

Project Summary Information

Project Title:

Applicant Organization(s):

Applicant Name(s):

Partner Organization (if applicable):

Partner Name (if applicable):

Amount Requested:

Estimated Total Project Cost:

Estimated Grant Period (years):

Brief Project Description (limit to space provided without expanding the text box; use 10 pt font)

Minturn seeks \$475,291 in GOCO Community Impact funds, with \$315,197 in match, for the Little Beach Park Enhancement Project. With GOCO's support, the Town will transform the outdated and unsafe park into a premier river amenity. Little Beach Park is the heart of Minturn, home to most of the Town's outdoor recreation assets, providing recreation for youths and cultural and social activities for families and adults.

With GOCO's support, Minturn will provide a modern, accessible playground, demolish pit restrooms and replace them with an ADA accessible trailer styled porta potty, improve internal circulation and ADA access for vehicles, add park seating, and construct a full multi-use court and a trail to and along the Eagle River. Working with EVOM, the Town will gather additional public input and finalize recreational opportunities, keeping inclusiveness, equitable recreation, youth connections, and outdoor stewardship as guiding principles.

Proposed Project: The Town of Minturn seeks \$475,291 in GOCO Community Impact funds, with \$315,197 in match, for the Little Beach Park Enhancement Project. With GOCO's support, the Town will transform the outdated and unsafe park into a premier river amenity. Little Beach Park is within walking distance of the commercial core and runs contiguous to the Eagle River. The park is the heart of Minturn, home to most of the Town's outdoor recreation assets, providing recreation for youths and cultural and social activities for families and adults. The park, built in 2005, has a small amphitheater, the Town's only playground, swings & a see-saw, a climbing wall, a half basketball court, picnic tables, and a pit toilet. The 1.6-acre park is also home to the Summer Concert Series and Independence Day Celebration.

Minturn applied to DOLA for Phase I of the project to stabilize an unsafe retaining wall. DOLA will not award this \$147,000 request until GOCO approves funding for Phase II of the project. Phase II activities include a modern, accessible playground, demolishing the pit restrooms and replacing them with an ADA accessible trailer styled porta potty, improving internal circulation and ADA access for vehicles, a full multi-use court, additional park seating, a trail to and along the Eagle River, and educational elements, as outlined in the 2023 Little Beach Park Area Recreation Plan (LBP Plan). While the Town already completed large-scale public outreach and planning to determine community desires for the park, an emerging partnership with Eagle Valley Outdoor Movement (EVOM) will allow Minturn to improve communication with Latino residents who were previously excluded. Other than stabilizing the retaining wall, the Town has not determined the final amenities for the park. Minturn will work with community partners to gather additional public input and finalize recreational opportunities, keeping inclusiveness, equitable recreation, youth connections, and outdoor stewardship as guiding principles.

Community Need: GOCO funds will expand safe, equitable access to recreation for youths and Latino residents and provide trail access to a community cut off from the Eagle River. Minturn is a small, youthful, rural town (population 1,084) with a median age of 38.1 and a sizable Latino population (19.8%). Ensuring youth recreational opportunities is essential as 18.7% of residents are under 18, and the community faces a deficit in park access. Located in a narrow valley, Minturn faces topographical constraints that limit recreation development. As such, Little Beach Park is the Town's only outdoor passive and active recreation facility. The Trust for Public Lands (TPL) estimates that 26% of Minturn residents do not live within a 10-minute walk of a park. As the only community park, Little Beach Park is the Town's highest priority as its recreational amenities no longer meet community needs, and the Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency (CIRSA) has cited the wooden playground as a safety risk for almost a decade. The playground is also located next to a failing and deficient retaining wall. If Minturn were to close its only playground, the closest park playground would be, Stephens Park, in West Vail, 5.1 miles from Minturn. Minturn included \$130,017 as park match funds in the 2024 budget, highlighting the importance of park renovations to this small rural community.

Community-Driven Vision & Continued Engagement: Phases I and II of the project are included in and guided by the LBP Plan. This planning process engaged residents and stakeholders of Minturn and provided opportunities for suggesting and vetting various potential improvements. Public engagement activities started in the late summer of 2021 and ran through the summer of 2022. The planning process paralleled the Town's Community Plan Update to align planning efforts and improve engagement. These planning efforts included three pop-up events, two open houses, five site visits/walks, and several virtual meetings. The majority of public input was delivered via direct one-on-one engagement.

