

The Rotary Club of Gunnison, Colorado

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2021 Community Grant 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 that **serve the youth of Gunnison County** and thereby enhance the community. The youth you serve can be from birth to seniors in high school. The Gunnison Rotary Club expects to award up to \$4000 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.

- **ONE APPLICATION.** Only one application per organization per year. You must use our application format.
- **CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS.** The Rotary Club of Gunnison contributes only to charitable organizations in the community. The Gunnison Rotary makes donations to organizations only after the careful study and review of all applications. Please submit a copy of your IRS Determination Letter showing that the organization is tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) or other paperwork showing tax deductible status.
- **NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY.** Only 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 will be considered. In 2021, applicants must limit their services or opportunities to the youth of our community.
- **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 at the beginning of June. All organizations that have applied will receive a letter or email 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. In 2021, the emphasis must be on youth. 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 touch base with with the 2021 Grants Chair (Pam Montgomery, pgmflower@gunnison.com) to discuss new and or different use of the funds or returning funds that are not able to be used.
- VALLEY WIDE PROJECTS OR PROGRAMS. If a program or project is valley-wide (not just Gunnison), we strongly 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 Gunnison Rotary Program Chair, Cathie Elliott, cathie@clarkeagency.net to schedule a time to give a presentation to our Club in 2022 with a program update.
- DEADLINES. Grant applications must be received at the above mailing address, emailed to Pam Montgomery at pgmflower@gunnison.com or dropped off in the vestibule of the Community Foundation office at 525 N. Main Street **on or before noon on May 16, 2021**. Grant awards will be announced by early June. Awards will be given at our regular club meeting on June 9, 2021. If your organization receives grant funding, we strongly encourage a representative of your organization to attend.