

SAN JUAN COUNTY CLEAN ENERGY FOUNDATION

Grant Application

Program / Project Information

Program / Project Name: San Juan County Splash Pad

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*Grant Amount Requested: * \$145,000.00*

Application Details

Mission and vision Statements, goals and objectives:

San Juan County is committed to creating a safe, welcoming, and enjoyable recreational space for all our residents. Through the development of a splash pad, we aim to bring people together in a fun environment, encourage active and healthy lifestyles, and help everyone appreciate our outdoor spaces. Our mission is to strengthen community ties while providing a resource that adds lasting value to San Juan County.

Our vision for the splash pad is to enhance the quality of life in San Juan County by offering a family-friendly, accessible, and sustainable space that residents of all ages and ability can enjoy. We want this splash pad to be a source of pride, promoting a sense of community, supporting physical wellness, and encouraging families to connect in an enjoyable and relaxing environment. By creating this project, we envision a positive impact on community spirit, health, and overall quality of life.

Goals and Objectives for the Splash Pad Construction Project

Goal 1: Foster Community Engagement

- **Objective 1.1:** Increase community gatherings and events by providing an attractive, new recreational space.
- **Objective 1.2:** Promote social interaction among diverse groups within the county by creating an inclusive, accessible play area that encourages all-age participation.

Goal 2: Promote Health and Wellness

- **Objective 2.1:** Encourage physical activity and outdoor play among children and adults by providing a safe, interactive water feature.
- **Objective 2.2:** Enhance mental well-being by creating an enjoyable and relaxing space that fosters family and social gatherings.

Goal 3: Support Environmental Sustainability and Stewardship

- **Objective 3.1:** Implement water-efficient and low-energy technologies within the splash pad design to minimize environmental impact.
- **Objective 3.2:** Develop a sustainable maintenance plan that prioritizes the protection of local natural resources.

Goal 5: Enhance Economic Development

- **Objective 5.1:** By partnering with the City of Blanding we can increase the county/city appeal to current and potential new residents, by creating a family-friendly public amenity.

Objective 5.2: The chosen location for the splash pad will work well with the nearby little league baseball field, tennis court, and pickleball court. It will also attract visitors, helping local businesses and boosting economic growth.

These goals and objectives provide a clear framework for the project's positive impact on the community, health, environment, and economy.

A Brief History, Successes, and Challenges of the Splash Pad Project:

The splash pad project was created to give families in San Juan County a fun and safe place to enjoy outdoor recreation. After careful consideration, we decided that Blanding would be the best central location. The community has shown strong support and is excited about having a safe and accessible water play area. At first, the project had the backing of the city's Mayor and City Administrator. However, when a new City Administrator was hired, we had to start over. After giving presentations to city officials, we faced some challenges, such as understanding how splash pads operate and the cost of maintaining them.

To address these concerns, County staff, the Blanding City Council, and city administrators reached out to leaders in other cities and counties with splash pads. Through this research, we discovered a new and improved system that works better than the one we originally planned. The first system required water testing up to three times a day, which would have made maintenance expensive. The new system uses fresh water that flows through the splash pad, then collects in a tank to be reused for watering lawns. This change makes the splash pad more sustainable and affordable for the community.

Now, we have the full support of the City Council, Mayor, and City Administrator. They've also approved the use of city property valued at \$50,000, located at 50 W 200 S in Blanding, Utah, for the splash pad site.

The cost of the new system is higher than our original plan. To help cover the extra expense, we are partnering with local businesses and organizations to raise additional funds. So far, we've secured \$35,000 from stakeholders, and our goal is to raise \$50,000. We also plan to apply for small grants to help meet this goal. However, receiving funds from stakeholders depends on our ability to secure this grant proposal.

Community Needs:

The reasons why this project is important to San Juan County, first, the splash pad would fill a gap in the current recreational offerings by creating a unique gathering space for residents of all ages and ability.

Additionally, the splash pad could become a key attraction that strengthens community bonds by providing a central spot where residents can gather, socialize, and enjoy a free, healthy recreational activity.

For children, it would support active play, fostering physical and social development in a safe environment. Beyond individual benefits.

A splash pad would provide a safe, accessible, and fun option, encouraging families and friends to spend more time outside while staying cool.

The splash pad would also enhance the county's overall appeal, making it a more attractive place for visitors and helping to support local businesses through increased foot traffic.

Finally, this project aligns with San Juan County's goal to improve quality of life for residents and offer more diverse recreational options. By meeting community needs in an environmentally friendly way, the splash pad would provide a sustainable, long-term asset that supports the health and happiness of our community.

Outcomes and Impact

- **Advancing Education:**

The splash pad will serve as a site for community education on water conservation, environmental stewardship, and the importance of physical activity. Educational programs can be integrated into the splash pad's design and operation, engaging children and families in interactive learning experiences.

- **Environmental Impact:**

By incorporating sustainable design practices, such as recirculated water systems and eco-friendly materials, the splash pad will have a minimal environmental footprint. It will also promote awareness of water conservation practices within the community.

- **Health-Wellness Impact:**

The splash pad will provide a fun, safe, and accessible space for physical activity, contributing to the overall health and wellness of the community. It will also offer a cooling environment during hot summer days, reducing the risk of heat-related illnesses.

- **Economic Advancement:**

The splash pad will attract visitors to San Juan County, boosting local businesses. It will also enhance the county's appeal as a family-friendly destination, which could lead to long-term economic growth through increased tourism and new residents

Please attach a budget breakdown of how the funds you requested will be spent.

Budget

Costs, and additional needs:

Category	Amount	Notes
Funding Sources		
San Juan County Clean Energy Grant	\$145,000	Requested funds
Blanding City Property Value	\$50,000	Estimated property value contribution
Funds Committed (business/local orgs)	\$35,000	Secured portion of the \$50,000 goal
Additional Fundraising Goal	\$15,000	USU and private individual-led fundraisers ongoing
Total Funding (projected)	\$195,000	

Project Costs

Rain Deck Splash Pad Products	\$39,535.00	Includes equipment and materials
Construction/Installation	\$137,165.25	Covers all labor and installation expenses
Dry Area and Grass Removal	In-kind donation	Donated services from two contractors for cement and landscaping
Fence (Estimate TBD)	TBD	Fencing required to complete project perimeter
Total Project Costs	\$176,700.25	Additional expenses for the fence and other necessities not included in this estimate.

Surplus/Additional Resources \$18,299.75 Remaining funds may be allocated to unanticipated costs or and enhancements like fencing and cement for dry area.

Other: Relevant attachments, pictures, website links, etc.

How did you hear about the San Juan County Clean Energy

During an Open House at Energy Fuel.

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