

2022 COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Fourth Quarter - Due by Fri., November 18, 2022

Name of organization:	American Legion Post 1187
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City:	Castle Rock
State:	CO - Colorado
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Website of organization:	legionpost1187cr.org
Description of organization:	All volunteer service organization. Serving veterans, children, and the elderly within our Castle Rock community.
Non-profit status:	501(c)(19)
Please attach proof of non-profit status as PDF:	990-N Form 2021.pdf
Amount requested (\$500 maximum):	\$500.00
Additional attachments as PDF (optional):	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Description of specific project for requested funds:	Our organization consists of volunteers and we are a dedicated non-profit servicing the Castle Rock Community. We provide help to the youth, seniors, and the veterans in our area.
Eligible project area(s), programs and activities for:	Youth , Seniors, Community-based environmental and sustainability

Town Council is dedicated to ensuring that funds contribute to Castle Rock's quality of life. How will funds directly benefit residents in the Town? Please support your answer with specific examples that include quantitative metrics. For example, "In 2019, 137 Castle Rock students in-need received hand-selected apparel at no cost to them." If available, include feedback provided by participants.

Post 1187 has donated to Hope and Help with food. We purchased US and POW Flags for the downtown area. We provide gas, food, and shelter for stranded veterans. We sponsor High School Jrs. for Boys and Girls State as well as the Oratorical contest for scholarships. We gather and donate food and clothing to retirement facilities to assist those in need. We participate in all Castle Rock Community events.

Please submit completed application, or print and deliver to:
Town of Castle Rock - Finance Department, 100 N. Wilcox Street, Castle Rock, CO 80104

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Harry C. Miller American Legion Post 1187 supports many programs that enhance the quality of life for residents of Castle Rock, but one program in particular has numerous benefits for youth in our town: American Legion Boys State.

Founded in 1935, American Legion Boys State is a highly respected and selective leadership and citizenship program for U.S. high school juniors. During the week-long program, participants are divided into subgroups referred to as cities. The citizens of each city elect mock municipal officials and representatives to the mock state legislature, as well as state-level officials. The students who are elected to these various offices run the Boys State activities, which include legislative sessions where bills are passed, as well as court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, choirs and recreational programs. Over the course of the week, students learn the rights, privileges and responsibilities of franchised citizens, as well as the structure of city, county and state governments. Boys State programs take place during the summer, and are in every U.S. state except Hawaii. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors a separate but similar program for young women called Girls State.

Each year, local Castle Rock high schools are given the Boys State information. The students if interested then go on line and fill out an application. Post 1187 expenses for each student includes travel, room and board, and the program participation fee. The location and exact dates of 2023 Colorado Boys State have not been announced, but 2022 Boys State in Colorado was held June 5 – 11 at the Hotel Elegante Conference and Event Center in Colorado Springs.

Youth reap numerous benefits from participation in this prestigious program. It is an impressive addition to students' college applications and résumés that can aid their long-term success. Many colleges and universities offer scholarships and other awards to those attending a Boys State program. Participants gain an increased knowledge of and appreciation for the way the U.S. government works. More importantly, they build their self-confidence and leadership skills. Participation in Boys State also often motivates students to become more active in their local communities. In fact, Boys State has served as a springboard into public service for many notable men, including Bill Clinton, Neil Armstrong, David Pryor, Cory Booker, Tom Brokaw, and James Carville, as well as the late Harry Reid and the late Beau Biden.

In sum, funding from the Town of Castle Rock Council Community Grant Program would help Post 1187 provide the life-changing Boys State experience to high school juniors in Castle Rock, setting them up for personal success and public service. Thank you for consideration of this grant request.