

Memorandum

To: Mayor and Council
From: Tom Baker, Town Administrator
Date: August 18, 2015
Re: Resolutions Supporting GFMLD Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this item is to approve two resolutions: the first is for the GFMLD mini-grant for the Community Center and the second resolution is for the GFMLD traditional grant for street maintenance.

Background and Discussion:

- GFMLD Mini-Grant – staff is seeking a \$25,000 grant for upgrades to the Community Center. The upgrades include: commercial appliances; flooring in front entry, kitchen, restrooms; stall dividers in restrooms; conference table and chairs; and 100 folding chairs.
- GFMLD Traditional Grant – staff is seeking a \$460,000 grant with a \$200,000 town match (total project - \$660,000) for street maintenance work on East 1st Ave., Alder Ave., Midland Ave, CVB, and various other scattered roadway repairs. As you know, Dave Gray uses a Pavement Management System to evaluate our roads on a scale of 1 to 10 using (several factors) to determine which roads need attention. Dave and John feel that if we can complete all the work identified in this grant application, then the Streets Department can maintain our street system with a consistent \$150,000 annual investment in future year's Street budgets.

In the 2016 Budget, staff will be requesting a \$200,000 investment in streets. This investment is designed to be the match for this GFMLD Grant. As you know, the revenue stream that funds the GFMLD is likely to diminish significantly for the next three to five years and the current grant cycle is likely to be the last of the “well-funded” cycles for a number of years. With GFMLD Traditional Grants, every dollar we invest, GFMLD invests \$2.3 dollars.

Financial Implications: The Mini-Grant does not require a match. The Traditional Grant match requires a 30% match. Our suggested match is \$200,000 (from the General Fund in 2016) in order to leverage maximum grant funds.

Recommendation: The town's street system, WWTP and WTP are our largest and most important infrastructure investments. Of course the WWTP and WTP are Enterprise Funds and are constantly and currently being improved. With these grant applications the Town Council is also addressing needed maintenance and repair of the street system, which will put our street in a good long-term condition with modest future investment.

Staff recommends approval of both supporting resolutions. As a safeguard, please move to approve with the proviso that staff and the Mayor can make minor adjustments to the project cost, match, and/or grant amount requested in order to ensure that the grant application and resolution reflect the same numbers.

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. TC-2015-12**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF NEW CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL
SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE GARFIELD
COUNTY FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE DISTRICT FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC FACILITIES:
STREETS MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION THROUGHOUT THE
TOWN OF NEW CASTLE**

WHEREAS, the Town of New Castle is a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, and therefore an eligible applicant for a grant awarded by the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District (“GCFMLD”); and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Castle has submitted a Grant Application for the Construction and Maintenance of Public Facilities: streets maintenance and construction throughout New Castle requesting a total award of \$660,000; and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Castle supports the Construction and Maintenance of Public Facilities: resurfacing of alleyways and improvement of public parking in the historic downtown; and asphalt overlay to various sections of roadway throughout New Castle public facilities: resurfacing of alleyways and improvement of public parking in the historic downtown; and asphalt overlay to various sections of roadway throughout New Castle if a grant is awarded by the GCFMLD.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF NEW CASTLE THAT:

1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated as findings by the Town of New Castle.
2. The Town of New Castle strongly supports the Grant Application.
3. If the grant is awarded, the Town of New Castle strongly supports the completion of Construction and Maintenance of Public Facilities: resurfacing of alleyways and improvement of public parking in the historic downtown; and asphalt overlay to various sections of roadway throughout New Castle.
4. The Town of New Castle authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of any grant awarded pursuant to a Grant Agreement with the GCFMLD.
5. The project properties are owned by the Town of New Castle and will be owned by The Town of New Castle for its foreseeable, useful life. The Town of New Castle will continue to maintain the properties in a high quality condition and will appropriate funds for maintenance annually. The estimated annual maintenance cost of said properties is estimated to be \$150,000.00 annually.

6. If a grant is awarded, the Town of New Castle hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign a Grant Agreement with the GCFMLD.

Introduced, Read and Adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of New Castle, Colorado, on August 18, 2015.

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE

Robert Gordon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melody L Harrison, Town Clerk