



# TOWN OF GRAND LAKE

## STAFF REPORT

<b>TO</b> Mayor & Trustees	<b>FROM</b> Sarah Weekes, Event Manager	<b>DATE</b> June 8, 2026
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**ACTION TYPE:**  Action Requested     Information Only

**RE: Special Event Permit Application and Resolution 44-2026 – Mountain Family Center “9th Annual Spirit Polar Plunge” – June 14, 2026**

### BACKGROUND

Mountain Family Center (MFC) is a Grand County, Colorado nonprofit that helps individuals and families build strength and self-reliance through community-based services. Founded in 1979 as a women’s resource center in the Fraser Valley, the organization has grown over the decades to address a wide range of needs common in rural, seasonal resort communities — including food insecurity, housing instability, utility assistance, and limited transportation.

Now based in Granby, MFC operates a food pantry, thrift store, and senior services, and continues to expand through community partnerships and mergers with other local nonprofits. MFC remains a vital resource for Grand County residents navigating hardship and working toward stability.

The 9th Annual Spirit Polar Plunge is a community fundraising event held at Grand Lake. Participants gather for a pre-party at Charlie’s Sports Bar and Grill beginning at noon, featuring live music and food, before heading to Gene Stover Park for the plunge into Grand Lake at 2:30 PM. The event brings together fundraising teams, individual participants, sponsors, and volunteers in support of the greater Grand Lake community.

Mountain Family Center has submitted a Special Event Permit application for the 9th Annual Spirit Polar Plunge and is requesting the Board of Trustees waive the following fee:

- Special event permit fee in the amount of \$250.00

### REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 11-6-3(C), the Board of Trustees shall consider the following factors prior to approval of a Special Event Permit:

***Municipal Code §11-6-3(C): Special Event Permit Application Review and Approval***

*The following factors shall be considered prior to approval of a Special Event Permit:*

- (a) The predominant use of the primary facility being used; and*
- (b) The proposed event and the event hours; and*
- (c) Neighborhood compatibility; and*
- (d) Effect of the proposed event on the community; and*
- (e) The Town’s anticipated cost in staff time and equipment use; and*
- (f) The benefit to non-profit from the event; and*
- (g) The benefit to local businesses from the event; and*
- (h) Duplication of services or sale items; and*
- (i) Nature of the past event issues or similar past event issues.*

### FISCAL NOTE

In 2026, the Board of Trustees has not approved any fee waivers for Mountain Family Center. The requested fee waiver totals \$250.00.

### SUGGESTED MOTION

*“I make a motion to approve / (deny) the Special Event Permit Application and approve / (deny) Resolution 44-2026, a Resolution Setting Certain Fees for Mountain Family Center’s “9th Annual Spirit Polar Plunge” Event to be held June 14, 2026.”*