The Town considers the LBP Plan a baseline for recreational amenities and will continue engagement through the summer of 2024 and design process to fine-tune recreational amenities. Minturn will improve an already robust engagement process thanks to its new partnerships with EVOM. Working with EVOM, the Town will enhance communication with Latino residents, starting with a community-wide picnic that will double as an outreach event at the park. EVOM will invite Latino residents to attend using their established network and provide Spanish interpreters to ensure all residents can participate equally.

Following the grant award, Minturn and EVOM will continue their partnership to follow best management practices for bilingual outreach at public meetings as recreational amenities are finalized and implemented. Minturn will translate all meeting materials into Spanish and hold public meetings at 30% and 50% design for additional input, including translation services from EVOM. The Town will hold meetings at varying times to ensure the public can attend. To increase public awareness of input opportunities, Staff will advertise meetings on Minturn's and EVOM's websites and social media accounts and ask project partners and supporters to share public input events and project updates with their stakeholders.

Intended Outcomes & Benefits: The Project will immediately improve safety for youths at the existing playground, deploy modern recreational amenities, and provide improved access, education, and a river trail for residents that have long been cut off from the Eagle River. While the community provided significant input on recreational amenities as part of the 2023 LBP Plan, Minturn will undertake additional bi-lingual outreach efforts through the summer of 2024 and during project design to ensure the park serves the entire community. The LBP Plan vision includes new accessible playground equipment for children, additional seating areas, a multi-use court, and a path to the river with trails. Minturn will integrate additional community input to confirm amenities, and ensure *youth connections* and *equitable access* to outdoor recreational opportunities. River access and a river trail at Little Beach Park will provide residents of the Town with an amenity currently lacking due to the impacts of the Eagle Mine Superfund site and *promote outdoor stewardship*. As a condition of the Eagle River Restoration Project, the Town can only access the river at three points and must maintain a natural riparian zone in all other locations. Little Beach Park is one of the three approved sites by the Department of Public Health and Environment. The Town will use this unique opportunity to install bi-lingual educational signage along the river trail to educate the public on the importance of the river, fish habitat, and the success of the Eagle River Restoration Project.

Partnerships: Minturn has two committed partners, EVOM and Eagle River Coalition (ERC). EVOM is a GOCO Generation Wild Coalition led by the Walking Mountains Science Center, whose mission is to provide equal access to outdoor spaces and opportunities for youth and families in the Eagle Valley. EVOM will partner with the Town to gain additional public input for the project and build a replicable outreach model for Minturn to use going forward. The Town and EVOM are finalizing a scope for Latino outreach.

The ERC's mission is to advocate for the health of the Upper Colorado and Eagle River basins through research, projects, and education. Minturn's partnership with ERC will support a request for additional funding from the Eagle Valley Fund for bi-lingual educational signage along the new river trail. In addition, ERC is interested in pursuing funding with the Town for a bi-lingual educational event for youths and their families that will focus on the importance of river ecology, ways to improve outdoor stewardship, and the Eagle River Restoration Project. The Town anticipates integrating both partners into future projects, strengthening Minturn's outreach and improving outcomes for both Latino residents and the Eagle River.

Timeline: The Town is already underway with obtaining additional public input through 2024. Upon grant contract award, Minturn will procure an engineering firm for design of both phases of the project and contract with EVOM for Latino-focused public outreach. Minturn will complete 100% design of the retaining wall by March 2025 and stabilize the retaining wall in July 2025. During this time, Minturn will continue to design Phase II of the project, integrating public feedback on final amenities throughout the winter and early spring of 2024/2025. The final design of Phase II will be completed by the Fall of 2025. The Town expects to break ground on Phase II in May 2026 and complete construction by the Fall 2026.

Minturn's Little Beach Park Enhancement Project will address immediate safety concerns and realize the community's long-term desire to have a community park that provides a trail along the Eagle River with accessible, modern recreational amenities. With GOCO's support, Minturn will transform Little Beach Park into a community treasure for current and future generations of the Town.

