



*your local recreation district*  
**Community Collaboration Grant Program**

The Gunnison County Metropolitan Recreation District (“District”) will consider funding requests for recreation projects and programs that help fulfill the District’s [Recreation Strategic Plan](#). For 2021, the District appropriated \$30,000 for its Community Collaboration Grant Program. Grant requests of up to \$5,000 will be considered.

**Eligible Applicants**

Local governmental organizations, special districts, and non-profit organizations are eligible.

**Program Goals**

The District strives to improve our citizens’ quality of life by promoting vital recreation opportunities. The Community Collaboration Grant Program is designed to:

- Promote quality recreation amenities and sustainable programming for the District’s service area.
- Encourage efforts that reduce local barriers to recreation faced by youth, elderly, and underserved communities.
- Keep recreational programs and services diverse and affordable.
- Support collaborative initiatives that achieve solutions needed by the *entire* valley.

**Project Budget & Match Requirements**

Applicants are expected to commit financially to the program or project. A match of 20% of the total project cost is encouraged, which can include in-kind matches.

**Application Process & Timeline**

- **March 29, 2021:** Grant Application & Guidelines posted on District website ([www.gcmetrec.com](http://www.gcmetrec.com))
- **April 26, 2021:** Grant Applications Due (submit via e-mail to District Manager at [hedda@gcmetrec.com](mailto:hedda@gcmetrec.com))
- **May 21, 2021:** Grants Awarded

The District can only reimburse grant funds for work that is initiated and completed AFTER the execution of a Grant Agreement Contract. Community Collaboration grantees are allowed up to 1 year from the award date to complete their project. Should unexpected circumstances arise that delay the project timeline, please contact the District Manager to discuss alternative plans. *If you are funded this year, there is no guarantee of funding next year. Every applicant must reapply each year and may or may not be granted funds for similar or different projects.*

## Community Collaboration Grant

### APPLICATION

General Information	
Applicant Entity/Organization	
Mailing Address	
Lead Contact, Title	
Telephone	
E-mail	
Project Title	
Grant Request Amount	\$
Matching Funds	\$
Total Project Cost	\$

- 1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION (300 words max.)** - Please describe in detail the program or project. Be sure to explain how the project/program provides a recreational outlet for the area's residents. Provide the project/program's timeline (anticipated start/end times). **(10 pts)**
- 2. NEED (300 words max.)** - Please describe how you determined the need for this project/program. Please demonstrate the necessity of Community Collaboration Grant funds in order to achieve the project/program goals. **(25 pts)**
- 3. OUTCOMES (300 words max)** - Demonstration of positive outcomes for program participants or project users. If you're requesting funds for an existing program, how has the program impacted participants in the past? If you're requesting funds for a new project/program, please provide clear project goals and describe how you will measure the success of the program/project? **(20 pts)**
- 4. ACCESS (300 words max.)** - Demonstration of the breadth of the population served and the project/program's reach into underserved segments of the greater Gunnison Valley community. Please also describe how many residents are expected to benefit from the project/program and if possible, detail the anticipated demographics of those residents. If you're requesting funds for a scholarship program, please acknowledge your entity's familiarity with IRS guidelines and best practices. **(15 pts)**
- 5. ALIGNMENT (200 words max.)** - Demonstration of alignment with the District's 2020 [Recreation Strategic Plan](#). **(10 pts)**
- 6. VISIBILITY (100 words max.)** - If funded, how will you recognize the District's support? **(5 pts)**
- 7. BUDGET-** Please provide a project budget and budget narrative (no more than 1 page) as a separate document. *Budget narrative is to be no more than 200 words.* **(15 pts)**