



TOWN OF GRAND LAKE

STAFF REPORT

TO
Mayor & Trustees

FROM
Alayna Carrell, CMC, Town Clerk

DATE
June 8, 2026

ACTION TYPE: Action Requested Information Only

QUASI-JUDICIAL PROCEEDING

This is a quasi-judicial proceeding. The Board’s decision must be based on the evidence and testimony presented at the public hearing and applicable provisions of the Grand Lake Municipal Code.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE: Notice of the Special Event Liquor Permit application was posted on the premises at Smith-Eslick Cottage Court, 725 Lake Avenue, on May 28, 2026 at 2:08 PM.

RE: Special Event Liquor Permit – Grand Lake Area Historical Society – “Community Picnic” – August 9, 2026 – Resolution No. 49-2026

BACKGROUND

The Grand Lake Area Historical Society is requesting approval of a Special Event Liquor Permit for its annual Community Picnic event. The event is scheduled to take place on Sunday, August 9, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Smith-Eslick Cottage Court, located at 725 Lake Avenue.

The Grand Lake Area Historical Society has submitted a Special Event Liquor Permit application requesting authorization to sell malt, vinous, and spirituous liquors during the event. As a nonprofit organization incorporated for social purposes, the applicant qualifies under C.R.S. 44-5-102 and has also requested that the \$100.00 Special Event Liquor Permit fee be waived. This is the organization’s first fee waiver request of 2026.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Pursuant to C.R.S. 44-5-102, a Special Event Permit may be issued to organizations that are nonprofit in nature and incorporated for social, fraternal, patriotic, political, educational, or athletic purposes; regularly chartered branches, lodges, or chapters of national nonprofit organizations; established religious or philanthropic institutions; or state institutions of higher education.

Under C.R.S. 44-5-106, a permit may be denied if issuance would be injurious to the public welfare due to the nature or location of the event, or based on the applicant’s history of noncompliance. Public notice of the application must be posted at the event location at least ten (10) days prior to approval.

FISCAL NOTE

In 2025, the Board of Trustees waived a total of \$100.00 in Special Event Liquor Permit fees for events hosted by the Grand Lake Area Historical Society. No fees have been waived for 2026.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the Special Event Liquor Permit application and adopt Resolution No. 49-2026, waiving the \$100.00 permit fee for the Grand Lake Area Historical Society’s “Community Picnic,” based on compliance with applicable state law and Town policy.

SUGGESTED MOTION

“I move to approve (or deny) the Special Event Liquor Permit application and Resolution No. 49-2026, waiving the \$100.00 Special Event Liquor Permit fee for the Grand Lake Area Historical Society’s “Community Picnic,” to be held on August 9, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Smith-Eslick Cottage Court, 725 Lake Avenue.”