



Town of Castle Rock

First Quarter

Council Community Grant Program

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Council Date:
March 24th, 2026



Council Community Grant Program

On December 02, 2025 Council voted to amend the Council Community Grant Program (CCGP) - Please note the following changes in eligibility.

Previous Requirements

01

Individual grants would cap out at \$1,000 per request with an annual allocation not to exceed \$16,000 for the year or \$4,000 per quarter.

02

Eligible projects contribute to Castle Rock's quality of life, with special emphasis on youth programs and activities, senior programs and activities, and community-based environmental and sustainability programs and activities, and community-based performing and visual arts programs and activities.

03

Preference will be given to applicants who have not received grants previously. Nonprofit organizations may receive only one grant per year.

Current Requirements

01

Individual grants cap out at \$1,000 per request, with an **annual allocation not to exceed \$20,000 for the year, or \$5,000 per quarter.**

02

Eligible projects contribute to Castle Rock's quality of life, with special emphasis on youth programs and activities, senior programs and activities, and community-based environmental and sustainability programs and activities, **and community-based performing and visual arts programs and activities.**

03

Preference **will be given to organizations located within Castle Rock,** as well as to applicants that have not received grants previously.

04

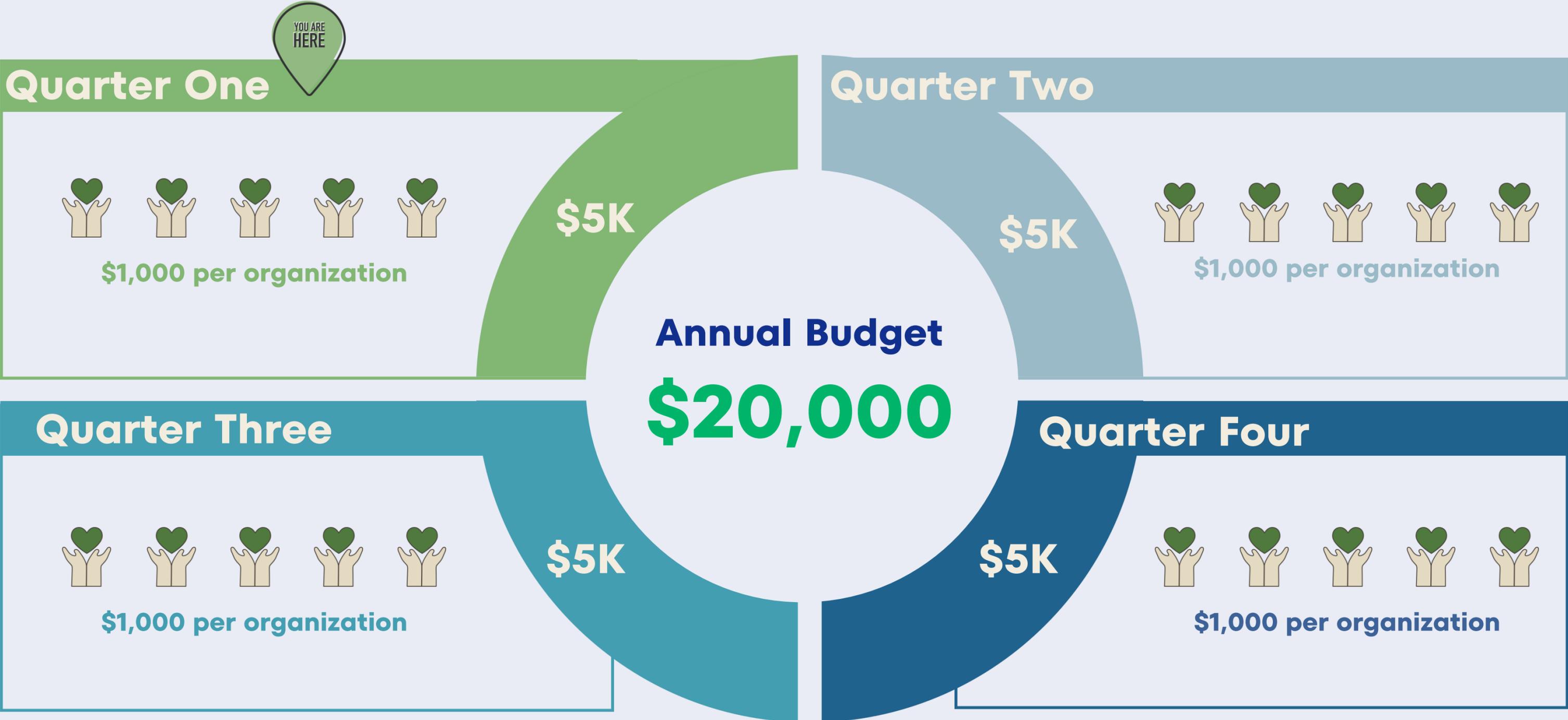
Youth and high school sports/activities are **not eligible unless they have an opportunity not repetitive, or a project that uniquely contributes back to the community.**

