- 5. Municipalities. Annual or semi-annual reports to councils. Frequent work with town managers. Partnering with MCB on marketing programs
- 6. Public Lands agencies. Financial support for STOR Corps, Gunnison Trails, and CBMBA/CBCC. Active participation on STOR committee
- Event promoters. Annual grants process for non-peak period special events continues. Major contribution to 2020 Cattlemen's Days
- 8. In 2020, helped launch the Business Subgroups and acted as Public Information Office in response to the COVID outbreak

# **Marketing Overview**

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### Hill Aevium to Colvita: ~\$75K

#### Switch of agency

- 1. Historical knowledge
- Cost savings
- 3 Other data sources

#### Media buying agency

- Social media spending
- 2. SEO
- 3. Digital media
- 4. Tracking and reporting







### **Arrivalist: \$60K**

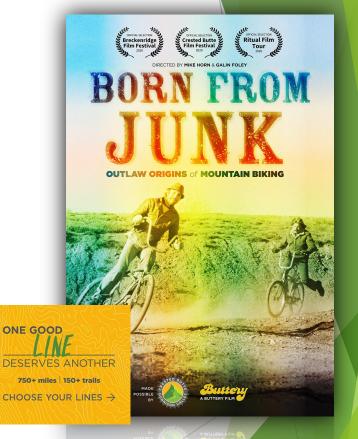
- Negotiated a reduction in contract from \$70K annually to \$60K annually
- 2. We continue to utilize this across our missions and beyond
  - a. Drives marketing decisions
  - Helps with STOR and County Planning
  - c. Was used during COVID response
  - d. Conversations with potential business relocations
  - Western Outdoor MBA student project support



# ARRIVALIST

# Buttery: ~\$200K

- 1. Big lift in building content the past 5 years
- 2. Reducing spend on content creation this year
- 3. Increasing spend on branding work







### Blister: \$127K

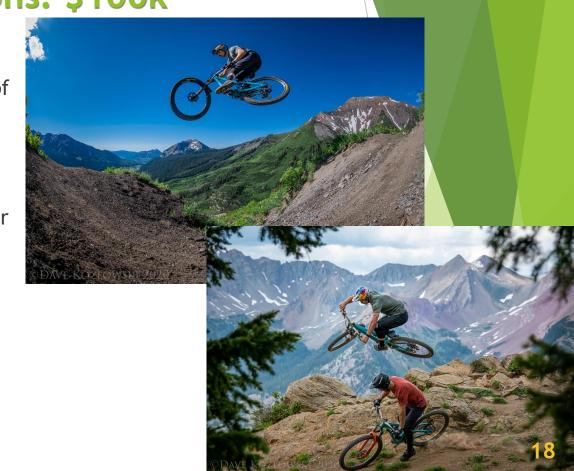
- 1. Monthly site traffic up 55% from 2019 to 430k
- Newsletter reach 102% increase from 2018 to over 46k
- 3. Content creation for the valley
- 4. Contacts in industry
- Western support
- 6. Blister Summit





## **Matchstick Productions: \$100k**

- In valley production with 75% of film taking place in the Gunnison Valley
- Top athletes amplifying the message
- 3. Promotions throughout the year
  - a Newsletters
  - b. Pre-roll to winter film
  - c. Social Media posts
- 4. Film to go on tour next spring



### **Social Media Content: \$42K**

- Continued content focus to social media
- Growing our photo library for editorial, advertorial and all other purposes
- Added responsibilities this year
  - a. Organization of content libraries
  - Filming short social videos
  - Additional photo deliverables







### Cision: \$14K

- 1. Allows us to track editorial coverage over time
- 2. Huge database of journalist contact information
- Empowering community partners



## TerraQuest: \$5K (Annual Maintenance)

- 1. The heavy development of CBGTrails is complete
- 2. Our costs reduced dramatically
- 3. Now pursuing worldwide clients



# **ICELab Results 2019**

Annual Metrics	2019 Goal	2019 Actual
Companies Recruited	1	1
Jobs Created	5	5
Jobs > \$50K Created	1	3
Revenue \$ Increase	\$200,000	\$873,000
WCU Interns/Grads Placed	2	5

