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2026 First Quarter - Council Community Grant Program Application - Submission #168279

Date Submitted: 2/4/2026



2026 Council Community Grant Program Application

First Quarter - Due by Friday, Feb. 20, 2026

Name of organization:*

Horsepower Inc (also known as Colorado Horsepower)

Address:*

PO Box 534

City:*

Castle Rock

State:*

CO

Zip:*

80104

Contact name:*

Chris Lobello

Telephone number:*

720-537-2978

Email address:*

chris.lobello@insead.edu

Description of organization:*

Colorado Horsepower provides therapeutic horseback riding and training for veterans, first responders, and the developmentally disabled. Uniquely the participants are taught all aspects of horse care and regularly ride (with Veterans for example quite involved, while the developmental disabled participants have a range of participation.) The charity is completely staffed by volunteers and no money goes to salaries. The key expenses are all about the horses, keeping them fed and healthy so that they are available for the participants. You can learn more about Colorado Horsepower here - <https://coloradohorsepower.org>

Nonprofit status:*

- 501(c)(3)
- 501(c)(19)

Please attach proof of nonprofit status as PDF:*

IRS1Horsepower.jpg

Additional attachments as PDF:

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Amount requested (\$1,000 maximum):*

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Description of specific project for requested funds:*

This money would specifically be used to update equipment used with the horses and the riders.

Eligible project area(s), programs and activities for:*

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

Other (please explain):

How does this project benefit Castle Rock residents?*

The quote has been attributed to many, including Winston Churchill and Ronald Reagan, but it goes "There is nothing so good for the inside of a man as the outside of a horse." Whether it be veterans who are addressing PTSD or developmentally challenged individuals who are trying to stretch their mental and physical limits to the extent they can. For people working through post-traumatic stress, depression, trauma, and other issues, horses offer a mirror. Participants learn how to recognize and regulate their emotional responses as they deal with 1,000 pound prey animals whose survival instincts compel them to flee when confused or threatened. In short, Colorado Horsepower helps people better control themselves as they learn to control their horse. This then benefits both the participants and all of their Castle Rock neighbors.

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2026 First Quarter - Council Community Grant Program Application - Submission #168819

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2026 Council Community Grant Program Application

First Quarter - Due by Friday, Feb. 20, 2026

Name of organization:*

SECOR

Address:*

17151 Pine Lane

City:*

Parker

State:*

CO

Zip:*

80134

Contact name:*

Lisa Long

Telephone number:*

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Email address:*

lisa@secorcares.com

Description of organization:*

SECOR addresses suburban poverty through its various programs including food distribution that reduce food insecurity while maintaining dignity for our community members. SECOR delivers food to schools because children thrive academically when they receive food on a regular basis and are well-fed with healthy, nutritious food. Adequate nutrition supports children's concentration on their schoolwork and improves their participation in extracurricular activities. Our Free Food Market and Mobile Market ensure that families who face multi-dimensional poverty and various barriers including lack of adequate transportation, language differences, and economic distress can access quality food in a manner that preserves their dignity and choice.

Nonprofit status:*

- 501(c)(3)
- 501(c)(19)

Please attach proof of nonprofit status as PDF:*

IRS Determination letter - SECOR.pdf

Additional attachments as PDF:

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Amount requested (\$1,000 maximum):*

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Description of specific project for requested funds:*

Individuals and families who have been disproportionately impacted by the housing crisis, inflation, fleeing war torn countries, SNAP and other government program disruption, are competing with others for limited resources and rising food costs. SECOR offers a crucial community service by providing food to low-income and marginalized communities in the southeast metro area facing food insecurity that touches the lives of 3,000 households every week. This funding will go for food purchases for our Food for Thought bags that are delivered to schools located in Castle Rock and for seniors accessing our food at our free food market located in Parker in partnership with Aging Resources who bring seniors who are transportation limited.

Eligible project area(s), programs and activities for:*

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

Other (please explain):

How does this project benefit Castle Rock residents?*

SECOR Cares' mission is to care for those faced by food insecurity through multiple outreach initiatives geared towards helping individuals back on the path of self-sufficiency. SECOR supports children, youth, college students, families, and seniors. Unlike urban poverty, suburban poverty is often unseen, cloaked in shame and stigma. Whether it be divorce, job loss, or medical diagnosis, when life deals a cruel blow, SECOR is there.

