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### **Town Clinic of Crested Butte Awarded Seed Grant from Colorado Rural Health Center**

*The Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC) recognized the Town Clinic of Crested Butte as this month's featured member and recipient of a CRHC grant.*

Denver, Colo – The Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC) is proud to feature the Town Clinic of Crested Butte, PLLC (TCCB) as this month's featured member. TCCB is a first time CRHC member, having joined the membership in November 2014.

The clinic is a primary care medical clinic staffed by one board-certified family physician, providing primary care services, urgent care services, and emergent care services to the Crested Butte community.

CRHC chose to feature the Town Clinic of Crested Butte as a recent recipient of CRHC's Seed Grant program. Seed grant money is available for rural projects whose intent matches the mission of CRHC. Rural organizational members can apply for these grants in amounts up to \$1,200.

TCCB used the grant funds to purchase a Physio-Control Lifepak 12 Biphasic Defibrillator with Access Emergency Device (AED). A new model AED was needed to replace the previous AED, which no longer met the current standard of care.

Purchase of a new AED was essential to provide the Crested Butte community with access and treatment should the need arise for a victim to be treated with AED defibrillation.

CRHC was eager to award TCCB a Seed Grant in support of purchasing an AED. "We know how important AEDs are in rural areas," says Melissa Bosworth, director of workforce and outreach at CRHC.

"The Town Clinic of Crested Butte proved this need in their grant application, citing the fact that cardiac victims would otherwise be required to wait for the volunteer EMS staff to arrive or travel 40 minutes for transport to the local hospital in Gunnison," Bosworth explained.

CRHC also provides rural communities with AED and basic life support training through the Rural Access to Emergency Devices (RAED) grant program. This article highlights the program and recent accomplishments,

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To learn more about Town Clinic of Crested Butte visit <http://www.towncliniccb.com/>.

To learn more about CRHC, visit [www.coruralhealth.org](http://www.coruralhealth.org). If you would like more information about the Seed Grant program visit <http://coruralhealth.org/seed>.

### **About Colorado Rural Health Center**

The Colorado Rural Health Center was established in 1991 as Colorado's State Office of Rural Health. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, CRHC's serves dual roles as the State Office of Rural Health with the mission of assisting rural communities in addressing healthcare issues; and as the State Rural Health Association, advocating for policy change to ensure that rural Coloradoans have access to comprehensive, affordable healthcare services of the highest quality. For more information visit [www.coruralhealth.org](http://www.coruralhealth.org), call 303-832-7493, or call toll free 800-851-6782 from rural Colorado.

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