



To: Summit County Council

From: Peter Tomai, Chair RAP Tax- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Re: Recreation, Arts and Parks - RAP Recreation-Parks 2021 Special Bond Funding Recommendations

Date: November 23, 2021

Purpose: On behalf of the RAP Tax- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, Peter Tomai, Chair of the Committee submits the following summary of the committee's 2021 RAP-Recreation and Parks Special Grant Funding recommendations for consideration by the Summit County Council.

Background: In November of 2000, the citizens of Summit County voted and passed a ballot measure to implement a one-tenth percent (0.10%) sales tax in Summit County for the purpose of funding arts and recreation programs. Summit County has two advisory committees which evaluate potential grants utilizing the RAP Tax; namely the Arts Committee and the Recreation and Parks Committee. The initial RAP Tax was distributed 55% to the Arts Committee and 45% to the Recreation Committee. The RAP-Recreation portion of the tax was further distributed according to geographic area with 50% of the grants going to the Snyderville Basin, 25% to Park City, 12.5% to North Summit and 12.5 percent to South Summit.

Continuation of the Summit County RAP tax was put to the voters for reapproval in November of 2010 and again this past November 2020. Both times the citizens of Summit County voted to continue the existing one-tenth percent (0.10%) sales tax in Summit County for the purpose of funding arts, parks, and recreation programs for another 10- year period. Available RAP Tax funds are split 50% to the Arts and 50% to Recreation and Parks with area funding to approximately follow the population distribution of 48% to the Snyderville Basin, 21 % to Park City, 13% to North Summit and 18% to South Summit.

Given the new 10 year approval of the RAP tax by the voters in 2020, Summit County elected to use the proceeds to support a bond in the amount of \$8.8 million to facilitate the creation and improvement of major capital facilities . Committee was given guidance that funds will be used for capital projects, to build new, or improve existing, capital facilities. Organizations must provide a realistic timeline, scope for the completion of the project, budget, as well as other funding sources for their project. All projects must be finished, and financial reporting completed within 24 months from the date of the County

Council’s approval. The committee focused upon projects which have long term sustainability, serve the community, and advance Summit County’s goals for conserving energy, water, and waste, while advancing parks and recreational amenities throughout Summit County.

Current Status: Members of the Summit County Recreation Arts and Parks Tax-Recreation Advisory Committee are appointed by the County Council. The current make-up of the committee is shown below:

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2021 Grant Cycle:

Grant process timeline:

- Advertise for RAP-Rec applications in *The Park Record* and *Summit County News* starting June 25
- Notice of grant opportunity on Summit County’s homepage June 25
- Application available online July 1 at www.summitcounty.org/980/RAP---Recreation-Tax-Grant
- Application deadline: August 31 at 5:00 PM
- County Legal review of applications for qualification
- Initial review and discussions of applications by the RAP Tax Recreation Committee during the second week of September
- Committee liaisons are assigned to each applicant.
- Applicant presentations and interviews with the committee over 2 days in early November
- Committee deliberations and formulation of committee recommendations to council.

2021 Funding Applications. Grant Cycle:

The committee received 21 funding requests from across the County amounting to \$ 14,330,679 for the \$8,800,000 of available funds. The table below reveals the grant applications by area compared with the targeted allocation of funds by area.

Region	Funding Requested	% Allocation By Population	Funding Allocation
East County - North	\$ 1,985,440	13.0%	\$1,144,000
East County - South**	\$ 5,838,414	18.0%	\$1,584,000
Park City	\$ 1,584,673	21.0%	\$1,848,000
Snyderville Basin	\$4,619,153	48.0%	\$4,224,000
Total	\$14,330,679	100%	\$8,800,000

As seen in the table above, funding requests received from the South Summit area exceeded the amount of funds targeted for the area by nearly 4 times.

Conclusion and Recommendation:

The mission of the RAPAC is to advise and recommend to the County Council the best use(s) of RAP-Recreation funds for the purposes of financing in whole or in part recreational and park facilities. **A recreational facility is defined as any publicly owned or operated park, campground, marine, dock, golf course, playground, athletic field, gymnasium, swimming pool, or other facility used for recreational purposes. See [Title 2 Chapter 14 Summit County Recreation Arts and Parks Advisory Committee](#).**

Summary:

The RAP Recreation Committee submits to Council for their consideration the attached spreadsheets detailing the committee’s recommendations for funding and funding conditions as applicable.

21 complete applications were received during the application window. All applications were reviewed by Summit County Legal who determined that two of the applications did not meet bond funding criteria and therefore were not included in the 2021 funding cycle. The remaining 19 eligible applications were assigned to committee liaisons who worked with each applicant in preparation for presentations and interviews before the committee over two days in early November.

In summary, the committee was impressed with the overall quality and appropriateness of the applications received in this cycle. All the applications had merit in the opinion of the committee. Total funding requests (\$14,330,679) significantly exceed available funding (\$8,800,000) resulting in the long-

deliberated recommendations contained in the attached spreadsheets. In particular, this cycle, total funding requests from the East County South region exceeded the area's target allocation by nearly 4 times. In evaluating the applications, the committee sought to meet the critical needs of each jurisdiction prior to funding optional enhancements or embellishments. Given the rapid growth in the South Summit area and the desire to disburse recreational facilities proximate to users, the committee recommends allocating a larger proportion of this funding cycle to South Summit to help establish local amenities able to serve local participation and population growth. In general, all submitted grants would enable the requesting jurisdictions to advance their programs, serve a broad variety of county residents and guests, and add to the overall quality of life available in Summit County. The committee recommends that all grants follow typical Summit County procurement and reporting policies. The committee further recommends that the county consider developing a database of vendors and suppliers with whom various districts have had good experience. By sharing best practices and pricing data, the county should be able to leverage district purchasing power to the benefit of all districts, facilitating the most efficient use of RAP funding county wide.