



**Rotary Satellite Club of Castle Pines
1527 Glade Gulch Road
Castle Rock, Colorado 80104**

**Fourth Quarter Grant Application for Council Community Grant Program from Rotary
Satellite Club of Castle Pines**

**Submitted by Rotarians Bill Gernert (303-663-6543) gernertbill@gmail.com
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September is Suicide Prevention Month, and suicide is the leading cause of death for children ages 10-18. The Mental Health Foundation says that ten percent of children aged 5-17 have clinically diagnosable mental health problems. With over 28 percent of Castle Rock's population younger than 18, our children and grandchildren are at risk.

We have begun to mitigate that risk by beginning Castle Rock implementation of a proven Rotary International three phase program to recognize children's symptoms of potential mental illness and addressing them as early as possible. We ask for \$1000 in grant funds from the Council to help complete the process.

Phase One was a Community Conversations event between Castle Rock citizens and a panel of local mental health experts on September 25th at Castle Rock Middle School. The event was organized with partners from the Douglas County School District and the Douglas County Health Department

Phase Two was to have been a fundraiser next April to raise tuition assistance funds for Phase Three. While Phase One showed substantial Community support for this approach to children's mental health concerns, it also revealed a reluctance to

personally participate in raising funds. Apparently, personal participation was seen as indicating mental health problems within the participant's immediate or extended family. As a result, we are refocusing Phase Two to rely on organizational support instead of individual support. We will ask Castle Rock service clubs and charity/philanthropic organizations to contribute funds and have already received support for local Kiwanis.

Phase Three will be training for 20+ Castle Rock pediatricians, primary care physicians, and their key staff who treat youth ages 6-18. They will be trained in a program created and run by Boston Children's Hospital called "Building Bridges of Understanding". The program focuses on how to screen for behavioral health concerns (anxiety, ADHD and depression) and then how to best treat them. Treatment does not consist of medications or referral to mental health experts. Instead, it utilizes "Guided Self-Management Toolkits for Families" which allow primary care physicians, families, and youth to partner together in early treatment. Building Bridges of Understanding fully meets medical continuing education standards and will cost \$250 per attendee. Since each pediatrician treats about 1000 children, that is a very reasonable cost.

While pediatricians and primary care physicians received some training in children's mental illness, refreshing and expanding that training is the best approach to early identification and treatment. It also recognizes that others engaged in treating mental health issues often have long waiting lists

Steve Baroch will attend the Council meeting on December 16th

Respectfully,

Bill Gernert
And
Steve Baroch

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2025 Fourth Quarter - Council Community Grant Program Application - Submission #165925

Date Submitted: 11/13/2025



2025 Council Community Grant Program Application

Fourth Quarter - Due by Friday, Nov. 14, 2025

Name of organization:*

Castle View High School's Technology Student Association Club

Address:*

5254 North Meadows Drive

City:*

Castle Rock

State:*

Colorado

Zip:*

80109

Contact name:*

Rob Phelps

Telephone number:*

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Email address:*

rphelps1@dcsdk12.org

Description of organization:*

Technology Student Association (TSA) is an after-school club focused on learning and leadership in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM). A chapter of this club is hosted at Castle View High School. Annually, students have the chance to attend district, state, and national level competitions where they can compete against other TSA chapters in an event of their choice and have the chance to podium. We participate in different events including robotics, architecture, fashion design, catapult, and many more. Being in TSA allows students to expand their horizons with new interests, make new friends, and gives them chances to explore future education and career options.

Nonprofit status:*

☒ 501(c)(3)

☐ 501(c)(19)

Please attach proof of nonprofit status as PDF:*

TSA 501c3 Colorado Letter (1).pdf

Additional attachments as PDF:

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

1000

Description of specific project for requested funds:*

Castle View High School's TSA is requesting funds in order to help provide these valuable experiences to students who cannot afford the necessary fees. Through sponsorships and grants last year we were able to lower the cost of attending the State Competition for everyone and bring 10 more kids to state than the previous year. With help from this grant alone we will be able to lower the cost of attending State by \$50 for every student in the club, allowing every student the chance to present their project and compete in the events of their choice.

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?*

Being a part of TSA benefits Castle Rock youth by providing an opportunity for them to excel in a STEAM-related field of their choice. Students are able to meet new friends who have similar interests and learn new skills that will help them in their future endeavors. TSA allows students to gain beneficial skills such as problem solving, leadership, and teamwork that they can use in all aspects of their life. With funds we will be able to lower the entry cost of being in the club, and the amount it costs to attend District, State, and National level competitions. This will allow more students to join the club and benefit from the great experiences it offers, without needing to worry about the financial aspect of it.

Please submit completed application, or print and deliver to:

Town of Castle Rock (Finance Department), 100 N. Wilcox St., Castle Rock, CO 80104

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2025 Fourth Quarter - Council Community Grant Program Application - Submission #163138

Date Submitted: 8/27/2025



2025 Council Community Grant Program Application

Fourth Quarter - Due by Friday, Nov. 14, 2025

Name of organization:*

Douglas County High School - 2026 After Prom

Address:*

2842 Front Street

City:*

Castle Rock

State:*

CO

Zip:*

80104

Contact name:*

Emily Koehler Mathena

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303-387-1083

Email address:*

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Description of organization:*

Douglas County High School is Castle Rock's longest standing high school. DCHS's community embraces individual growth, collaborative spirit, intellectual curiosity, creativity and life-long learning skills. We provide diverse and challenging opportunities in an atmosphere that fosters global mindedness, mutual respect and support.

Nonprofit status:*

☒ 501(c)(3)

☐ 501(c)(19)

Please attach proof of nonprofit status as PDF:*

DCSD W9 2021 (3).pdf

Additional attachments as PDF:

[completed] Town of Castle Rock Affidavit of Exempt Sales (1).pdf

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

\$1000

Description of specific project for requested funds:*

Douglas County High School After Prom is an event that happens immediately following the Prom Dance at the school from 11p - 3a each year. It is a parent run event, and relies solely on donations. Most years, over 700 students will attend this event. The goal of After Prom is to give our children a safe place to come and have fun after the Prom Dance ends. It has been a school tradition since at least 1994.

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?*

After prom is an event that keeps our students SAFE and off the streets following the prom dance. It is a time where our parents and residents do not need to fear about the well being of our students as they are safe and able to experience supervised fun the whole night long.

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