



MEMORANDUM

To: Town of Grand Lake Board of Trustees
From: Steve Kudron, Town Manager
Date: May 11, 2026
Re: MOU with Grand Resource & Recycle Coalition, Inc. for Operation of a Recycling Drop-Off Station

Trustees:

The Town of Grand Lake currently operates a Pay As You Throw (PAYT) trash facility on Center Drive for the convenience of community members and their guests. While the facility provides a needed means of trash disposal, it does *not* currently offer a recycling drop-off option. As a result, residents and visitors who wish to recycle must travel outside the Town to do so.

The Grand Resource & Recycle Coalition, Inc. (“GRRC”) is a Grand County nonprofit formed in 2010 whose mission is to reduce waste, educate the community, strengthen the local economy, and preserve the natural environment. GRRC currently operates a successful recycling drop-off station at ACE County Hardware in Granby and has indicated a willingness to extend a similar program to Grand Lake.

Staff has worked with GRRC to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) that would establish a Recycling Drop-Off Station within the existing PAYT facility. The proposed MOU sets forth the responsibilities of each party, including the Town providing a designated, maintained area for a minimum of three (3) six-yard containers, and GRRC managing the collection vendor relationship, volunteer staffing, and signage. Operations would run weekly on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Memorial Day weekend through October 31, with reduced winter hours as mutually agreed.

Establishing this drop-off station advances the Town’s sustainability goals, provides a long-requested service to residents and visitors, and leverages GRRC’s existing operational expertise rather than requiring the Town to build out its own program.

The Town’s financial commitment under the proposed MOU is summarized below:

Item	Amount	Frequency
Annual reimbursement to GRRC (\$250/month equivalent)	\$3,000.00	Annually
One-time container relocation reimbursement (Waste Management)	\$250.00	One-time
In-kind: Site maintenance, snow plowing, video monitoring Existing operations		Ongoing
In-kind: Use of existing on-site shed for storage/volunteers No additional cost		Ongoing
Total Year-One Cash Outlay	\$3,250.00	



Subsequent years are anticipated to be approximately \$3,000 in direct cash outlay, subject to mutual annual review under the MOU. GRRC supplements these costs through user donations of \$3.00 per drop and pays directly for weekly hauling by Waste Management. The MOU has a one-year initial term, providing the Town an opportunity to evaluate usage and renegotiate as appropriate. Currently, the Town contributes, \$1,500.00

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Grand Resource & Recycle Coalition, Inc. for the operation of a Recycling Drop-Off Station at the Town's PAYT facility. The proposed arrangement delivers a meaningful community benefit at modest cost, leverages an established and trusted local nonprofit partner, and aligns with the Town's broader sustainability objectives. The one-year term affords the Board flexibility to assess outcomes before committing to a longer-term arrangement.

Approval of the following motion:

"I move to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Grand Lake and the Grand Resource & Recycle Coalition, Inc. regarding the operation of a Recycling Drop-Off Station, and to authorize the Mayor to execute the MOU on behalf of the Town."