PROJECT BUDGET & DETAILS

APPLICATION SCOPE OF WORK

Source of Funds (CASH)	Date Secured	GOCO Funds	Matching Funds
Town of Minturn, Colorado	1-Jan	\$475,291.00	\$131,197.00
Business and Community Donations for Additional Recreational Amenities			\$5,000.00
Bi-Lingual Signage (English/Spanish) Eagle River Fund			\$8,000.00
Bi-Lingual River Educational Event Eagle River Fund			\$4,000.00
DOLA EIAF Grant			\$147,000.00
Source of Funds (IN-KIND)			
Town of Minturn, Colorado			\$20,000.00
	subtotal	\$475,291.00	\$315,197.00
TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS			\$790,488.00

Use of Funds (CASH)	Description	GOCO Funds	Matching Funds	Total Funding
Design				
TBD	Final Design/Drawings	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00
EVOM	Bi-Lingual Outreach	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
Special Event	River Educational Event		\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Construction				
TBD	Playground equipment	\$210,924.00	\$0.00	\$210,924.00
TBD	River Access/Trail	\$67,025.00	\$0.00	\$67,025.00
TBD	Multiuse Court	\$33,270.00	\$0.00	\$33,270.00
TBD	Demolish Existing Bathrooms	\$10,000.00	\$9,500.00	\$19,500.00
TBD	Repair Retaining Wall	\$0.00	\$147,000.00	\$147,000.00
TBD	TBD Park Improvements	\$45,000	\$59,597.00	\$104,597.00
TBD	Reconstruct Interior Road Access	\$74,072.00	\$0.00	\$74,072.00
TBD	Seating Area	\$0.00	\$62,100.00	\$62,100.00
TBD	Bi-Lingual Signage	\$0	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
	subtotal	\$475,291.00	\$295,197.00	\$770,488.00

Use of Funds (IN-KIND)	Description	Matching Funds
In-Kind	Staff Project Management Oversight of Design and Construction	\$20,000.00
	subtotal	\$20,000.00
	GOCO Funds	Matching Funds
	subtotal	\$475,291.00
		\$315,197.00
TOTAL USE OF FUNDS*		\$790,488.00

* The Total Use of Funds must equal the Total Source of Funds in the section above.

OTHER LEVERAGED RESOURCES (OPTIONAL)

CASH OR IN-KIND	Description	Total Funding
Cash	Community Picnic	\$1,000
	subtotal	\$1,000.00

TOTAL PROJECT VALUE	\$791,488.00
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GOCO % of project cost 60%
GOCO % of project value 60%

Town of Minturn Little Beach Park Enhancement Project Budget Narrative

Source of Funds (\$5,000 Business and Community Donations for Additional Recreational Amenities)

The Town will seek donations from local business and the community throughout 2024 to increase community ownership of the project.

Bi-Lingual Outreach (\$5,000 GOCO and \$5,000 TOM)

Minturn will contract with EVOM to support bi-lingual and youth public outreach effort to finalize recreational amenities for Little Beach Park.

River Access/Trail (\$67,025 GOCO)

Minturn will design and construct a soft trail to the Eagle River and a trail along the river. Working with the Eagle River Coalition, the Town will apply for \$8,000 for bi-lingual signage, which is not included in this line item.

TBD Park Improvements (\$104,597: \$45,000 GOCO and \$59,597 TOM)

The budget sets aside \$104,597 in funding for undefined park improvements. While many of the park amenities were selected during the Little Beach Park Area Recreation Plan process, additional bi-lingual outreach will occur in 2024 and early 2025, that will likely result in additional recreational amenities. If the community identifies project elements that are significantly more expensive, the Town will follow the process below to ensure that community priorities drive the final budget:

- a. Minturn will pursue funding from additional grant resources such as the Land and Water Conservation.
- b. Raise local funding from businesses and community donations.
- c. The Town will consider if it can increase its local match in the 2025 budget cycle.

In-Kind Use of Funds (\$20,000 TOM)

Staff at Minturn will oversee the design and construction of the project at an estimated \$20,000.

Other Leveraged Resources (\$1,000 TOM)

The Town will hold a communitywide picnic in August to gain additional feedback on recreational amenities (\$1,000).

