2025 Council Community Grant Program Application

Name of organization:	Sunday Salmon Inc
Address:	207 W Wolfensberger Rd Suite C
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 delicious, NO-COST, organic, gluten and seed-oil-free community restaurant on Wolfensberger & Park Street in Castle Rock, CO. The restaurant is community-style, with tables seating 10-12 guests. Our goal? To foster connections by seating neighbors together to share family-style wholesome organic meals, good conversation, and a sense of belonging. No strings, no costs—just good food, great people, and open hearts.
	We help residents of Castle Rock, CO who are in need by providing a free organic, community-cooked meal, connections with other residents who can help them access resources, relationships, and careers, access to our Community Impact Fund to meet immediate and pressing financial needs, and will soon provide cooking and nutrition classes with a 3-meal meal prep service.
	Join us at Sunday Salmon in Castle Rock, where connections flourish and everyone is welcome at the table. Join us as we break bread and build a better community, one plate at a time.

Nonprofit status:	501(c)(3)
Please attach proof of nonprofit status as PDF:	Sunday Salmon 501c3.pdf
Additional attachments as PDF:	Field not completed.
Amount requested (\$1,000 maximum):	1,000
Description of specific project for requested funds:	At Sunday Salmon, we only serve the finest, organic, gluten and seed oil free ingredients, which means our food costs run a little higher than most restaurants. With that, we serve about 80 meals each Sunday, and this \$1,000 pays for one Sunday dinner service.
Eligible project area(s), programs and activities for:	Other
Other (please explain):	Addresses Food Insecurity
How does this project benefit Castle Rock residents?	We help residents of Castle Rock, CO who are in need by providing a free organic, community-cooked meal, connections with other residents who can help them access resources, relationships, and careers, access to our Community Impact Fund to meet immediate and pressing financial needs, and will soon provide cooking and nutrition classes with a 3-meal meal prep service.
	Why Castle Rock, CO? Because we live here and are called to love our neighbors.
	Approximately 4.3% of Castle Rock residents live below the poverty line; just over 3,000 individuals.
	The town's wealth disparities and the cost of living in Castle Rock create unique challenges for lower-income residents.
	The initiatives of Sunday Salmon help alleviate these needs by offering not only meals but also a sense of community and financial support. By addressing both immediate food needs and community connection, this program can help reduce the isolation often experienced by those facing food insecurity.

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2025 Council Community Grant Program Application

Name of organization:	Castle Rock Pirates Rugby Club
Address:	7505 W. Yale Ave, Unit 3101
City:	Denver
State:	СО
Zip:	80227
Contact name:	Joe Conti
Telephone number:	3033498628
Email address:	jlcontijr@gmail.com
Description of organization:	Castle Rock Pirates Rugby Football Club is a 501 c (3) organization. Our club supports youth development, physical activity, and education through the sport of Rugby. Our programs are offered to children in elementary, middle school, and high school and we serve Castle Rock and the broader Douglas County community. Our team plays locally and regionally.
Nonprofit status:	501(c)(3)
Please attach proof of nonprofit status as PDF:	501C3 approval letter.pdf
Additional attachments as PDF:	Field not completed.
Amount requested (\$1,000 maximum):	1000
Description of specific project for requested	Castle Rock Pirates Rugby is run by a staff of coaches who volunteer their time. We receive funds from a portion of player registration (USA Rugby and Rugby Colorado take their cut) - we

funds:	keep the registration reasonable so families can afford it. We use additional funds to pay for field rental (Meadow View), indoor training sessions (when it is too cold or snowy) and equipment. We also offer a scholarship to graduating seniors going to college, military or trade school (one \$1000 scholarship it our goal). Our youth program has exploded! This is great but we've had to purchase multiple sets of game jerseys and additional equipment.
Eligible project area(s), programs and activities for:	Youth
How does this project benefit Castle Rock residents?	Aside from promoting physical activity and learning the game, we help to develop a sense of community within and outside of the team. We have our players participate in the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo parade in Castle Rock, Trunk or Treat (Douglas County Fairgrounds) and the Castle Rock Starlighting.
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Name of organization:	Aging Resources of Douglas County
Address:	104 Fourth St
City:	Castle Rock
State:	СО
Zip:	80104
Contact name:	Chip Hunnings
Telephone number:	303-814-4300
Email address:	Chunnings@douglas.co.us
Description of organization:	Aging Resources (Neighbor Network) began in 1998 through a small county grant providing transportation services to older adults in Castle Rock. Through the years our outreach and programming have grown to include the entire county with a variety of wrap-around services. In 2018 we became an independent 501 c3 and changed our name to Aging Resources of Douglas County. We currently provide services to thousands of older adults throughout Douglas County to help them age independently and on their terms. Our mission is to empower older adults to age with independence.
Nonprofit status:	501(c)(3)
Please attach proof of nonprofit status as PDF:	ARDC IRS Determination Letter.pdf
Additional attachments as PDF:	2023 Impact Report (1)-compressed.pdf
Amount requested	\$1,000

