



2018 Community Grants Guidelines

The Rotary Club of Gunnison invites proposals from 501(c)(3) or other tax-exempt charitable organizations in the Gunnison Valley for grants to support programs and projects that enhance the Gunnison community. The Gunnison Rotary Club expects to award up to \$3,000 in community grants. Although grants may range from a small dollar amount up to a thousand dollars, the majority of requests received and awarded in recent years have ranged from \$200 to \$500. The Gunnison Rotary Club will favor youth and education programs.

- **ONE APPLICATION.** Only one application per organization per year. You must use our application form.
- **CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS.** The Rotary Club of Gunnison contributes only to charitable nonprofit organizations in this community. These organizations extend benefits and services to a wide variety of programs and provide aid to our diverse local population. The Gunnison Rotary makes donations to organizations only after the careful study and review of all applications. If received, submit a copy of the IRS ruling that the organization is tax exempt under section 501(c)(3).
- **NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY.** Organizations that do not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, color, creed, disability, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry or age, or any other basis prohibited by law are considered. Applicants may limit their services or opportunities to specific targeted populations within the community; however, any such limitations must be reasonably related to the effective provision of the services or opportunities.
- **ASSURANCE STATEMENT.** Consideration will be given only to Grant Applications signed by an authorized official of the organization.
- **COSTS ALREADY INCURRED.** Requests for funds to retire an existing debt will not be considered.
- **DECISIONS REGARDING FUNDING.** Grant awards will be announced near the beginning of June. All organizations that have applied will receive a letter regarding their funding status. During the grant review process, a member of our grant committee will contact an organization only if additional information is required.

- **CAPITAL PROJECTS AND OTHER FOUNDATIONS.** The Gunnison Rotary Club does not fund large capital projects, except when the funds requested are for a very identifiable piece of the project that has high Rotary interest and falls within the purpose of our club. The Rotary Club of Gunnison does not contribute to endowments, development funds, foundations for their general funds, fundraising events, or for general operating expenses.
- **GRANT MANAGEMENT.** Grants made for one year are not guaranteed for future years. A grant application must be completely filled out each year even if the organization has received a grant in a previous year. In the event an organization's needs change so the Grant will not be utilized in whole or in part as per the request, please be in touch with the Grants Chair to discuss new and different use of the funds or returning funds that have not been used.
- **VALLEY WIDE PROJECTS OR PROGRAMS.** If a program or project is valley-wide (not just Gunnison), we will encourage the requesting organization to seek funding from the Crested Butte Rotary Club as well.
- **CLUB MEETING INVITATION.** If a grant is approved for your organization, we encourage you to contact the Grant Chair, Clarie Broschinsky, or Program Chair, Cathie Elliott, to schedule a time to give a presentation to our Club with a program update.
- **DEADLINES.** Grant applications must be received at the above mailing address (or dropped off in the Community Foundation office at 525 N. Main Street) on or before May 10, 2018. Grant awards will be announced by early June 2018. Awards will be given at our regular club meeting on Tuesday, June 19th, 2018 at noon. If your organization receives grant funding, a representative of your organization will be strongly encouraged to attend the June 19th meeting.