



Town of Castle Rock

Second Quarter

Council Community Grant Program

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Council Date:
June 17th, 2025

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Overview of Current Policy

This program aims to **support projects that contribute to Castle Rock's quality of life** with emphasis on programs and activities for:

- Youth
- Seniors
- Community based environmental and sustainability
- Community based performing and visual arts



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Overview of Current Budget

This program is funded through the Town Council Non-profit Grants account in the General Fund. On September 5th, 2023 Council increased the quarterly grants.

- Annual Budget of \$16,000
- Quarterly disbursements up to \$4,000
- \$1,000 awarded per organization



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Overview of Previous Quarter

Last quarter we had seven (7) applicants. Town Council awarded each organization \$1,000.



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Overview of Applicants

1.

The Green Thumb

2.

The Third Meal

3.

Heavy
Athletics

4.

Lady
Trailblazer

5.

Gridiron
Club

6.

Castle Rock
Orchestra

7.

A Precious
Child

8.

Band Booster
Club

9.

Castle Country
Assisted Lving



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First Time
Applicant

THE GREEN THUMB

Purpose for Funds: Will be used towards their current program, If you give a child a plant - offered to 25 students per session.

Age Group Impacted: Youth

Eligibility Status: Eligible ✓

OVERVIEW

Nonprofit organization dedicated to **fostering a passion for plant and flower care** among the youth and geriatric populations.

Mission to cultivate an appreciation for nature and environmental stewardship through flower and plant growth via hands-on education and engagement, **empowering both generations to connect with the beauty and benefits of the natural world** in effort to obtain food sustainability.



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THIRD MEAL

Purpose for Funds: Submitted into local fund account for participating Castle Rock restaurants to cover food expenses.

Age Group Impacted: Youth

Eligibility Status: Eligible ✓

OVERVIEW

Millions of children in American only get 2 meals a day, Third Meal feeds them their third meal. By partnering with corporations, donors, restaurants, social workers and **link them with children who need meals.**

By partnering with Douglas County School District, Third Meal knows which families require assistance and **can ensure that kids who are experiencing food insecurity can dine with dignity.**



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HEAVY ATHLETICS

Purpose for Funds: To help buy materials to run a high school state championship.

Age Group Impacted: Youth

Eligibility Status: Eligible ✓

OVERVIEW

Hosting kids from Castle View High School, Douglas County High School, Colorado Early Colleges, and Castle Rock Middle School is **Colorado's largest youth Olympic weightlifting club.**

A club that gives youth a positive after school outlet and **provides physical, mental and social development.**



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Awarded
\$1000 in
Quarter 3 -
2024

LADY TRAILBLAZER

Purpose for Funds: Will be put towards evidence-based STEM leadership program.

Age Group Impacted: Youth

Eligibility Status: Eligible ✓

OVERVIEW

Helps girls dealing with the transition from adolescence into adulthood by tackling real-life challenges that help them make valuable self-discoveries.

Using evidence-based STEM leadership program, Girls' Persist, adolescent girls are taught **self-confidence, critical thinking skills, and decision-making** while influencing overall STEM persistence.



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Awarded
\$1000 in
Quarter 3 -
2024

GRIDIRON CLUB

Purpose for Funds: Providing essential safety gear, equipment, supplies, meals and transportation.

Age Group Impacted: Youth

Eligibility Status: Eligible ✓

OVERVIEW

An organization **lead by parents of players** that provide essential funding and support for the Castle View Football Teams.

With close to **200 student athletes**, valuable lessons are taught through team sports. Without CV Gridiron Club, the Castle View football program **would not be able to operate effectively** or provide safety gear and game transportation for the youth.



Awarded
Every Year
Since 2022

CASTLE ROCK ORCHESTRA

Purpose for Funds: Music purchase for the 18th season (Fall 2025 to Spring 2026)

Age Group Impacted: All

Eligibility Status: Eligible ✓

OVERVIEW

An adult community orchestra with many of their **members residing in Castle Rock and Douglas County.**

The Castle Rock Orchestra performs four **concerts a season to an average of 150 audience members.** The last two seasons have been in partner with the Castle Rock Children's Choir, consisting of 25-30 Castle Rock Youth.



Awarded
\$500 in
Quarter 3 -
2022

A PRECIOUS CHILD

Purpose for Funds: Aims to serve over 100 children and caregivers in Castle Rock who are living in poverty via the Resource Bridge Program.

Age Group Impacted: Youth

Eligibility Status: Eligible ✓

OVERVIEW

Providing children and families who are challenged by poverty with **resource navigation and holistic support services.**

In 2024, 273 Castle Rock residents were served, 103 specifically through the Resource Bridge Program. Of the Castle Rock residents that are served, **all are low-income with 86% living between 101-200% below the Federal Poverty Level.**



BAND BOOSTER CLUB

Purpose for Funds: To provide band students with the things they need to succeed as young aspiring musicians.

Age Group Impacted: Youth

Eligibility Status: Eligible ✓

Awarded
\$1000 in
Quarter 2 -
2024

OVERVIEW

Composed solely of volunteers, the CV Band Booster's **purpose is to support the Castle View High School Band program.**

The CV Band Booster **finds value in performing for the community** and shows this by performing annually at the Douglas County Fair Parade, having the Pep Band perform for the elementary schools and attending events such as Shake Shack opening.



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Applicant

CASTLE COUNTRY ASSISTED LIVING

Purpose for Funds: To enhance the landscaping of the exterior of the Cantril House.

Age Group Impacted: Seniors

Eligibility Status: Eligible ✓

OVERVIEW

A mission to provide compassionate and supportive communities for seniors. Castle Country Assisted Living's vision is to **create new possibilities for a quality life for aging adults.**

This vision is upheld by providing seniors a safe residential environment, ability to choose their care, providing basic services, and providing outreach to surrounding communities **and becoming a valuable community asset.**



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Proposed Motion

I move to award funding to the following organizations:

ORGANIZATION

The Green Thumb
Third Meal
Heavy Athletics
Lady Trailblazer
Castle View Gridiron Club
A Precious Child
Castle View Band Booster Club
Castle Country Assisted Living

RECOMMENDED



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Alternative Motion

I move to award funding to the following organization(s) for a different amount:

Organization

(New Amount)

I move to continue this item to the Town Council meeting on _____ date to allow additional time to (list information needed).



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Questions?



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An aerial photograph of Castle Rock, Colorado, featuring a prominent rock formation in the foreground and a dense urban area in the background. A semi-transparent blue rectangle is overlaid on the image, containing the text "Thank You!" in a large, white, sans-serif font. The background shows a mix of residential and commercial buildings, parking lots, and a railway line with a train. The foreground shows a hillside with trees and shrubs, some with autumn foliage.

Thank You!



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