

GOCO Grant feedback meeting with Chris Aaby and Tilah Larson (both GOCO regional reps) with Dawn and Reid (Jennifer had a business meeting)

Subject - Feedback from PL grant concept submission that was denied in January 2024. The summary form was sent to Dawn and Reid earlier today, 3/18.

1. Need a more diverse funding strategy.

Why wasn't Daniels Fund request for funds included, if a request was made (it wasn't as we were going to approach them after receiving GOCO funds)? Showing that we were requesting only \$29,000 – Daniels Fund request more funds?

2. More community engagement needed - sports clubs isn't enough. Other community groups & feedback about what that looks like - fundraisers, sponsorships, demonstrate that the community at large is donating time, money toward the project completion.

They really liked hearing about the MHYC and USAFA involvement with the bridge and trail building.

Mentioned local business involvement/sponsorship – “rally” for resources.

GOCO suggested review the concept to expand on the areas of the concept.

3. Relying on volunteers for maintenance they don't feel is viable in the long-term. What other viable ways can this be done? (Commit portion of CTF, other revenue?)

4. Replacement - demonstrate how we are committed to this, especially funding

5. Artificial turf - will need to be replaced in 15 years - is the Town and Parks willing to take this on and how?

6. Remove “Maintenance” from the budget narrative and remove all “Contingency” funds – will not be supported by GOCO

7. Is the community coalescing around the MUF?

Is the MUF the best project for GOCO or is there something else that is a better fit for GOCO? Is this the one biggest thing? Identify other funding?

8. Cycles: the dates aren't set yet but most likely similar to 2023:

ie., August, October, January

9. They outlined other project characteristics that did get funded or moved to the next step:

A. Community received funds for a single amenity - smaller in nature

B. The last element to fill out the park project (a bike park within a park)

C. A project within a park renovation

10. How have the funds been raised by community groups (who) to support the project?

11. What are other funds/donations/grants that we have received that relate to or connect to the MUF? Connectivity - ie USAFA, MHYC, Lions Club donation, donations from citizens or citizen groups that relate?

Chris and Tilah are always available for us to reach out to – consider a workshop specific for GOCO discussion and involve other funding sources (ie., DOLA)