MINTURN / LITTLE BEACH PARK
AREA MAP



Dowds
Junction

Downtown Minturn

Little Beach Park

Minturn

Minturn

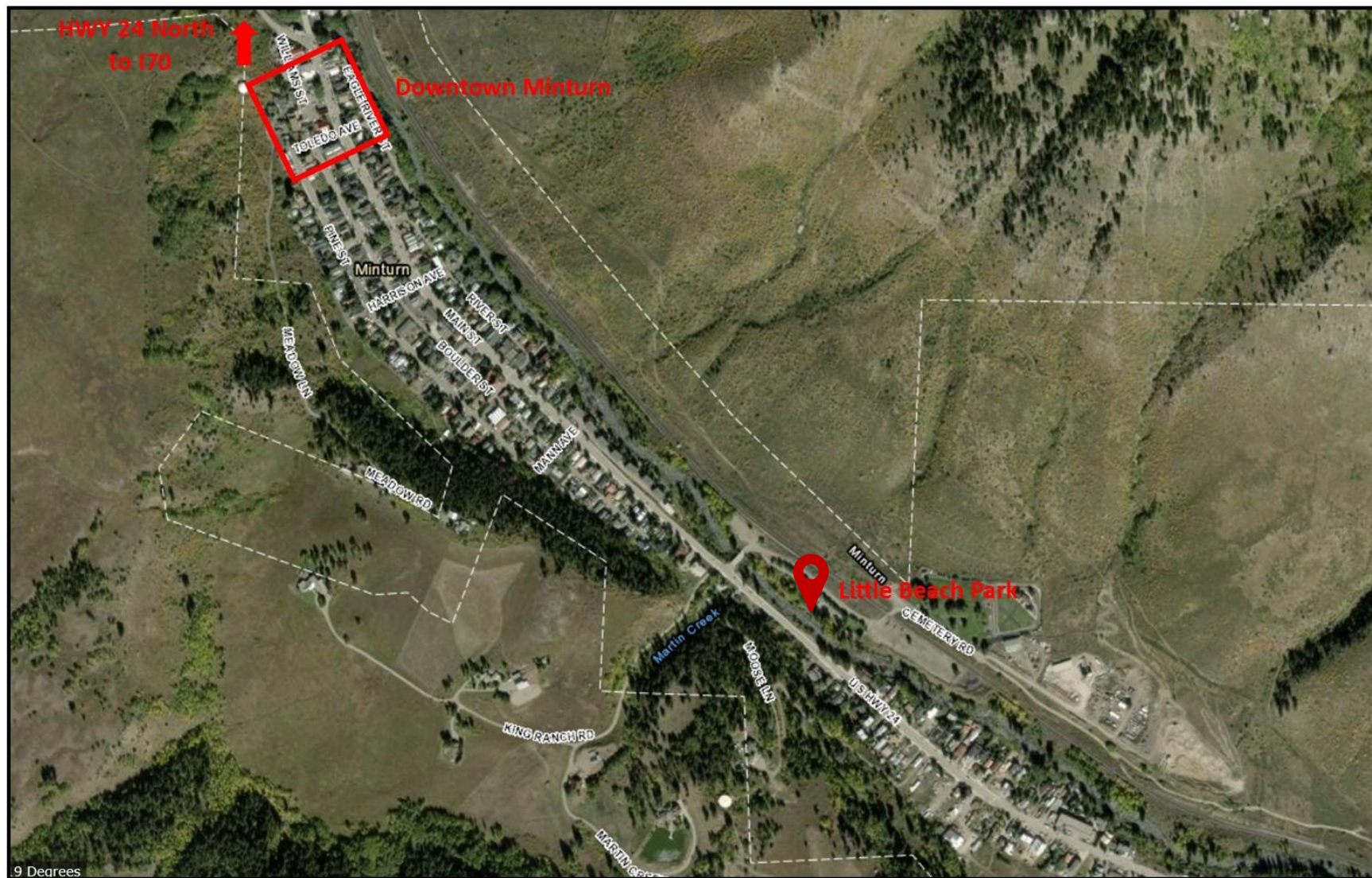
White River
National Forest

Martin Creek

Grouse Creek



MINTURN / LITTLE BEACH PARK AREA MAP