Children living in Castle Rock benefit by getting food for the weekends when school is not in session. SECOR delivers food to schools because children thrive academically when they receive food on a regular basis and are well-fed with healthy, nutritious food. Adequate nutrition supports children's concentration on their schoolwork and improves their participation in extracurricular activities. Our Free Food Market ensures that families from Castle Rock who come for assistance and who face multi-dimensional poverty and various barriers including lack of adequate transportation, language differences, and economic distress can access quality food in a manner that preserves their dignity and choice.

To have a lasting impact and to help people get out of a financial crisis, SECOR also offers additional services at the Free Food Market such as:

- Individual meetings with a social worker who can make referrals to other needed wrap-around support services
- Referrals to Medical and dental resources
- Financial and Computer Training
- Special hours for seniors and those with special needs

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2026 First Quarter - Council Community Grant Program Application - Submission #168647

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2026 Council Community Grant Program Application

First Quarter - Due by Friday, Feb. 20, 2026

Name of organization:*

Sunday Salmon Inc

Address:*

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Suite 100

City:*

Castle Rock

State:*

Colorado

Zip:*

80109

Contact name:*

Mary Grothe

Telephone number:*

3038770058

Email address:*

mary@marygrothe.com

Description of organization:*

Sunday Salmon is a Castle Rock-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit providing no-cost, organic, gluten-free, and seed-oil-free meals to neighbors experiencing food insecurity and hardship. We serve income-restricted seniors, veterans, single parents, adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, families navigating medical crises, individuals experiencing housing instability, and working families who do not qualify for traditional assistance programs but still struggle to make ends meet.

Operating exclusively in Douglas County with a 95% emphasis on Castle Rock, Sunday Salmon serves nearly 20,000 meals annually through in-restaurant dinners, mobile meal service, and community-based outreach. Our programs are volunteer-driven, dignity-centered, and designed to meet hidden hunger in our town — especially given the absence of public transportation and limited safety-net meal infrastructure.

Nonprofit status:*

- 501(c)(3)
- 501(c)(19)

Please attach proof of nonprofit status as PDF:*

Sunday Salmon 501c3 IRS Letter.JPEG.pdf

Additional attachments as PDF:

No file chosen

Amount requested (\$1,000 maximum):*

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Description of specific project for requested funds:*

The Town of Castle Rock's \$1,000 grant will directly support the launch of our first Wednesday Wheels program in April.

Wednesday Wheels is a new weekly meal delivery initiative serving Castle Rock residents who cannot attend our in-restaurant dinners due to transportation barriers, mobility challenges, work schedules, or medical hardship.

Each Wednesday, we will prepare and deliver 100 full, organic meals throughout Castle Rock. At \$7 per meal (inclusive of ingredients, packaging, and chef payroll), the Town's \$1,000 investment will fund approximately 140 meals, covering the majority of our first week of deliveries and allowing us to launch the program with immediate impact.

This funding ensures we can begin serving seniors, veterans, medically fragile families, and individuals living in hotels or temporary housing from day one.

Eligible project area(s), programs and activities for:*

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

Other (please explain):

How does this project benefit Castle Rock residents?*

Wednesday Wheels directly addresses a gap in Castle Rock's food access infrastructure.

Because our town has no public transportation and limited qualifying meal programs, many residents fall through the cracks — particularly:

Income-restricted seniors who cannot drive

Veterans living alone

Families navigating cancer or medical crisis

Single mothers balancing multiple jobs

Individuals living in extended-stay hotels without kitchens

Public workers and teachers who cannot afford rising grocery costs

By delivering meals directly to residents' doors, Wednesday Wheels removes transportation barriers and provides dignified, high-quality nutrition to those who would otherwise go without.

The Town of Castle Rock's investment will help ensure that hidden hunger in our community is met with compassion, excellence, and action — beginning with the very first Wednesday delivery. This program is open to all residents, with no restrictions or qualification requirements - allowing everyone facing a need to have a chance to be served.

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