(\$1,000 maximum):

Description of specific project for requested funds:	Aging Resources is providing dedicated shuttle service from lower-income senior living facilities in Castle Rock to the hospital, doctor appointments, grocery stores, pharmacies and other businesses and services throughout Castle Rock.
Eligible project area(s), programs and activities for:	Seniors
How does this project benefit Castle Rock residents?	This free shuttle service provides residents from lower-income senior living facilities the opportunity to be connected to the town businesses and services. This shuttle service provides them with the ability to move around Castle Rock on their schedule. With stops throughout Castle Rock it will also encourage engagement with local businesses.
•	application, or print and deliver to:
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Rock, CO 80104

2025 Council Community Grant Program Application

Name of organization:	Paul's Mystery Ship To End ALS
Address:	4940 Bluesky Drive
City:	Castle Rock
State:	СО
Zip:	80109
Contact name:	Bonnie J Dannels
Telephone number:	7209358000
Email address:	bonnie.dannels@gmail.com
Description of organization:	Mission: Honoring the memories of those who have lost their battle with ALS, promoting advocacy through awareness of ALS, and offering support for families facing ALS together: keeping Hope, Kindness & Love alive. Our nonprofit has become the Castle Rock/Douglas County connection for families who have lost loved ones to ALS, or families traveling the journey with ALS now. Our annual walk along Plum Creek Trail offers people newly diagnosed a chance to come meet their community of support; allow families who are facing the end or have lost someone the chance to honor their loved one together as a community, as well as provide a community that continues throughout the year including annual Starlighting event, PicklePalooza pickleball tournament, summer pig roast event, annual walk, sponsoring tree @ Festival Park & other events in the planning stages for 2025. We are a member of the CR Chamber of Commerce and are a 2024 nominee for Nonprofit of the year award. We are also a member of the DCCF. We strive to be active in the community & provide support and community connection for those with ALS and all neuro-muscular diseases.
Nonprofit status:	501(c)(3)

Please attach proof of nonprofit status as PDF:	Pauls Mystery Ship 501(c)3.pdf
Additional attachments as PDF:	Field not completed.
Amount requested (\$1,000 maximum):	\$1000.00
Description of specific project for requested funds:	Funds will be used to provide scholarships for educational needs for students pursuing post secondary education, either trade school, college or university. Scholarships are available through all DC High Schools, Regis, Valor and we are posted on CSU scholarship site. Currently in process of being listed on other CO college/university sites. We have expanded our scholarships to be available not only to students affected by ALS, but all neuro- muscular diseases, such as MS & Parkinson's to name a couple. We also plan to assist families traveling the journey with ALS with monies for financial needs including equipment or living expenses within our community. We have also started several additional specific outreach programs that are shown on our website: <u>www.paulsmysteryship.com</u>
Eligible project area(s), programs and activities for:	Other
Other (please explain):	Provide a community of support and connection in and around Castle Rock for those with ALS or who have lost a loved one to ALS and provide support for other neuro-muscular diseases through scholarship program.
How does this project benefit Castle Rock residents?	Paul's Mystery Ship provides a local presence and support for the ALS community and offers awareness in the Castle Rock community as well as Douglas County. Our annual walk, PicklePalooza pickleball tournament with fundraising & awareness provides a way for the Castle Rock community to come together to promote local events and bring the community together to support families and make a difference in the lives of people dealing with a horrific disease.
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2025 Council Community Grant Program Application

Name of organization:	Castle Rock Band
Address:	PO Box 1632
City:	Castle Rock
State:	СО
Zip:	80108
Contact name:	Chris Lobello
Telephone number:	720-537-2978
Email address:	chris.lobello@insead.edu
Description of organization:	The Castle Rock Community Band is a regularly-performing concert band maintaining the tradition of Castle Rock Bands from the past while introducing new musical challenges for its many members. The band is open to all without auditions or fees and regularly performs across the town of Castle Rock for Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Christmas, and other events. Members of the band are predominantly from Castle Rock and include people as young as high-school students and many members who are at an age where we do not ask.
Nonprofit status:	501(c)(3)
Please attach proof of nonprofit status as PDF:	Castle Rock Band IRS Designation.PDF
Additional attachments as PDF:	Field not completed.
Amount requested (\$1,000 maximum):	\$1,000

Description of specific project for requested funds:	The Castle Rock Community Band operates on a tight and focused budget. Any funds rewarded will be used for new sheet music, maintenance of existing instruments, other operational costs (a storage locker for our music library and currently unused uniforms,) etc.
Eligible project area(s), programs and activities for:	Youth , Seniors, Community-based performing visual arts
How does this project benefit Castle Rock residents?	The Castle Rock Band provides two key benefits to the residents of the town of Castle Rock. First, for the 30-40 members it is an outlet for musical expression and community engagement. Second, our outdoor concerts are free to the community and regularly attract up to 200 people who come out to Festival Park for a Saturday afternoon downtown. In addition to enjoying a free concert these people interact with each other (imagine young children putting their phones down and enjoying the music with their families) and often walk up and down the streets of Castle Rock before and after the concert. As a bonus, some of our audience will come into town from outside of Castle Rock and often stay for a meal, purchase gasoline, shop in our stores, etc.
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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. Name of Organization Best Buddies International, Inc
- 2. Address 2340 Dayton Street
- 3. City, State, Zip Aurora, Colorado 80010
- 4. Contact full name, Phone, email Rachael Fischer, 317-339-4540, Rachaelfischer@bestbuddies.org
- 5. Description of Organization

