



Revitalizing Main Streets

Opportunity 2: Small Multimodal and Economic Resiliency Grant

Application Form

OVERVIEW

See the Rules and Eligibility document for detailed program purpose and information. **Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis with award decisions made monthly. Applications submitted by 5 pm on the last Wednesday of the month will be reviewed the following week.** Please submit your application to cdotmaintreets@state.co.us

- The application must be affirmed by either the applicant's City or County Manager or Chief Elected Official (Mayor or County Commission Chair) for local governments, or agency director or equivalent for other applicants.
- With technical questions, please email CDOTMainStreets@state.co.us
- Please attach relevant maps/photographs/design documents to your application submission.
- Letters of support are not required. A description of the project linkage to a Community Plan is preferred. If a project has no linkage to a Community Plan, letters of support may be substituted.

Part 1 Project Information

1. Project Title	The Plaza at the Raymond Aguirre Community Center
2. Project Type	Conversion of Public Parking to a Plaza for Community Use with the addition of Bike/Ped Infrastructure
3. Project <i>Start/End</i> points or Geographic Area <i>Provide a map with submittal that includes the project location.</i>	Project is Located at the Raymond Aguirre Community Center. 28 Co Rd 632, Gardner, CO 80189. Near the intersection of CR 632 and CO-69.



4. Project Applicant	Huerfano County
5. Project Contact Person, Title, Phone Number, and Email	Carl Young, County Administrator, cyoung@huerfano.us, 719.225.3890
6. Does this project touch CDOT Right-of-Way, involve a CDOT roadway, access transit agency property or request transit agency involvement to operate service?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>If yes, please ensure that you have submitted a Special Use Permit</i>
<p>7. Procurement. By checking the box, local jurisdictions acknowledge the use of grant awards in accordance with local jurisdiction procurement standards that identify appropriate procedures to ensure projects are procured through an open and competitive process. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Please describe your process: Huerfano County's procurement process requires that items or services over \$25K in value be formally and competitively bid out. Items or services worth between \$5K and \$25K need to have at least three quotes, unless the department seeking the item/service cannot find that many vendors. Multiple quotes and/or discussing with multiple vendors is encouraged when seeking services/items less than \$5K in value.</p> <p>For this project Huerfano County will primarily rely on items/services that have been competitively procured through a purchasing cooperative, such as Sourcewell.</p>	
<p>8. Federal and state laws. By checking the box, local jurisdictions acknowledge their responsibility to ensure compliance with all applicable federal and state laws (such as the Americans with Disability Act). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	



9. Project Overview (concise abstract limited to 500 characters) Include photographs or maps of the project area for better evaluation by the committee.

This project will convert a section of the Raymond Aguirre Community Center parking lot into a public plaza to enhance community activities and provide multimodal amenities. The result will be a facility that enhances the experience of pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers while providing community space for gatherings such as the local farmer's market.

10. Project Description. Describe your project. Do not include background information or justification language. Please only include details specific to the work that will occur as part of this project. Include ownership information for the project improvements. (limited to 1,500 characters)

This project will see an approximately 6,000 square foot section of the Raymond Aguirre Community Center parking lot removed and replaced with a small plaza that includes a vault toilet, pavilion, and kiosk. The new plaza will also include amenities like bike racks, benches and picnic tables for community use. The vault toilet will be precast and then delivered and installed by crane. The pavilion is modular and the vendor will have a team come and assemble the pavilion, including putting on the roof and pouring the footings. Bike racks, benches, and picnic tables will be ordered and installed by County staff. Street Lighting for the project will be installed by San Isabel Electric. The Kiosk will be built by County staff with materials purchased using County funds. County staff will also remove the asphalt of the parking lot and excavate the area for the vault toilet.



11. Define the scope and specific elements of the project. Each task should start with a title and follow with a description.

Task 1:

Order Vault Toilet and Pavillion. Orders will be placed for these items as they have the longest lead times.

Task 2:

Order Amenities and Kiosk Materials. Orders will be placed for bike racks, benches, and picnic tables.

Task 3:

Prepare area. County Staff will remove asphalt and prepare the area for installation

Task 4:

Build Out. Pavillion and vault toilet will be installed first with other amenities, including kiosk, to come afterwards.


Task 5:

11a. Is the project scalable? If yes, define smaller meaningful limits, size, or scopes, along with the cost for each, if the project is scalable.

No.



Part 2 Financial Information

1. Total amount of grant funding request (maximum \$150,000)	\$ 150,000	
2. Local Match: 10% of the grant funds listed above <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expenses prior to the PO execution are not eligible for a match. - Match contributions can be cash and/or donated materials. Match may not be staff or admin time. 	Amount: <i>(10% of grant funding request)</i> \$ 15,000	Briefly describe match expenses: Kiosk and other Amenities. Landscaping
3. Does this project leverage additional funds beyond the 10% match listed above? Please explain. Yes, the County will contribute another \$5,000 to complete the project.		
4. By checking this box, the applicant's President, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Elected Official (Mayor or County Commission Chair) or City/County Manager for local governments or Agency Director or equivalent for others, has certified it allows this project request to be submitted for funding and will follow all CDOT policies and state and federal regulations when completing this project, if funded.		

Please provide a budget of project costs based on the tasks you identified in Part One.	Cost
Order Vault Toilet and Pavillion	\$127,590
Order Lighting, Amenities, and Kiosk Materials	\$16,460
Prepare area	\$0
Installation and Build Out	\$25,950
TOTAL:	\$170,000

Part 3: Evaluation Criteria Questions

A. Vitality and the Built Environment, Active Transportation and Safety, Equity/Access

Provide **qualitative and quantitative** responses to the following questions on the significance of the proposed project.