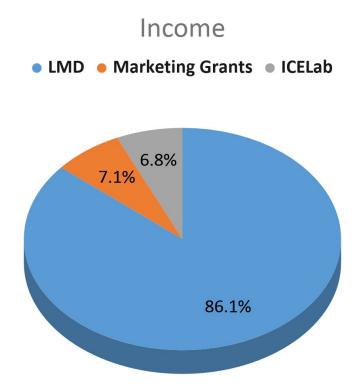
### **ICELab Focus 2021**

- 1. Coworking
- 2. Startups
  - a. Pre-incubator & Incubator
- 3. Established Businesses
  - a. Accelerator
- 4. Recruiting
  - a. Remote worker campaign
  - b. National Outdoor Industry Accelerator
  - c. Event participation
  - Leverage Western Rady School and Outdoor MBA for business recruitment

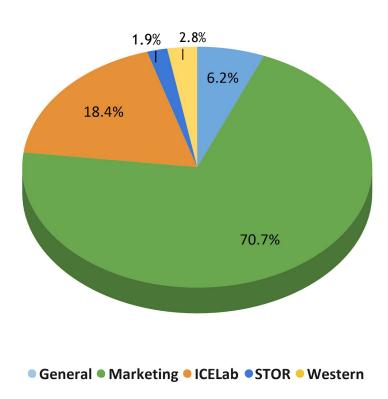
#### **LMD Funds Request**

Requesting \$2.04M, a reduction of (5%) or (\$107K)

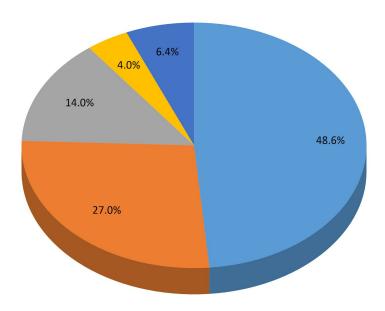
2020	2021 Reductio		%
\$2,147,990	\$2,040,590	(\$107,400)	(5%)



Expense by Purpose



Expense by Type



■ Marketing Reach ■ Personnel & Subcontractors ■ Content Creation ■ Visitor Experience ■ Other

	General	TA Snow	TA Non-Snow	ICELab	STOR	Western	TOTAL
Income	\$2,040,591	\$150,000	\$18,500	\$160,500	\$0	\$0	\$2,369,591
Websites and App	\$0	\$14,839	\$85,945	\$29,550	\$0	\$0	\$130,334
Content Creation	\$0	\$75,850	\$111,977	\$12,500	\$0	\$0	\$200,327
Social Media	\$0	\$2,971	\$66,500	\$7,650	\$0	\$25,000	\$102,121
Digital Media	\$0	\$80,293	\$375,772	\$6,400	\$0	\$0	\$462,465
Print Media	\$0	\$6,551	\$38,413	\$7,750	\$0	\$0	\$52,714
Air Specific Media	\$0	\$165,000	\$26,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$191,500
Grants Awarded	\$0	\$71,421	\$88,421	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$169,842
Press Trips	\$0	\$44,500	\$48,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$92,500
Research	\$60,648	\$7,133	\$6,925	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$74,706
Special Projects	\$500	\$280	\$1,580	\$7,920	\$0	\$30,000	\$40,280
Subcontractors	\$11,400	\$31,460	\$32,940	\$29,000	\$0	\$0	\$104,800
Personnel	\$10,800	\$126,167	\$127,000	\$268,000	\$0	\$0	\$531,967
Travel/Meals/Entertainment	\$0	\$5,929	\$19,855	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$55,784
Public Lands Experience	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$44,210	\$0	\$44,210
Visitor Centers	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
Admin/Other	\$13,484	\$2,109	\$3,875	\$35,700	\$0	\$0	\$55,168
Total Expense	\$146,832	\$634,502	\$1,033,704	\$434,470	\$44,210	\$65,000	\$2,358,717

# **LMD Monthly Request**

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
\$255,073.81	\$238,068.89	\$221,063.97	\$204,059.05	\$204,059.05	\$178,551.67

Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
\$161,546.75	\$136,039.37	\$136,039.37	\$119,034.45	\$102,029.53	\$85,024.60

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