

Grand County Colorado Tourism Board

MARKETING & SPECIAL EVENTS FUNDING POLICY

The Grand County Colorado Tourism Board has been formed to develop and implement a plan to market and promote tourism in Grand County and its municipalities (exclusive of Winter Park) using lodging tax money. Half of the collected lodging tax is administered by the GCCTB as a whole; the other half is divided between the three districts and administered by the district representatives. A budget shall be adopted annually by the GCCTB for expenditure of the lodging tax revenues, which shall be part of the Grand County Budget approved annually by the Board of Commissioners. In the first calendar quarter of each year, the GCCTB shall provide the Board of Commissioners a written report detailing expenditures of the lodging tax revenues for the prior calendar year.

Where there is an established and proven marketing entity within the county formed for the purpose of advertising and marketing tourism, the GCCTB is encouraged to use that entity, and that entity shall provide an audited accounting to the GCCTB and to the County Commissioners on an annual basis. The GCCTB will entertain requests from such entities to directly support their advertising and marketing efforts to promote tourism or to support special events within the county, which promote tourism in the county.

The GCCTB will review district and countywide grant requests on a quarterly basis during the regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Grants will be reviewed at the January, April, July, and October meetings. For a grant to be considered for review at the quarterly meeting, the grant request must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the quarterly meeting. Grants not submitted within the time period will be carried forward to the next quarterly review meeting. Grant requests are to be sent to the GCCTB Administrator for further distribution to the GCCTB members.

The yearly chamber of commerce grants are exempt from the quarterly grant review process. The yearly chamber of commerce grant requests are to be submitted in January of each year to the GCCTB Administrator for further distribution to the GCCTB members.

The GCCTB Marketing & Special Events Fund has money available in two categories: ***Reimbursable Funds*** are those used as "up front" funds and repaid to the GCCTB within sixty days after the event; ***Non-reimbursable Funds*** are those funds not required to be repaid to the GCCTB. Proposals may include application for either or both reimbursable and non-reimbursable funds. The GCCTB reserves the right to offer funding from the category other than that which was requested. Events may receive non-reimbursable funding from this fund for a maximum of three consecutive years.

A general liability policy covering all of the entity's operations with a minimum combined single limit amount of not less than **one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00)** for each occurrence with a deductible of not more than \$5,000 will be required for each special event.

The entity shall maintain adequate worker's compensation insurance with an authorized insurance company or through the Colorado State Compensation Insurance Authority or

through an authorized self-insurance plan approved by the State of Colorado, insuring the payment of workers benefits to all its employees. The Promoter shall provide the Board with certificates showing that the Promoter has the required worker's compensation insurance.

PRIORITY

Priority will be given to a special event or marketing entity that:

- Encourages overnight stays in the county by out-of-county visitors.
- Is established as a long-term event in the county. In doing so, a county calendar of events is strengthened.
- Is an established and proven marketing entity within the county formed for the purpose of advertising and marketing tourism throughout Grand County.
- Encourages tourism in the off-season or shoulder season for that area of the county.
- Is unique or promotes the uniqueness of Grand County as a tourist destination in Colorado.
- Is in keeping with the image of the county created by the overall marketing efforts of the GCCTB.
- Includes in their proposal an evaluation of the impact their event or marketing will have on the county, such as lodging room nights, attendance, money spent locally.
- Is an event held within Grand County and its municipalities. Is open to or available to the general public.
- Is a non-profit entity or sponsored by a non-profit group.
- Allows other tourist-related businesses and entities to participate in their marketing and advertising or events.

RESTRICTIONS

Special events or entities promoting tourism must prepare a written proposal for the GCCTB and be available for an oral presentation to the Board if requested. Funds distributed through the GCCTB **may not** be used to pay for salaries or capital equipment. Organizers of special events are required to submit a written evaluation to the GCCTB within 60 days of the funded event; entities receiving funding for marketing and advertising must submit a written report of their marketing efforts within 60 days after the end of the funded marketing period. Failure to submit these reports will make the organization ineligible for funding in the future. If an organization fails to conduct the funded event or fails to use all of the awarded funds within the twelve-month award period, the awarded funds will be forfeited and returned to the GCCTB.

Members and their families of the Grand County Colorado Tourism Board and the County Commissioners of Grand County are ineligible to submit requests for funding on behalf of any organization.

REQUIREMENTS

In order for an organization to qualify for GCCTB Marketing & Special Events funding, applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Written proposals must be presented to the GCCTB using the GCCTB request form. Completed forms may be mailed to: GCCTB, PO Box 131, Granby, CO 80446. In addition to the written proposal, an organization may be requested to make an oral presentation to the GCCTB or to the district representatives.
2. Contracts, including a hold harmless agreement and proof of insurance for events, must be signed and submitted prior to the issuance of funds. Contracts for marketing grants only, do not require proof of insurance.
3. Changes in dates, times, location, and/or nature of the funded special event may result in forfeiture of all funding. Similarly, changes in use of marketing funds to other than the approved purpose may also result in forfeiture of all funding. Any such changes must be proposed in writing to the GCCTB.
4. Reimbursable funds must be returned to the GCCTB within 60 days of the funded event.
5. Funded events and marketing must recognize the contribution of the GCCTB and Grand County by prominently using the official GCCTB logo on all materials produced. A link to the GCCTB website www.grand-county.com must also be displayed on the website of the grant recipient when applicable.
6. Contributions from GCCTB funds may not constitute more than half of the funding for a special event. Amounts requested must be matched (50 – 50) with cash and in-kind services. No more than 25% of the match may be in-kind. Other sources of funding and in-kind services must be documented in writing in the application narrative.
7. A written report must be submitted within 60 days following the event or the end of the funded marketing period. This evaluation must include attendance counts, promotional materials, and a financial report, which includes all revenues, in-kind services, and expenses including copies of bills and receipts. Evaluation forms are provided by GCCTB. Photos (prints) of the event are welcomed by the GCCTB.
8. Entities awarded funding for the advertising and marketing of tourism must submit a written report of their marketing effort at the end of the award year period.
9. Organizations requesting non-reimbursable funds must be non-profit and/or tax exempt.