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March 18, 2022

## **CALL FOR BIG IDEAS IN GOLDEN (B.I.G) GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Dear Non-Profit Organization,

In alignment with the Golden Civic Foundation's mission "to operate for the charitable and civic purposes for the citizens and residents of the City of Golden," we are announcing the opportunity for Golden-based non-profit organizations to submit applications for our annual Big Ideas in Golden (B.I.G.) Grant to support community projects that will make a *BIG* and lasting impact on the Golden community. One B.I.G. Grant will be selected to be the beneficiary at our 53<sup>rd</sup> annual Gala & Auction "Paddle Raise" fundraiser in the Fall of 2022. The funding amount offered is contingent upon total funds raised at this fundraiser (which has ranged from \$20,000 to \$76,000 for past Paddle Raise project beneficiaries). Project applications, which can only be sponsored by an established 501(c)(3) organization, school or partnered with a fiscal agent, must be submitted by May 16, 2022.

Please see the attached information sheet for more detailed grant guidelines and criteria, and application, and feel free to contact [julie@goldencivicfoundation.org](mailto:julie@goldencivicfoundation.org) with any questions.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Bartos".

Julie Bartos *Director of Community Impact*  
Golden Civic Foundation  
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Greg Poulos".

Greg Poulos, Board of Directors  
Golden Civic Foundation



## BIG Ideas in Golden (B.I.G.) Grant Information

### Project Scope

The Foundation requests that Golden-based non-profit organizations to submit proposals for projects that most likely will not be addressed by local, City of Golden tax funds and that will improve the quality of life for a broad base of the Golden community. "Shovel-ready," brick and mortar projects are preferred but all ideas will be assessed in relation to their impact on our community.

### Preferred Impact Areas:

- **Arts & Culture:** Vibrant art and cultural amenities and opportunities to promote cultural enrichment and help drive the local economy. Examples could include public art and theater, music or dance equipment or resources.
- **Civic Development:** "Brick and mortar" type projects that provide improved amenities for our community such as improvements to a property (like a community track complex) or land, property acquisition and re-purposing for the community's benefit (like the American Mountaineering Center).
- **Critical Needs Support:** Infrastructure to give residents of all ages equitable access to opportunities for healthy living, such as social service facilities or amenities.
- **Environment:** Projects that sustain a healthy local community and provide opportunities for outdoor entertainment and recreation, such as gardens, trails, parks and land preservation.
- **Other:** The Foundation will consider all ideas, and preference will be placed on physical ("brick and mortar") type projects that will have a long-lasting impact on the quality of life for the community of Golden.

### Eligibility Requirements

Eligible non-profit organization applicants must be classified as a 501(c)(3) by the Internal Revenue Service, be partnered with a 501(c)(3) non-profit fiscal agent or, be a local government agency or public school. Applicant organizations must operate within the City of Golden and funds must be used for the benefit of Golden citizens.

All eligible applicants must provide:

- A completed application
- Proof of 501(c)(3) non-profit status
- A modestly detailed business plan with a feasible funding strategy
- A step-by-step schedule for project completion within, preferably 12, and up to 24 months
- Proof of 25% funding including a description of other possible funding sources beyond this grant

### Project Review Process & Timeline

Project ideas will be reviewed and considered annually by an Advisory Committee consisting of a Golden Civic Foundation Board of Director, staff member and several independent citizens representing various areas of Golden. The favored idea(s) will be brought to the entire Golden Civic Foundation Board of Directors for review and may be selected as the Paddle Raise beneficiary at the Foundation's Annual Gala & Auction or forwarded on for consideration as part of the Foundation's annual "For the Good of Golden" Grant Program.



## What We Will Not Fund

Important to note is that we do NOT fund:

- Direct support of individuals; endowments; churches, church projects, or religious organizations; sport organizations or booster clubs; debt retirement or operational deficits
- General operating expenses
- Production of films or other media-related projects
- Preschools, day care centers, nursing homes, etc.
- Political issues or efforts
- Tickets, raffles, golf outings, or sponsorships.

The Golden Civic Foundation will not consider grants to organizations which discriminate on the basis of age, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, national origin, religious affiliation, or presence of a disability.

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## BIG Ideas In Golden (B.I.G) Grant Application

Contact Name

Email & Phone Number

Organization Name

501(c)(3)/Tax ID#

Mailing Address

Website

Geographic Area Served

Numbers/Potential Population Served or Name of Fiscal Agent/Sponsor

**Project Description Summary:** Provide a one to two paragraph of what the grant will be used for:

### Project Expense:

Total Project Expense:

Funds Raised to Date:

Balance Needed:

Request Amount:

**Please also provide the following as attachments with this application:**

### Preliminary Business Plan:

A brief (two-three page) Business Plan outlining project scope, funding strategy including other possible funding sources beyond this grant, deliverables, and schedule/milestones for project completion within 12 to 24 months. Well-articulated and clearly achievable plans with a demonstrable lasting impact on the Golden community will be favored by the committee.

### Proof of 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Status

### Proof of 25% Funding

**Digital images or Illustrations (if available):** Email to [julie@goldencivicfoundation.org](mailto:julie@goldencivicfoundation.org).

The Golden Civic Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit organization (Tax ID #23-7064045).

More information on the BIG Ideas In Golden opportunity can be found here:

<https://www.goldencivicfoundation.org/b-i-g-grants/>