

Town of Crested Butte
Community Grant Guidelines
Modified for fall 2020

Program Goals

The Town supports the community by providing financial and/or staff resources to non-governmental organizations for special projects and programs that supplement municipal government operations and enhance quality of life for the community. This has been particularly important during the COVID 19 pandemic of 2020. The following principals, details and guidelines are intended for the fall 2020 grant cycle, with specific emphasis on helping the Community through the pandemic.

Guiding Principals

- We believe that creative and sustainable solutions come from people who work collaboratively to address common community needs and aspirations
- We will give high priority to investments that help our Community deal with the pandemic through the fall and winter 20/21.
- We recognize and respect the need for advancing equity, diversity, creativity, and inclusion within our program
- **Priority consideration for the fall 2020 grant cycle will be given to grant requests that:**
 - Support mental health and/or substance abuse mitigation in the Gunnison Valley
 - Support physical health and / or recreation outlets during the fall and winter 2020 / 2021
 - Provide food or housing security for those in need

Program Details

The Fall 2020 Community Grants Program will have a total grant pool of \$75,000. This will be funded primarily through the newly enacted (2020) nicotine tax. Some remaining funds (<\$10,000) left over from the spring grant cycle will also be used as part of the \$75,000 fall grant pool. Individual awards will typically be limited to no more than \$5,000.

Application deadline will be September 30th for a Council decision in mid-October. Disbursement of grant funds will be within 2-weeks after Council approval.

Please note that in accordance with C.R.S. 31-15-901, the Town Council is authorized to appropriate funds to aid and foster charity organizations; however, no money can be provided to any organization wholly or in part under sectarian or denominational control.

Applicant Qualifications

- An organization holding a current tax-exempt status under Section 501(c) of the IRS Code
- Applicants should be organizations of the Crested Butte community (Upper Valley preference)
- Applicant must provide significant and measurable benefits (offsetting pandemic impacts) to the greater Crested Butte community
- Applicant must be fiscally responsible with clear budgets, no past-due debts, etc.

- Organizations may not be religious nor political in nature

Strong Community Grant Proposals Should Demonstrate:

- Funding requests must align with one or more of the guiding principles listed above
- Community support is evident through local contributions / volunteer engagement
- Organization has a track record of effective outcomes
- Use of funds is clearly articulated within overall project budget
- Good planning is evident in the project timetable, goals, and staffing
- Plans for evaluating impact are clear, appropriate, measurable, and achievable

Note: Proposals will be evaluated and scored against the above considerations. Those with higher scores will be given funding priority.