



your local recreation district

Developed Recreation Grant Program

The Gunnison County Metropolitan Recreation District (“District”) is pleased to announce our Developed Recreation Grant Program. This funding opportunity has been developed in alignment with the District’s [Recreation Strategic Plan](#) and aims to catalyze the implementation of community recreation amenities in need of regional support to achieve successful development. For 2021, the District appropriated \$100,000 for the Developed Recreation Grant Program. Grant requests of up to \$50,000 will be considered for implementation/construction projects and up to \$20,000 for planning projects.

Eligible Applicants

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

Program Goals

The Developed Recreation Grant Program is designed to:

- Catalyze the development of recreation amenities that meet **valley-wide** recreation needs.
- Support responsible implementation of recreation amenities.
- Leverage funding from outside Gunnison County.

Project Budget & Match Requirements

Project applicant is required to commit financially to the project to apply. A match of 25% of the total project cost is required, 10% of which must be a cash match.

Application Process & Timeline

- **March 29, 2021:** Grant Application & Guidelines posted on District website (www.gcmetrec.com)
- **April 26, 2021:** Grant Applications Due (submit via e-mail to District Manager, Hedda Peterson at 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. Developed Recreation grantees are allowed up to 2 years from the award date to complete their project. Should unexpected circumstances arise that delay the project timeline, grantee is to 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.*

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APPLICATION

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

- 1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION (500 words max.)** - Provide a summary of the project scope, plan and timeline. Be sure to explain the rationale for the project (e.g., why it is important to the mission of your entity/organization). **(10 pts)**

WHO: Who will complete the work and who will oversee the project?

WHAT: Explain what you are going to accomplish.

WHEN: Provide a timeline estimate. Remember that the project is to be completed within two years of the award date.

- 2. NEED (500 words max.)** - Clearly address unmet recreational needs and specifically explain how this project will meet those needs. Describe the communities this project will serve. Discuss the ways in which the community currently is, or is not compensating, for the lack of the proposed project components. Describe the project's urgency. What opportunities are lost if this grant is not awarded? Describe how the project aligns with the District's 2020 [Recreation Strategic Plan](#). **(25 pts)**

- 3. PLANNING / SUSTAINABILITY (500 words max.) - For implementation/construction requests:** Describe how the project will be maintained and managed for long-term sustainability. Is this a multi-phase project, and if so, how many phases is it and how will future phases be funded? Estimate the annual costs to maintain the project once completed. **For planning requests:** Describe how the planning will lead to recreation amenity improvements and/or development of tangible amenities. What are anticipated sources of funding and resources for the projects' eventual implementation, operation and maintenance and how will these be incorporated into the planning process? **(25 pts)**

- 4. MATCHING FUNDS & PARTNERSHIPS (300 words max.)** - Discuss partnerships established for this project and their contributions. Discuss the sources of matching funds. How much match is secured beyond the required 25%? How much is yet to be raised and what are your plans for raising those additional funds? **(15 pts)**

- 5. VISIBILITY (100 words max.)** - If funded, how will you recognize the District's support? **(5 pts)**

- 6. PROJECT BUDGET-** Please include a detailed line-item budget (no more than 1 page) for the requested support, including all other secured and pending project support. **(10 pts)**

7. BUDGET NARRATIVE (500 words max.) - Please provide detailed information about the line items included on the proposed project budget. *To help Met Rec understand if the proposed project is eligible to be funded by Conservation Trust Funds*, please acknowledge if this project is to occur on land that is owned by a local government. (10 pts)*

*Met Rec receives funding from the Conservation Trust Fund (CTF) on an annual basis. The funds can be used to support CTF eligible recreation programs and projects. If your proposed project is to take place on land that is owned by a local government, that helps us understand if it is eligible for Met Rec's CTF funding.