To: Summit County Council
From: RAP Tax Recreation Advisory Committee; Katie Madsen – Grant Coordinator
Date: November 18, 2026
Re: 2026 RAP Tax Recreation Grant Application Recommendations

Background

The purpose of the RAP Tax Recreation Grant is to support public recreation opportunities within Summit County. This includes a publicly owned or operated park, campground, marina, dock, golf course, playground, athletic field, gymnasium, swimming pool, trail system, or other facility used for recreational purposes. Qualifying applicants include publicly owned or operated recreation facilities in Summit County. The RAP Tax Recreation Grant is an annual grant, and awardees have 18 months to complete their project.

2026 Stats

Applications submitted: 15
Applications disqualified: 0
Applications non-funded: 1
Applications recommended for funding: 14
Total funds requested: $1,570,464
Total funds available: $692,555
Funding gap: $877,909
Total funds allocated: $692,555

Committee Members

David Darcey – Chair
Kendra Wyckoff – Vice Chair
Emma Paden – Secretary
Ben Castro
Breke Harnagel
Kim Marshall
Benjamin Zaniello

Process

The Advisory Committee makes a final recommendation based on individual committee member application ratings and joint committee deliberations. The committee members:

1. Review the applications
2. Provide questions for applicants on a shared document. The Grant Coordinator communicates with applicants to provide answers for committee members to see.
3. Individually score the applications based on established criteria
4. Meet in person for 2 hours to deliberate on the allocation of funds
5. Agree unanimously on the final recommendation to Council

Each application is rated on the following criteria for a total of 25 points. For the majority of the projects, the recommended funding followed the group average scoring.

- How close to true recreation (5 pts)
- Number of people served (5 pts)
- Community benefit (5 pts)
- Viability (5 pts)
- Time/Urgency (5 pts)

The funding is allocated to the four geographic areas of the County based on population. The committee recommendation is roughly based on these suggested allocations but is not required to be exact.

The Committee recommends funding the South Summit area at a higher percentage and Snyderville Basin at a lower percentage this year because of the Summit County Lands & Natural Resources requests. The Committee recommends funding the Ure Ranch located in South Summit $130,000 and the 910 Ranch located in Snyderville Basin $70,000. The Committee's reasoning is that there are more immediate, user-facing recreation benefits with the Ure Ranch project and the L&NR team indicated the Ure Ranch is a top priority this year.

Recreation Allocation Area	Percent Distribution	Suggested Fund Distribution	Requested Funds	Number of Applications	Award Recommendation
North Summit	13%	$90,032	$171,317	2	$96,900
South Summit	18%	$124,660	$659,339	5	$284,380
Park City	21%	$145,437	$267,668	4	$115,274
Snyderville Basin	48%	$332,426	$472,140	4	$196,001
Total	100%	$692,555	$1,570,464	15	$692,555

2026 RAP Tax Recreation Grant Recommendations

North Summit Recreation

Project Title: Beacon Hill Walking Path
Request: $130,000
Recommendation: $75,000

Rationale: North Summit Recreation requests funding for the construction of a new walking path at Beacon Hill Park to improve accessibility, recreation opportunities, and overall use of the park.

The Committee recommends partial funding because this is an important project for the North Summit area; however, there are not sufficient funds to fully fund it this year. North Summit Recreation indicated they can use partial funding and will supplement the project with other funding sources.

Recipient Responsibilities: Grant funds will be used for the construction of a new walking path at Beacon Hill Park as stated in the application.

Summit County - Fair

Project Title: Fairground Improvement Projects
Request: $41,317
Recommendation: $21,900

Rationale: Summit County Fairgrounds requests funding for three facility improvement projects that will address ongoing maintenance needs, improve public safety, and conserve water resources used at the fairgrounds. These projects include the bathroom roof replacement, raising the arena fence, and installing a water tank.

The Committee recommends partial funding to include the items most directly tied to safety and public use in the application including the bathroom roof replacement and raising the height of the arena fence. The Committee decided the water tank was too far removed from user recreation to fund at this time.

Recipient Responsibilities: Grant funds will be used to raise the height of the arena fence and to replace the bathroom roof as stated in the application.