1. Vitality and the Built Environment (35%): How does the project impact the vitality of your community's downtown, mixed-use center, or community gathering space? Does this project promote economic development?

Gardner is a small and tight knit rural community in the center of a wealth of outdoor recreational opportunities and natural beauty. Gardner's was an epicenter of the 60s counterculture movement and a hub for local farmers and ranchers. As economic activity declined across Huerfano County, Gardner initially resisted those downward pressures with the influx of newcomers living in communes and the associated artistic energy. Today, the brain drain and economic decline that impacted all of Huerfano County shows clearly in Gardner as well. As Walsenburg, La Veta, and Cuchara have seen tourism driven economic growth, Gardner has been left behind.

This project seeks to create a visible community activity space that would accomplish a few goals. In the first instance, it will enhance the Raymond Aguirre Community Center's ability to serve as a community event space and festival grounds. The Community center's parking lot was the location of the Hippie Days festival and block party, a major event for the community that struggled with increasing costs and logistical hurdles. This project would allow festivals like Hippie Days to return by making it easier to put on because key infrastructure, such as outdoor restrooms, will be permanently in place. Second, this project will be transformative for Gardner, creating a sense of place closer to where Gardner begins rather than waiting until drivers get to the core of town. Our hope is that this will encourage drivers to slow down and that in turn will allow residents to feel more comfortable walking and biking along CO-69. Lastly, and building on the previous points, we are confident that this project will encourage more activity both physical and economic in Gardner.



2. Active Transportation and Safety (35%): Does the project promote active transportation, including an increase to biking, walking, and/or transit? Does it improve safety for these and other vulnerable users? Please describe.

This project includes the installation of various amenities such as bike racks, benches, and picnic tables that service bike and pedestrian traffic. We anticipate that this project will allow residents greater access to walking and biking potential along County Roads that have significantly less traffic. This Plaza will be a hub of community activity, giving students a shelter in the event of an evacuation and providing separation between cyclists or pedestrians and the vehicle traffic from either the Highway or the bulk water access. Beyond the pedestrian and cyclist amenities, this project will also install several dark sky friendly street and/or pedestrian lights. As traffic has increased through Gardner there have been a number of instances of cars hitting buildings around a series of turns in the highway and most recently a young man was injured in a hit and run accident. The lighting amenities that are part of this project will alert drivers that they are entering an active community and should be aware of pedestrians and cyclists.

3. Equity and Access (10%): How will the project support low-income and vulnerable communities? Describe how the project addresses safe access to opportunity and mobility for residents of all ages, races, languages, incomes and abilities, including vulnerable users.

This project is located in the Gardner Census County Division. The Gardner CCD has a total population of 432 people with a median age of approximately 64. 53.9% of Gardner CCD Residents have household incomes below \$39,999. Gardner is a truly frontier area of Huerfano County with approximately 0.5 people per square mile. This project will serve this area of the County, which has little to no pedestrian or cycling infrastructure. While County Roads do not have separate bike lanes or sidewalks the lower volume of traffic allows multiple modes of transportation to occupy the same space with little risk of conflict.

B. Readiness, Community Plans/Public Support, Innovation, and Scalability

Provide qualitative and quantitative responses to the following questions on the level of support, readiness and matching funds for the project.

1. Readiness of Implementation (10%): Provide a project schedule including all important milestones. What is the current status of design of the project? When is the anticipated completion date for this project? Describe the degree to which a project is “shovel ready,” offering quick, tangible benefits to communities, and able to complete constructions within 12 months of the Purchase Order approval.

This project is immediately shovel ready and ordering of materials will be complete within the first month after the PO is executed.

PO + 2 weeks: The County will order the vault toilet and pavilion. These items have the longest lead times and current estimates put installation 3 to 4 months out from when the order is placed.

PO + 1 month: The County will order the amenities associated with the project: lighting, benches, bike racks. The County will also order the materials needed for the kiosk.

PO + 3 months: The County will excavate and prepare the area for building out the plaza and begin off site assembly of the kiosk. We expect to receive the lighting, benches, and bike racks around this time.

PO + 4 months: We expect delivery of the vault toilet and pavilion. The vault toilet is installed upon delivery and the pavilion will be erected after the components arrive.

PO + 5 months: Pavilion is erected, pedestrian amenities installed, and the kiosk is installed.

PO + 6 months: Project Complete.

2. Describe any review by the applicant or by other agencies (including CDOT) that will be required as part of this project. Identify whether the project involves any CDOT Right-Of-Way (ROW).

This project only requires a County Building Permit to proceed. It does not involve CDOT Right of Way.



3. Community Engagement/Public Support: (5%) Please describe how the community has been engaged to inform the location, design or intent of the project (i.e. surveys, past or current planning processes). Are there community plans that played a role in the creation of the project? Linkage to community plans is preferred over letters of support.

This project is part of the Raymond Aguirre Community Center Master Plan. The only major alteration is that we have removed the dog run, for now, and added in the vault toilet. See page 35 of the Plan, available here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uDHI8rN96o4Yeh8GA4bf5rENUYuIBQHT/view?usp=sharing>

4. Identify any aspects of the project that would involve new technologies or innovative methods. (5%)

The County intends for the lighting and other electricity consuming amenities, to be powered by solar.