05

Nonprofit organizations may receive only one grant per year. **If an organization is awarded a grant two years in a row, it must sit out a year before becoming eligible for future awards**

Overview of Current Budget

The program is funded through the Town Council Nonprofit Grants account in the general fund.



Overview of Applicants

The Council Community Grant Program had 3 eligible applicants.

Sunday Salmon

Organization

A Castle Rock based nonprofit that provides no-cost, organic, gluten-free, and seed-oil-free meals to neighbors experiencing food insecurity and hardship.

Purpose of Funds

Support the launch of Wednesday Wheels, a new initiative that delivers meals to Castle Rock residents who are unable to attend Sunday Salmon's in-restaurant dinners.



Requested: \$1,000

Horsepower Inc

Organization

Horsepower Inc., also known as Colorado Horsepower, offers therapeutic horseback riding and training for veterans, first responders, and individuals with developmental disabilities.

Purpose of Funds

To help update equipment used with the horses and the riders.



Requested: \$1,000

SECOR

Organization

SECOR's mission is to care for people faced with suburban poverty through their various programs such as: Food for Thought, Mobile Market, and the Free Food Market.

Purpose of Funds

Food for Thought bags that will be delivered to schools in Castle Rock and for seniors who attend the Free Food Market in Parker.



Requested: \$1,000

Eligibility Process

Sunday Salmon

 Eligible for First Quarter



01

Quality of Life

Sunday Salmon plans to use requested CCGP funds to support the launch of Wednesday Wheels, a new initiative that delivers meals to Castle Rock residents who are unable to attend in-restaurant dinners.



02

Locality

Sunday Salmon is located in Castle Rock.



03

Award History

Sunday Salmon was not awarded in back-to-back years.



04

Youth Sports

Sunday Salmon is not a repetitive sports activity.



05

IRS 501(c)(3) Determination Letter

Sunday Salmon provided their IRS 501(c)(3) Determination Letter through their application.

Eligibility Process

Horsepower Inc

 Eligible for First Quarter



01

Quality of Life

Horsepower Inc. provides therapeutic horseback riding and training for veterans, first responders, and individuals with developmental disabilities. Through learning to guide and care for their horses, participants build self-control and confidence—benefiting both themselves and their Castle Rock neighbors. Funds will help support the care of the horses.



02

Locality

Horsepower Inc is located and serves in Castle Rock.



03

Award History

Horsepower Inc are first time applicants and have not been awarded in back-to-back years.



04

Youth Sports

Horsepower Inc is not a repetitive youth sports activity.



05

IRS 501(c)(3) Determination Letter

Horsepower Inc provided their IRS 501(c)(3) Determination Letter through their application.

Eligibility Process

SECOR

! Eligible for First Quarter



01

Quality of Life ✓

SECOR plans to focus funds on supporting children in Castle Rock by purchasing food for their Food for Thought bags, which are delivered to local schools. Funds will also support seniors with limited transportation through SECOR's Free Food Market in Parker.



02

Locality ✓

SECOR is not located in Castle Rock; they are based in Parker. As stated in the policy, this does not affect eligibility; however, preference is given to organizations located in Castle Rock.



03

Award History ✓

SECOR is a first-time applicant and has not been awarded in back-to-back years



04

Youth Sports ✓

SECOR is not a repetitive youth sports activity



05

IRS 501(c)(3) Determination Letter ✓

SECOR provided their IRS 501(c)(3) Determination Letter through their application.

Proposed Motion

I move to award funding to the following organizations:

ORGANIZATIONS

Sunday Salmon
Horsepower Inc
SECOR

RECOMMENDED

Alternative Motion

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

ORGANIZATIONS

RECOMMENDED

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?

Thank You!

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