

RESOLUTION NO. 007-2022

A Resolution of the Town of Crestone Board of Trustees Supporting the Grant Application for a Community Impact Grant from the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund for the completion of essential improvements to the Town Park, Creekside Park, and Crestone Historical Museum.

WHEREAS, the Town of Crestone supports the Great Outdoors Colorado grant application for the essential improvements to the Town Park, Creekside Park, and Crestone Historical Museum. And if the grant is awarded, the Town of Crestone supports the completion of the project.

WHEREAS, the Town of Crestone has requested \$400,000 from Great Outdoors Colorado to construct a public restroom, gazebo/bandshell, restore historic rock walls and pond in Town Park; restore fountain in Little Pearl Park; improve parking area and construct a visitor information kiosk showing hiking trails and other outdoor recreation opportunities in Creekside Park; and replacing a pedestrian bridge at the Crestone Historic Museum that is part of the Town hiking and walking trail and is used to show visitors gold panning activities that took place when Crestone was a gold mining town (1879 – 1903).

WHEREAS, according to the State of Colorado Demographer's report of the 2020 Census statistics for the Town of Crestone, 42% of the households in Crestone live below the poverty line. The income status of most Crestone residents has made it impossible to provide for basic park improvements afforded to middle and upper-income communities.

WHEREAS, the Town Park is the heart of the community, located in downtown and next to Town Hall, and is an all-season gathering place for residents. It is the central location for community events and a "Saturday Market" in the summer.

WHEREAS, the Town of Crestone held a public outreach session on January 15th, and the improvements proposed in the grant were verified as those desired by the community. The public restroom remains the number one desired improvement, followed by the gazebo/bandshell. These improvements have been identified repeatedly by other public outreach efforts conducted by the Town in previous years.

WHEREAS, the Town of Crestone has not been able to install a public restroom in the Town Park due to cost, and no public restroom is available within walking distance from the park in the Town of Crestone. Those using the parks must walk or drive back home to use a restroom. This is the number one park improvement requested by the community.

WHEREAS, because the Town Park lacks a place to set up musical and other performances, event planners must move in trailers and other vehicles into the park, causing damage to the park vegetation. Spontaneous and smaller events have no place to set up. Performances are important to the community, and many residents are musicians who frequently perform for the residents.

WHEREAS, rock walls and a pond were constructed on the Town Park site when the land belonged to the home's former residents, which is now Town Hall. Vandals have damaged the rock walls and pond and threw rocks into the pond, and it no longer functions. The pond was a popular place for people to gather in the summer, and for weddings and other family events.

WHEREAS, the Town of Crestone installed a fountain in the park and desires to replace a malfunctioning fountain with a new one.

WHEREAS, the Town of Crestone Creekside Park has an unimproved parking lot accessible to visitors as they come into Town that receives heavy use. It is a natural location to provide visitors with hiking and camping information. The Town of Crestone desires to grade the parking lot, install gravel and a visitor information kiosk. EV charging stations will be installed under another grant.

WHEREAS, the Town of Crestone Historical Museum conducts gold panning demonstrations and hands-on experience on North Crestone Creek and used a pedestrian bridge on the museum grounds that is part of the Town hiking and walking trail as a viewing area for the demonstration. The vintage bridge deteriorated to the point it was unsafe and unsalvageable and was removed. The Town does not have money to replace the bridge, and it is integral to the outdoor visitor experience of the Town,

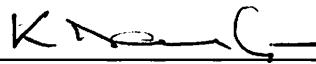
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF CRESTONE THAT:

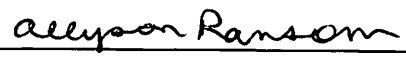
- Section 1: The Board of Trustees of the Town of Crestone strongly supports the application for a grant to make park improvements that will benefit the Town of Crestone residents and visitors with Great Outdoors Colorado.
- Section 2: If the grant is awarded, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Crestone strongly supports the fulfillment of the project.
- Section 3: If the grant is awarded, the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign the grant agreement with Great Outdoors Colorado.
- Section 4: If the grant is awarded, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Crestone authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of the grant agreement.
- Section 5: If the grant is awarded, the Town will complete the public restroom and gazebo/bandshell in Town Park and the museum pedestrian bridge replacement in the summer/fall of 2022.
- Section 6: If the grant is awarded, the Town will complete the rock wall, pond, and fountain restoration in Town Park, the parking lot improvements, and a visitor kiosk in Creekside Park by the end of summer 2023.

Section 7: This resolution is to be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

SUBMITTED AND APPROVED ON THIS 14th Day of February, 2022

ATTEST


Kairina Danforth, Mayor


Allyson Ransom, Clerk