Founded in 1989, Best Buddies is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, leadership development, and inclusive living for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Best Buddies in Colorado has 32 chapters at elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, and colleges across the state. For the current 2024-2025 school year, we serve 626 Colorado participants with and without IDD.

Best Buddies establishes, supports, and rigorously oversees school-based programs that pair youth with IDD in one-to-one mutually beneficial friendships with their typical peers.

- 6. Non-Profit Status Select 501(c)3
- 7. Amount requested (Max \$1,000) \$1,000
- 8. Description of specific project for requested funds

With funds from the Town of Castle Rock, Best Buddies will continue our work to create a more inclusive school community at Castle View High School by pairing

students with IDD in one-to-one friendships with typical peers, delivering inclusive group activities, and offering leadership training opportunities for students with and without disabilities throughout the academic year. Best Buddies combats the social isolation experienced by students with IDD and promotes college- and career-readiness among all members by enhancing social and leadership skills that prepare students for a successful future. This project will create a more inclusive environment at Castle View High School by engaging a total of 45 participants and establishing 14 one-to-one friendships between students with IDD and their typical peers.

Each chapter also enlists the help of a faculty advisor, who volunteers to provide guidance and act as a liaison between school administration and chapter members. Best Buddies will support chapter leaders as they match students with IDD in one-to-one friendships with their typical peers. Matches are made based on factors such as participants' common interests, preferences, and transportation needs. Best Buddies requires that participants make a commitment to contact each other once a week and spend time together in person at least twice each month over the course of the academic year. Additionally, chapter leaders will plan and deliver inclusive group activities on campus and in the community throughout the academic year. By participating and socializing in a Best Buddies chapter, students with and without IDD are able to participate in one-to-one, small group, and large group activities at chapter meetings, one-to-one outings, and group social events.

9. Eligible project areas, programs and activities for (Youth, seniors, Communitybased environmental and sustainability, Community-based visual arts, other)

Youth

10. How does this project benefit Castle Rock residents?

This project benefits the residents of Castle Rock by creating opportunities for meaningful social interactions and relationships for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities, who often experience isolation and loneliness. Classroom walls are just one of the barriers that prevent students with IDD from interacting with their typical peers. Even when students with IDD and their typical peers do share a classroom, "interaction rarely occurs without intentional programming," since students with IDD frequently work

alone or separated from their typical peers (Carter, 2017). Studies have found that students with IDD are at higher risk of experiencing bullying than their typical peers, due to deficits in social and communication skills. (Rose et al., 2011) Student experiences in the classroom vary by disability, whereby students with autism experience high rates of bullying in inclusive settings and students with IDD face increased bullying when they are in restrictive settings. (Rose et al., 2015) Regardless of the educational setting, students with IDD face increased rates of victimization due to social and communication deficits and social marginalization (Rose & Gage, 2017).

To address these barriers, Best Buddies affords the opportunity for students with disabilities and their typical peers to have meaningful social interactions. As a result, students with IDD gain appropriate social skills that help them become college and career ready. Additionally, students without disabilities learn that students with IDD have many strengths and abilities – knowledge which makes them understand the benefits of inclusion in schools, communities, and the workplace.

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Name of organization:	Castle Rock Chorale
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City:	Castle Rock
State:	Со
Zip:	80104
Contact name:	Cindy Kreek
Telephone number:	720-240-6972
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Description of organization:	The Castle Rock Chorale began in 2011, and includes members from Castle Rock and the communities in and surrounding Douglas County
Nonprofit status:	501(c)(3)
Please attach proof of nonprofit status as PDF:	CRC 501c3 approval letter.pdf
Additional attachments as PDF:	Field not completed.
Amount requested (\$1,000 maximum):	\$1000
Description of specific project for requested funds:	The Castle Rock Chorale is back! The requested funds will be used to support our chorale's weekly rehearsals as we prepare for a Spring concert to be held in Castle Rock. Our goal is to provide the Castle Rock community with a high quality audience experience that will elevate the spirit with song.

Eligible project area(s), programs and activities for:	Community-based performing visual arts
How does this project benefit Castle Rock residents?	The chorale provides an opportunity for adults to gather weekly to create beautiful music. We have a professional director and pianist who elevate the experience of singing together to create synergy for the performers. We also benefit residents by offering a free performance for the community. Our mission is to build a dynamic choral community from Castle Rock and the surrounding Douglas County area, to allow the power of words and music to educate, enlighten, entertain, and unify.
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Rock, CO 80104