Town of Minturn– Little Beach Park and Amphitheater



Failing Retaining Wall



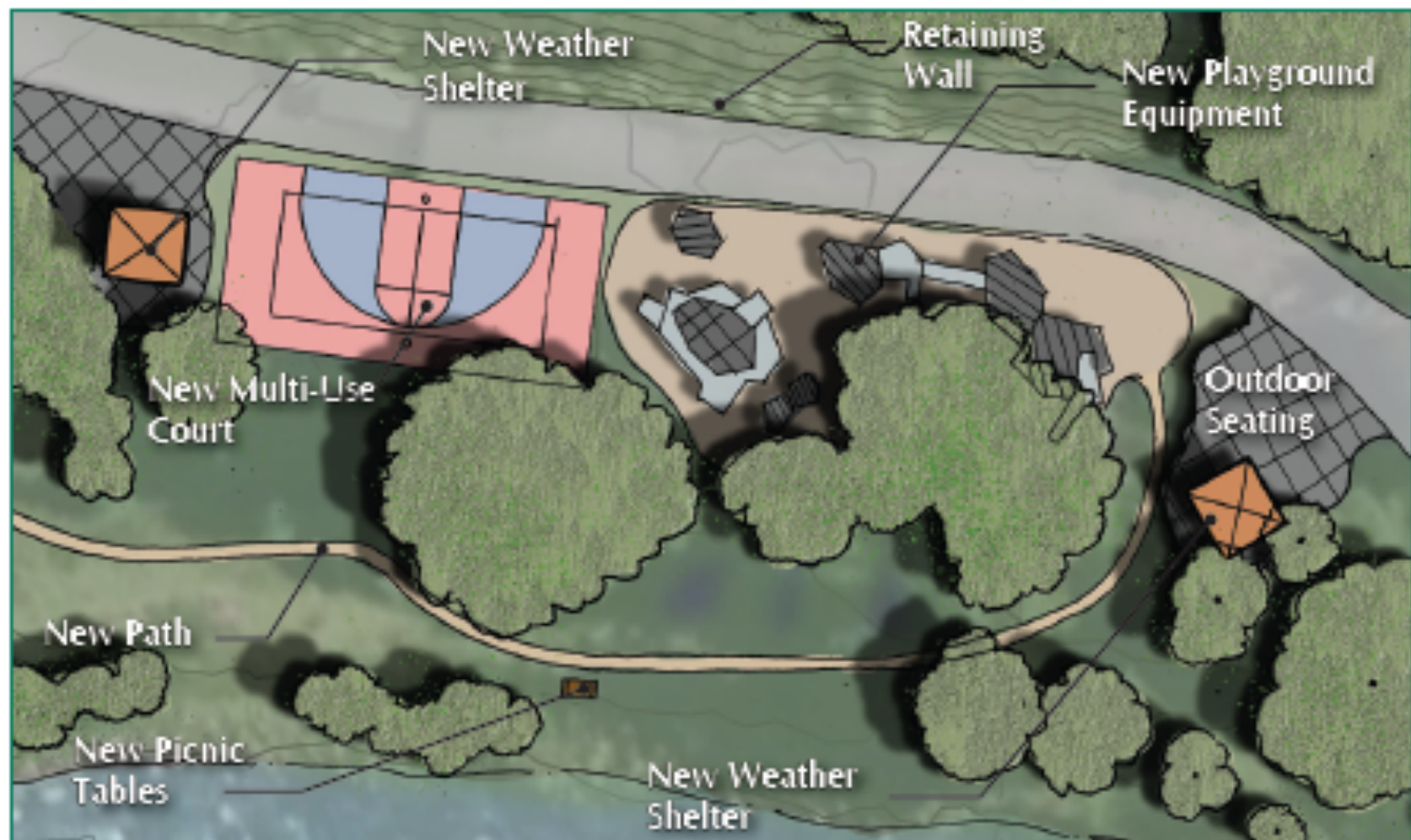
Non-Code Compliant Playground Structure



Existing Multi-Use Court



Potential River Access with Trails



Little Beach Park Concept Plan