South Summit Recreation

Project Title: Summit Equipment Center Equipment Improvement Project
Request: $58,000
Recommendation: $44,000

Rationale: South Summit Recreation requests funding to make several equipment improvements at The Summit Recreation Center. Most of the project will focus on the weight room, with an additional improvement to the volleyball equipment in the gym.

The committee recommends partial funding for the request and prioritizing items that are most broadly used and most urgent. South Summit Recreation says partial funding is still useful and without full funding they can reduce the scope or complete the improvements in phases.

Recipient Responsibilities: Grant funds will be used for equipment improvements in the weight room and improvements to the volleyball equipment as stated in the application.

Francis City

Project Title: Francis City Park Soccer Fields
Request: $49,680
Recommendation: $49,680

Rationale: Francis City requests funding to replace damaged ball-containment netting and add a shade structure at the Francis Park soccer fields.

The Committee recommends fully funding the request because the nets are important to keep the soccer balls out of adjacent properties and because Francis Park hosts a lot of tournaments. Francis City needs full funding to complete the project.

Recipient Responsibilities: Grant funds will be used to complete the netting and shade structure at the Francis Park soccer fields as stated in the application.

Oakley City

Project Title: Weber River Pathway
Request: $140,459
Recommendation: $56,500

Rationale: Oakley City requests funding for fencing and structure removal at 4Badgers, fencing along Stevens Grove, and a pathway from Stevens Grove to Highway 32. The Committee recommends partial funding to implement the 4Badgers portion of the request because it seems to be the most workable phase of the application and it will open the route for public use. Oakley City indicated that the 4Badgers area is their first priority.

Recipient Responsibilities: Grant funds will be used to implement the 4Badgers project as stated in the application.

Summit County – Lands & Natural Resources

Project Title: Ure Ranch Phase I Trail Construction
Request: $290,000
Recommendation: $130,000

Rationale: Summit County Lands & Natural Resources requests funding to construct Phase I of a public trail system at the county-owned Ure Ranch in the Kamas Valley.

The Committee recommends partial funding because this application scores high as "true recreation". The Committee would like to fund this L&NR project with a higher dollar amount than other L&NR applications because there are more immediate, user-facing recreation benefits. The L&NR team indicated the Ure Ranch is a top priority.

Recipient Responsibilities: Grant funds will be used to construct Phase I of a public trail system at the county-owned Ure Ranch as stated in the application.

Peoa Recreation Special Service District

Project Title: Park Maintenance and Improvements
Request: $121,200
Recommendation: $4,200

Rationale: Peoa Recreation Special Service District requests funding for mats along the outside panels of their sorting pens and to repaint the bleachers at the arena.

The Committee recommends partial funding of only the rubber utility mats and not funding the bleacher painting. Committee members agreed the arena bleacher painting was hard to justify because the cost was very high and the scope was unclear.

Recipient Responsibilities: Grant funds will be used to purchase rubber utility mats for the sorting pens as stated in the application.

Park City Municipal Corporation

Project Title: Silver Creek at Quinn's Junction Multiuse Pathway Bridge Replacement
Request: $85,000
Recommendation: $60,000

Rationale: Park City Municipal Corporation requests funding to replace the existing Silver Creek bridge crossing at Quinn's Junction with a newer prefabricated concrete and steel bridge as well as additional adjacent and connecting trail work to improve user safety, accessibility, and trail utility.

The Committee recommends partial funding for the project because the accessibility and safety aspects are important for the high traffic area. PCMC indicated they can use partial funding and supplement with other sources to complete the project.

Recipient Responsibilities: Grant funds will be used to replace the existing Silver Creek bridge crossing with a newer prefabricated concrete and steel bridge as well as additional adjacent and connecting trail work as stated in the application.

Park City Municipal Corporation

Project Title: Park City Heights Shade Sail + Slide
Request: $42,374
Recommendation: $42,374

Rationale: Park City Municipal Corporation requests funding for the installation of a freestanding slide and shade structure at the Park City Heights community playground area of the neighborhood.

The Committee recommends full funding for this request because the project is closely aligned with the recreation purpose of the fund. The Committee also expects increased demand from nearby developments and that it will serve a growing community.

Recipient Responsibilities: Grant funds will be used for the installation of a freestanding slide and shade structure at the Park City Heights community playground as stated in the application.

