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Rendezvous gets surprise grant award

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Rifle's annual summer Rendezvous Festival was recently surprised to receive a \$10,000 grant.

"It takes a tremendous amount of dedication and hard work to receive something like this," said festival organizer Judy Hewitt of Rifle.

The organization applied for the grant from the Colorado Humanities program, through the National Endowment for Humanities' "We, the People" grant program.

Hewitt said that, to their surprise, the festival became one of only a few organizations to ever receive the full grant.

With the grant, Hewitt said, they hoped to add new educational re-enactments, including the 10th Calvary Buffalo Soldiers, Annie Oakley, Buffalo Bill and Jose Torres and the Charros to this years 12th annual festival. Hewitt added the festival planned to invite cowboy poets, musicians, dancers and demonstrators.

Also during festival weekend, May 16-18, will be bike night and a Sunday service.

For more information about the grant, or to volunteer for the festival, contact Hewitt at 625-0943, Larry Glenn at 625-3030 or visit riflerendezvous.org.

