



MEMORANDUM

P.O. Box 4100 ♦ FRISCO, COLORADO 80443

TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: VANESSA AGEE, COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR
RE: NONPROFIT GRANTS AWARD PRESENTATION VIDEO STAFF MEMO
DATE: JANUARY 9, 2024

Summary and Background:

Micro/In-Kind Grant Program

Each year the Town of Frisco participates in the countywide grant process where non-profits make in-kind and cash requests up to \$5,000. Applicant organizations must be tax exempt under the provisions of section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Frisco Community Impact Grants

New for 2024, the Town of Frisco also implemented the Frisco Community Impact Grant Program. The purpose of this addition was to create a formal, annual process for evaluating Frisco's investments in more substantial nonprofit projects that support the Town's goals and to do this within the Town's regular budget process each year. These larger nonprofit grants are intended to support one-time financial needs for significant projects that cannot be accommodated in the annual countywide micro-grant program.

Funding Decision and Award Process

A Town Council subcommittee consisting of Lisa Holenko and Elizabeth Skrzypczak-Adrian reviewed all of the nonprofit grant applications and staff recommendations and presented funding recommendations to Town Council during the September 26, 2023 work session. Subsequently, Town Council made funding recommendations which are reflected in the nonprofit grants award presentation video which will be shown during the January 9, 2024 meeting.

In 2022, the Town started a tradition of doing a grants award presentation video to highlight the grant process and the non-profits which provide vital services to Frisco and Summit County residents. This year SCTV staff and Frisco Communications Coordinator Jessica Dastous worked to put together the grant award presentation video.

In December, non-profits were informed of grant awards by Frisco Town Clerk Stacey Nell. Non-profits will receive their grants in the first half of January, primarily via ACH payment, as the Town's Finance Department is largely moving away from paper checks whenever possible.

Analysis:

This year Frisco received 71 applications total for the Micro/In-Kind Grant program and the new Community Impact Grant program requesting over \$719,000 in grant funding for nonprofit

projects and programs. Across the two grant programs, the Town of Frisco was able to grant a total of \$186,000 in cash contributions and in-kind donations valued at \$28,622 to 57 non-profits.

In addition to these two grant programs, it is important to note that the Town also supports community needs through its nicotine tax fund, which voters approved in 2019. The Town dedicates this fund not only to programs that reduce the use of nicotine but also to childcare and health and human service needs. Over \$430,000 will be going to childcare tuition assistance, mental health support through Building Hope, medical and dental care through the Community Care Clinic, and social support services through the Family and Intercultural Resource Center. The Town's general fund also provides over \$160,000 in support of sustainability efforts, including funding for programs administered by High Country Conservation Center.

Financial Impact:

Micro/In-Kind Grant program and the new Community Impact Grant program- \$186,000 in cash grants and \$28,622 in in-kind grants

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

The Frisco Town Council regularly revisits and updates the Town's Strategic Plan, which is intended to describe the long-term vision and mission for the Town of Frisco and identify high priority goals, the actions to achieve those goals, and the timelines by which they intend the work to be completed. This plan was updated in July 2023 and served as a guiding document while reviewing nonprofit grant requests and making funding recommendations.

Environmental Sustainability:

This overarching goal is one of the lens through which grant funding recommendations are made, as well as a primary consideration for determining the operations around how to best get payment to non-profits in a way that preserves resources.

Staff Recommendation:

None required.

Reviews and Approvals:

Tom Fisher, Town Manager
Diane McBride, Assistant Town Manager
Leslie Edwards, Finance Director

Attachments

No attachments