Park City Senior Citizens

Project Title: Park City Senior Center Field Trip Initiative
Request: $14,900
Recommendation: $12,900

Rationale: Park City Senior Citizens requests funding for the Park City Senior Center's field trip initiative, which takes local seniors out of the Center and to the recreational, cultural, and natural destinations of Summit County and the greater Wasatch region.

The Committee recommends partial funding for the request because supporting the growing senior citizen population helps support recreation in the community as a whole. The Committee recommends funding all aspects of the request except the overnight exploratory trip.

Recipient Responsibilities: Grant funds will be used for the Park City Senior Center's field trip initiative including the additional bus driver, program manager time, and admission and associated trip expenses as stated in the application.

Park City Municipal Corporation

Project Title: Electric Rough Mower and Electric Utility Vehicle
Request: $125,394
Recommendation: $0

Rationale: Park City Municipal Corporation requests funding to purchase a fully electric AWD rough mower and a fully electric utility vehicle with a boom lift.

The Committee recommends no funding for the project because PCMC already has equipment that does the job so replacing it is less urgent than other needs. In a tight funding year, the Committee emphasized that the project is probably not going to make a difference in more people recreating and viewed the green-technology aspect as desirable but not central to the recreation purpose of the grant.

Recipient Responsibilities: N/A

Summit County – Lands & Natural Resources

Project Title: 910 Ranch Visitor Center & Site Improvements – Phase 1
Request: $150,000
Recommendation: $70,000

Rationale: Summit County's Lands & Natural Resources Department requests funding to contribute to Phase 1 building and site improvements at the 910 Ranch, preparing the property's existing ranch house for future use as a public visitor center and recreational trail hub.

The Committee recommends partial funding for the request because the 910 Ranch has many hiking trails that will benefit the community.

Recipient Responsibilities: Grant funds will be used for site improvements, electrical/pump shed improvements, and visitor center building stabilization at the 910 Ranch as stated in the application.

Summit County – Lands & Natural Resources

Project Title: Equipment for Countywide Trail Maintenance & Visitor Safety
Request: $19,250
Recommendation: $19,250

Rationale: Summit County's Lands & Natural Resources Department requests funding for a pull-behind drag groomer and associated attachments for its tracked Polaris Ranger UTV, plus two complete automated external defibrillator (AED) systems. The groomer will support winter multi-use trails at the 910 Ranch and, as suitable trails are developed, other County recreation properties. The AED systems will be stationed at the 910 Ranch and Ure Ranch to improve emergency readiness for visitors, contractors, and staff.

The Committee recommends full funding for the project because the countywide trail-maintenance is linked to broader recreation projects. The Committee agreed that the train maintenance and AED systems are an essential part of the Ure Ranch and 910 Ranch investments.

Recipient Responsibilities: Grant funds will be used for a pull-behind drag groomer and associated attachments for its tracked Polaris Ranger UTV, plus two complete automated external defibrillator (AED) systems as stated in the application.

Snyderville Basin Special Recreation District

Project Title: Trailside Wheels Park
Request: $300,000
Recommendation: $103,861

Rationale: The Snyderville Basin Special Recreation District requests funding for the redesign and rebuild of the existing Trailside Wheels Park. The proposed project will include the demolition of the current park, with a complete rebuild on top of the existing footprint and an additional 4,500 square feet of quarter-pipe and bowl-style sections added to the west.

The Committee recommends partial funding for the request because the project is intended to serve more users and will make the park more adaptable for more activities. Accessibility is a key reason for the Committee support. SBSRD is using Action Park Alliance, a supporter for adaptive inclusion, to implement the park.

Recipient Responsibilities: Grant funds will be used for the redesign and rebuild of the existing Trailside Wheels Park as stated in the application.

Summit Community Gardens & EATS

Project Title: Capital Infrastructure Improvements for Efficient Garden Irrigation
Request: $2,890
Recommendation: $2,890

Rationale: Summit Community Gardens & EATS requests an investment for two interconnected capital improvements to strengthen the garden's long-term infrastructure, efficiency, and productivity. The project includes splitting existing irrigation zones and installing a permanent drip irrigation system.

The Committee recommends full funding for the project because gardening is a form of recreation and the irrigation will help improve the access and experience in the garden.

Recipient Responsibilities: Grant funds will be used for splitting existing irrigation zones and installing a permanent drip irrigation system as stated in the application.