

POLICY STATEMENT FOR GILPIN COUNTY FUNDING OF NON-COUNTY AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS

Under Colorado law, the County of Gilpin may choose to donate tax funds to certain tax-exempt agencies and programs which promote the betterment of the citizens of Gilpin County and the state of Colorado. The Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County has determined that such donations should be made in accordance with written policies, to insure fair and equitable access by all groups seeking such funds. The Board of County Commissioners therefore adopts the following policy statement:

Three principles guide the distribution of public funds to non-county agencies and programs in Gilpin County. First, Public funds must be allocated in the interest of the public's health, safety, and welfare. Second, the County Manager or designee will send by April 30th of each year written notice to organizations historically requesting funds, including this policy and a form to complete and return by July 31. A notice of the same will be published in the 1st quarter newsletter. Third, funds must be available, in the sense of coming from a designated line item in the county budget specifically identified for such distribution. Such funds, if available and if meeting the general principle noted above, should be allocated according to the following priorities:

1. Projects of County-wide interest or impact

a. Projects inclusive of towns and unincorporated areas

For example: Arts programs, Central City fishing derby, Eagles' Nest, Gilpin Ambulance, Mountain Family Health Center; Fire Mitigation programs, community clean-up

b. Special Projects

For example: "Welcome sign project," Christmas baskets, After-prom events

c. Extra-County Projects and Programs

For example: Mount Evans Hospice, Animal Control IGA

d. Other

For example: selected non-profit agencies, Central City Fire Dept. (for protection in unserved areas only), Little League

2. Generally Not Funded

a. Commercial ventures

- b. Private club activities not County-inclusive
- c. Individuals
- d. Institutions with own dedicated funding sources
- e. Requests not received during the County's funding cycle
- f. Activities that are part of an entity's primary function or obligation

Except for exigent circumstances, funding for such projects and programs will be made annually, as part of the County's regular budget cycle. Except for emergencies, no funding requests will be considered unless presented as a scheduled agenda item; please contact the Administration Office at 303-582-5214 to schedule a presentation to the Board of County Commissioners.

Additionally, memorial donations may be made as approved by the Board of County Commissioners, or as directed by the Chair with the concurrence of the County Manager, for members of the community whose contributions should be recognized, or for sitting local officials and County Commissioners from other counties. Expenditures of \$100 may be made either for flowers for a memorial service, or as a contribution to a designated charity or non-profit organization.

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Written by Roger Baker, County Manager