

2025 Municipal Community Grants Funding Recommendations

City of Salida

Summary

The 2025 Grant Process received 39 applications for funding totalling \$298,200 in requests. One applicant withdrew their application during the review process as they successfully raised funds for their project elsewhere. 3 applicants were not recommended for funding. 35 Applicants (72%) recommended for funding with an average award size of \$4,188. The funding minimum award is \$550 and the maximum is \$12,725.

In comparison to the 2024 process, 72% of applicants were recommended for funding with an average award of \$4,445. The minimum award was \$1,200 and a maximum of \$17,500.

32 applicants were allocated funding from the Salida Community Grants Fund totaling \$90,816. The average award size from the City of Salida fund was \$2,838. Twenty-nine of the applicants were also awarded funding by the Town of Buena Vista with a total of \$146,592 invested in the community.

Organizations were evaluated on their total impact - not on the impact of a particular project. The exception to this is organizations other than 501c3's and faith-based organizations which applied for a specific charitable activity. The review consisted of a scoring process in which an application was scored based on the merits of its own application in comparison to the rubric. During the scoring process and during a follow up meeting, the committee identified questions to ask the applicant to clarify information from their application. Following the interviews, the committee compared the applicants and awarded funds based on the impact of the organizations. This process was incredibly competitive, with many applicants submitting high quality applications. The committee sought to fund high impact projects through meaningful grants. Unfortunately not all applicants could be funded due to budget considerations, however we would like to commend the dedication of the grants committee to reviewing and evaluating all applicants carefully and thoroughly.

The Grant Review Committee consisted of 8 volunteers who contributed at least 25 hours of their time to review applicants and make funding recommendations. CCCF is incredibly grateful for these dedicated volunteers who made it possible to have a balanced and in-depth review of the applicants.

| Application | Committee Reviews | Interviews |
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| Complete | Score (% to 100) | Follow-up Questions |
| 501c3 or tax-exempt status | Direct benefit | Additional documentation |
| All required documents uploaded | Avg. \$\$ recommendation | New information or changes |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |