

Ridgway Town Council
Regular Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Pursuant to the Town's Electronic Participation Policy, the meeting will be conducted both in person and via a virtual meeting portal. Members of the public may attend in person at the Community Center, located at 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado 81432, or virtually using the meeting information below.

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OATH OF OFFICE

The Town Clerk will administer the oath of office to recently elected Council Members Kevin Grambley, Terry Schuyler, Josey Scoville and Mayor John Clark.

5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL Councilors Kevin Grambley, Polly Kroger, Beth Lakin, Terry Schuyler, Josey Scoville, Mayor Pro Tem Russ Meyer and Mayor John Clark

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR All matters listed under the consent calendar are considered to be routine by the Town Council and enacted by one motion. The Council has received and considered reports and recommendations prior to assigning consent calendar designations. Copies of the reports are on file in the Town Clerk's Office and are available to the public. There will be no separate discussion on these items. If discussion is requested, that item will be removed from the consent calendar and considered separately.

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 13, 2024.
2. Register of Demands for March 2024.
3. Renewal of restaurant liquor license for True Grit Café.
4. Change of location on retail liquor license for High Spirits Liquor.
5. Renew tavern liquor license for Steps.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Established time for the public to address the Council regarding any item not otherwise listed on the agenda. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes per person.

PUBLIC REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS Public comments will be limited to 5 minutes per person; discussion of each item may be limited to 20 minutes.

6. Introduction of two new administrative employees in the Clerk's Office, Administrative Assistant Becky Schmitz and Customer Service Clerk Lori Patton - Town Clerk.
7. Presentation regarding planning for celebration of the 150th anniversary of Colorado statehood - Edward Bovy and Caroline Snowbarger.

8. National Donate Life Month Proclamation - Jessi Rochel, Chris Klug Foundation.
9. Request to close Hyde Street, between Elizabeth and alley, May 11th from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm for private party - Sarah and Tomas Volstad.
10. Presentation of Gravel Adventure Guide - Tanya Ishikawa.
11. Presentation of Cimarron Athletic Field Project - Susan Lacy, Ridgway School District Superintendent.

POLICY MATTERS Public comments will be limited to 5 minutes per person; overall discussion of each item may be limited to 20 minutes.

12. Ratification of Memorandum of Understanding by and between San Miguel Power Association, Inc. and the Town of Ridgway concerning a Microgrid for Community Resilience Construction Grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs - Town Manager.
13. Review and direction regarding the establishment of the Town of Ridgway Community Grant Program and procedures for solicitation, evaluation, and funding - Town Manager.
14. Review and action on Special Event Permit Application from Youth Advisory Council for a Pickleball Tournament at Ridgway Athletic Park - Town Manager.
15. Annual appointment of Mayor Pro Tem and review of Council representation on commissions, committees and boards - Mayor Clark.

WRITTEN AND VERBAL REPORTS Written reports may be provided for informational purposes prior to the meeting updating Council on various matters that may or may not warrant discussion and action.

16. Town Manager's Report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS Informational verbal reports from Councilors pertaining to the following committees, commissions and organizations:

Committees & Commissions:

Ridgway Planning Commission - Councilor Meyer and Mayor Clark
Ridgway Parks, Trails & Open Space Committee - Councilor Kroger
Ridgway FUSE - Councilor Grambley
Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board - Councilor Thomas; alternate - Councilor Schuyler
Ridgway Scholarship Committee - Councilor Lakin and Mayor Clark

Board Appointments:

Ouray County Weed Board - Councilor Lakin; alternate - Town Engineer
Ouray County Joint Planning Board - Councilor Meyer, citizens Rod Fitzhugh & Tom McKenney; alternate - Councilor Schuyler
Sneffels Energy Board - Councilor Thomas and Town Manager; alternate - Mayor Clark
Region 10 Board - Mayor Clark
WestCO Dispatch Board - Town Marshal; alternate - Town Manager
Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region - Town Manager
Ouray County Transit Committee - Town Manager
Ouray County Water Users Association - Councilor Meyer; alternate - Councilor Thomas

Water and Land Committee for the Uncompahgre Valley - Councilor Meyer; alternate -
Town Manager

Colorado Communities for Climate Action - Councilor Lakin; alternate - Town Manager

Colorado Municipal League Policy Committee - Town Manager

Home Trust of Ouray County - Town Manager

Liaisons:

Chamber of Commerce - Councilmember Lakin

Communities That Care Coalition - Mayor Clark

Ouray County Fairgrounds - Councilor Schuyler

ADJOURNMENT

Deadline for agenda items for next regular meeting, Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 4:00 p.m., Town Clerk's Office, 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado.

Consent Agenda

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 13, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held both in person and via virtual meeting portal Zoom Meeting, pursuant to the Town's Electronic Participation Policy.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Council was present in its entirety with Councilors Grambley, Kroger, Lakin, Schuyler, Thomas, Mayor Pro Tem Meyer and Mayor Clark in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Town Attorney recommended the Council enter into a closed session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes 24-6-402(4)(b) for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions regarding the possible purchase and/or condemnation of 539 Marion Overlook, Ridgway, CO; and Colorado Revised Statutes 24-6-402(4)(b) for consultation with the Town Attorney and 24-6-402(4)(e) for matters subject to negotiation regarding a temporary access agreement at Echo Properties.

ACTION:

Councilor Kroger moved to enter into Closed Session, Mayor Pro Tem Meyer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Council entered into closed session at 5:35 p.m. with the Town Attorney, Town Manager, Town Clerk and Joe Rivera, Special Counsel with Murray Dahl and Associates for the first closed session item.

The Council convened from closed session at 5:55 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of Special Meeting of February 14, 2024.
2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 14, 2024.
3. Register of Demands for March 2024.
4. Water leak adjustment for Customer # 2520.4/Zimmerman.

ACTION:

It was moved by Councilor Schuyler, seconded by Councilmember Grambley and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kristin Arnold expressed concerns with disabled persons ability to move across crosswalks and on sidewalks during the winter months "when snow is piled in passage ways". She

encouraged “enforcing rules or come up with fines to enforce” regulations, stating “so everyone can access public rights-of-ways”.

Staff was asked to study the situation and explore measures to ensure clearing of rights-of-ways.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

5. Proclamation pertaining to International Dark Sky Week

The Mayor read a proclamation endorsing International Dark Sky Week April 2nd through 8th, noting the Town became a Dark Sky Community in July of 2020.

There were comments from the Council and staff was directed to remind businesses about dark sky regulations.

ACTION:

Councilor Lakin moved with Councilor Kroger seconding, to proclaim the week of April 2 through 8, 2024 as International Dark Sky Week. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

POLICY MATTERS

6. Resolution Supporting the Operation of a San Miguel Authority Regional Transportation Commuter Bus Route within the Town

Representatives from San Miguel Regional Transportation Authority addressed the Council. They presented a resolution and asked for Council approval to operate a commuter bus route within the Town limits.

The representative explained five years ago the Transportation Authority began a “commuter van with car pools” of six to eight passengers from Montrose to Telluride daily with a stop in Ridgway. The organization has acquired a 40 foot “urban transportation bus” which will leave Montrose at 5:50 am, stop in Ridgway at 6:30 am and take commuters to Telluride by 8:00 am, and then leave at 5:00 pm every day. They asked for permission for the bus to stop in Town, noting the location for the stop has not been chosen but the non-profit organization is working with staff to locate.

There were question from the Council. It was noted by the representatives “it is our goal to make it affordable” so that it will be “cheaper than driving by yourself”.

Speaking from the audience Jake Niece asked if there is an opportunity for the bus to coordinate with the new Our Way shuttle now operating in Ouray County.

ACTION:

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Meyer to approve Resolution No. 24-06 Supporting the Operation of a San Miguel Authority for Regional Transportation Commuter Bus Route within the Town of Ridgway. Councilor Grambley seconded and motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

7. Right of Offer Agreement with Firehouse Investment Real Estate, LLC

Staff Report dated 3-5-24 from the Town Manager presenting a Right of Offer Agreement from Firehouse Investment Real Estate LLC.

Manager Neill explained during a Planning Commission discussion regarding application for a Condominium Subdivision from Firehouse Investment Real Estate, the Managing Director Patrick O’Leary, agreed to explore entering into a Right of Offer agreement with the Town for Unit D, one of the four residential units that will be “rented to community members at below market rental rates”. Staff has worked with Mr. O’Leary to negotiate a Right of Offer Agreement that would grant the Town a right of first offer to purchase Unit D. The agreement does not create an obligation to sell, or for the Town to purchase, but establishes a requirement that prior to marketing the unit for sale, the sell is offered to the Town at a commercially reasonable sales price.

Mr. O’Leary addressed the Council and said he is willing to offer the agreement as written, but not for the document to be a recorded deed, as to not incumber the estate in the future.

There were questions from the Council and discussion. Mr. O’Leary stated he would be amenable, if the Town deems it necessary, to include in the agreement language the Town could ask the Home Trust of Ouray County to assume the first right of refusal.

ACTION:

Councilmember Schyler moved, Mayor Pro Tem Meyer seconded, to approve the Right of Offer agreement between the Town and Firehouse Investment Real Estate LLC, with direction to modify agreement as discussed. The motion was unanimously carried on a roll call vote.

8. Temporary Access Agreement with Echo Properties Corp., Ridgway Railroad Museum and Ouray County Ranch History Museum

The Town Attorney presented a proposed temporary access agreement to provide the Ridgway Railroad Museum and Ranch History Museum access from Railroad Street for a one year term. He explained this is the same agreement the Town has entered into over the past few years.

Joan Chismire with the Ranch History Museum, stated it has been five years since the start of negotiations for permanent access, noting the “encumbrance” deters us from “moving forward with a capital fund raising campaign”. She noted the museums “highlight our heritage” and “assist in requirements for a certified Main Street District”.

There were comments from the Council and it was noted the Town also hopes to mitigate the issue and resolve it to the benefit of all parties, and is awaiting cooperation from the property owner or adjacent owner for access to the river trail easement for recreational purposes.

ACTION:

Councilor Lakin moved, with Councilmember Grambley seconding to approve the Temporary Access Agreement between the Town of Ridgway, Echo Properties Corp., Railroad Depot Funding LLC, Ridgway Railroad Museum and Ouray County Ranch History Museum. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

9. Notice of Award for the Green Street Park Master Plan Project

Town Manager Staff Report dated 3-8-24 presenting a recommendation for award of bid for the Green Street Park Master Plan project.

The Town Manager announced three bids were received from the request for proposals for the Green Street Master Plan. An ad-hoc committee reviewed the proposals and is recommending award of the bid to Super Bloom, landscape architecture firm.

Stacy Passmore with the Super Bloom provided information on the firm noting the company is familiar with the area; specializes in sustainable agriculture; and has a colleague that will be joining the project that lives on the Western Slope.

ACTION:

Moved by Councilmember Lakin to authorize staff to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Superbloom for the Green Street Park Master Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroger and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

10. Presentation regarding development of an agreement with the Home Trust of Ouray County

Jake Niece, Ouray County Commissioner representative to the Home Trust of Ouray County board, presented a power-point entitled "Town of Ridgway, City of Ouray, Ouray County Collaboration on a Housing Services Provider".

Commissioner Niece explained the Home Trust has been in operation since 2021, formed to fill a gap in housing services, after an attempt to form a Housing Authority did not succeed. The mission of the Trust is to provide permanent affordable housing to modest income households in the County through stewardship of community assets. He presented the members of the board, their qualifications and staff and contracted service providers; a summary of housing services, noting the Trust is capable of providing property management, deed restriction, housing development through construction and preservation, program creation and maintenance; and the financial benefits. He explained all three governing agencies in the County are being asked to consider entering into an agreement for services with the Home Trust, and begin to fund the organization in the 2025 budget cycle. He suggested the three entities meet in June and create a list of services that each organization would like included in an agreement for services.

There were comments from the Council regarding reference in the document to meeting the goals of the Town Master Plan.

Mr. Niece stated the comments provided him with the ability to refine the list of items, which will be included in items for discussion at meeting of the three governing bodies.

There were questions from the Council.

11. Memorandum of Understanding with Artspace Projects concerning the Public Art Component on the Space to Create Building

Staff Report from the Town Manager dated 3-8-24 presenting a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Artspace Projects Inc. concerning the public art component on the Space to Create building.

Manager Neill explained in a effort to advance the initiative to place a public art component on the exterior wall of the Space to Create Building, staff has prepared an MOU containing the scope of work and responsibilities.

There was discussion by the Council.

ACTION:

Councilmember Kroger moved to approve the MOU between the Town of Ridgway and Artspace Projects, Inc. concerning the public art component on the Ridgway Space to Create Building. Councilor Lakin seconded the motion which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

12. Intergovernmental Agreement with Ouray County concerning Noxious Weed Management and Control Services

Town Managers Staff Report dated 3-5-24 presenting an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Ouray County to provide noxious weed management and control services.

Manager Neill explained the IGA would cover the calendar year and allow the County to continue to provide services and conduct surveys of noxious weeds on all Town property, make recommendations for appropriate treatment, and conduct treatment when approved by the Town.

There were questions from the Council.

ACTION:

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Meyer, seconded by Councilor Thomas and unanimously carried by a roll call vote to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Ouray County and the Town of Ridgway concerning Noxious Weed Management and Control Services, as presented.

13. Resolution Canceling the April Regular Election

The Town Clerk explained the only matter before the voters at the annual regular election slated for April 2nd was election of a Mayor and three Councilors. As of the legal filing deadline on February 16th, one nomination petition was received for Mayor and three for Councilor. She reported State Election Codes and the Town Municipal Code allow the Clerk to cancel an election and declare the candidates elected if by the 33rd day before the election there are not more candidates than offices to be filled. She asked the Council to accept the Clerks cancellation of the regular election by resolution.

ACTION:

Mayor Pro Tem Meyer moved to approve Resolution No. 24-05 Canceling the April Regular Election, Councilor Grambley seconded and the motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Manager Neill highlighted some items contained in the monthly Managers Report. Councilor Thomas presented an update on the Sustainability Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk

Town of Ridgway
Register of Demands
April 2024

Name	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
Amerigas		Alpine-Operating Account	
	propane - wtr plant	942WOO · Utilities	-3,360.41
TOTAL			-3,360.41
Western Implement		Alpine-Operating Account	
	belts & blades - Exmark mower	761POO · Vehicle & Equip Maint & Repair	-379.51
TOTAL			-379.51
Black Hills Energy-Town Hall		Alpine-Operating Account	
	2/22/24 - 3/22/24	742PO1 · Utilities - c cntr/t hall	-6.40
	2/22/24 - 3/22/24	842GO3 · Utilities	-6.41
	2/22/24 - 3/22/24	542GOO · Utilities	-6.41
TOTAL			-19.22
Black Hills Energy-PW Office		Alpine-Operating Account	
	2/22/24 - 3/22/24	642GO2 · Utilities	-4.48
	2/22/24 - 3/22/24	942SOO · Utilities	-4.48
	2/22/24 - 3/22/24	942WOO · Utilities	-4.50
TOTAL			-13.46
Black Hills Energy-Hartwell Park		Alpine-Operating Account	
	2/22/24 - 3/22/24	742POO · Utilities	-0.89
TOTAL			-0.89
Black Hills Energy-PW Building		Alpine-Operating Account	
	2/22/24 - 3/22/24	742POO · Utilities	-22.38
	2/22/24 - 3/22/24	642GO2 · Utilities	-22.38
	2/22/24 - 3/22/24	942SOO · Utilities	-22.40
	2/22/24 - 3/22/24	942WOO · Utilities	-22.39
TOTAL			-89.55
Community Planning Strategie...		Alpine-Operating Account	
	Mar 2024	513GOO · Planning Consulting	-14,440.00
TOTAL			-14,440.00
Rocky Mountain Aggregate & C...		Alpine-Operating Account	
		635GO2 · Gravel & Sand	-1,937.64
TOTAL			-1,937.64

Town of Ridgway
Register of Demands
April 2024

Name	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
Hartman Brothers Inc		Alpine-Operating Account	
	Feb 2024	661GO2 · Vehicle & Equip Maint & Repair	-8.47
	Feb 2024	961SOO · Vehicle & Equip Maint & Repair	-8.47
	Feb 2024	961WOO · Vehicle & Equip Maint & Repair	-8.48
TOTAL			-25.42
Pureline Treatment Systems		Alpine-Operating Account	
	Mar 2024	989WOO · Plant Expenses - water	-1,650.00
TOTAL			-1,650.00
Bobcat of the Rockies LLC		Alpine-Operating Account	
	operating manual - Bobcat mower	732POO · Supplies & Materials	-85.83
TOTAL			-85.83
USABlueBook		Alpine-Operating Account	
	adapter tube - plant	931WOO · Maintenance & Repairs	-313.56
	PVC fitting - plant	931SOO · Maintenance & Repairs	-49.95
TOTAL			-363.51

AGENDA ITEM #6

AGENDA ITEM #7

AGENDA ITEM #8



**TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO
OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION**

**A Proclamation Declaring April 2024 as
National Donate Life Month**

WHEREAS, April 2024 is the 21st National Donate Life Month with a goal to raise awareness about organ, eye, and tissue donation, encourage Americans to register as donors, and honor those that have saved and healed lives through the gift of donation; and

WHEREAS, Colorado has been one of the leaders in the nation with a donor registry of 66.21% of driver license/ID card applicants signing up to be organ and tissue donors—a decision that reflects deep commitment to one another and confirms that there is good inside all of us; and

WHEREAS, one donor can save up to 8 lives through organ donation, and save and heal more than 75 lives through tissue donation; and

WHEREAS, a record 307 heroic organ donors provided 918 lifesaving transplants in 2023, which is a 10.6% increase from the prior year; and Donor Alliance recovered tissue for transplant from 1,703 heroic tissue donors saving and healing with nearly 144,000 tissue grafts; and

WHEREAS, registering gives hope back to the more than 1,300 people waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant in Colorado and Wyoming, while compassionately celebrating donors and their families for the gift of life; and

WHEREAS, the Chris Klug Foundation, a national nonprofit that promotes organ, eye, and tissue donation awareness, reached a record-breaking 1,035,237 individuals nationwide in 2023 with their lifesaving message; and

WHEREAS, organ, eye, and tissue donation would not be possible without our community coming together for one united purpose. By saying “Yes” to be an organ, eye, and tissue donor, you're not just checking a box—you're saving and healing lives.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Ridgway Town Council, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as National Donate Life Month in the Town of Ridgway, Colorado.

PROCLAIMED THIS 10th day of April 2024.

TOWN OF RIDGWAY

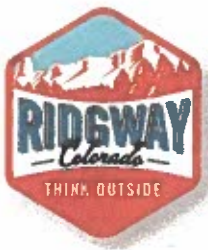
BY:

ATTEST:

John I. Clark, Mayor

Pam Kraft, Town Clerk

AGENDA ITEM #9



Application for Use of Parks, Facilities and Right-of-Way

Applicant Name: <u>Saran and Tomas Volstad</u>	Contact Person: <u>Saran Volstad</u>
Applicant Phone: <u>970-318-0288</u>	Contact Phone: <u>970-318-0288</u>
Applicant Email: <u>sefirkins@gmail.com</u>	Event Date: <u>May 11, 2024</u>
Organization Name: _____	Event Time: <u>12PM - 8 PM</u>
Type of Event: <u>Birthday/ Neighborhood Party</u>	# Attendees: <u>75</u>

Specify park, facility and/or public right-of-way for the event (check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Hartwell Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Hartwell Park Stage	<input type="checkbox"/> Athletic Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Concession Area (Athletic Park)	<input type="checkbox"/> Dennis Weaver Memorial Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Rollans Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Cottonwood Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Center
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____		

For use of Rights-of-Ways (streets, alleys, sidewalks) specify the exact location(s):

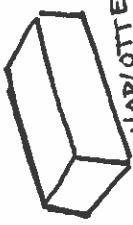
In front of 975 Hyde Street. Between Elizabeth Street and the alley on Hyde Street.

Describe in detail the proposed use and activity for the park, facility and/or right-of-way:

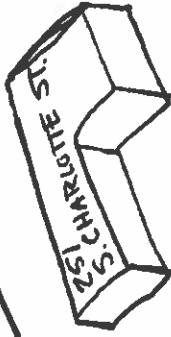
We would love to have a block party for our daughter's birthday. We have amazing neighbors and friends we would love to have the extra space for games, tables, and music.

S CHARLOTTE ST.

ROAD CLOSED AHEAD



191 S. CHARLOTTE



S. CHARLOTTE ST.

ALLEY WAY

DETOUR TO SHERMAN OR MOFFAT

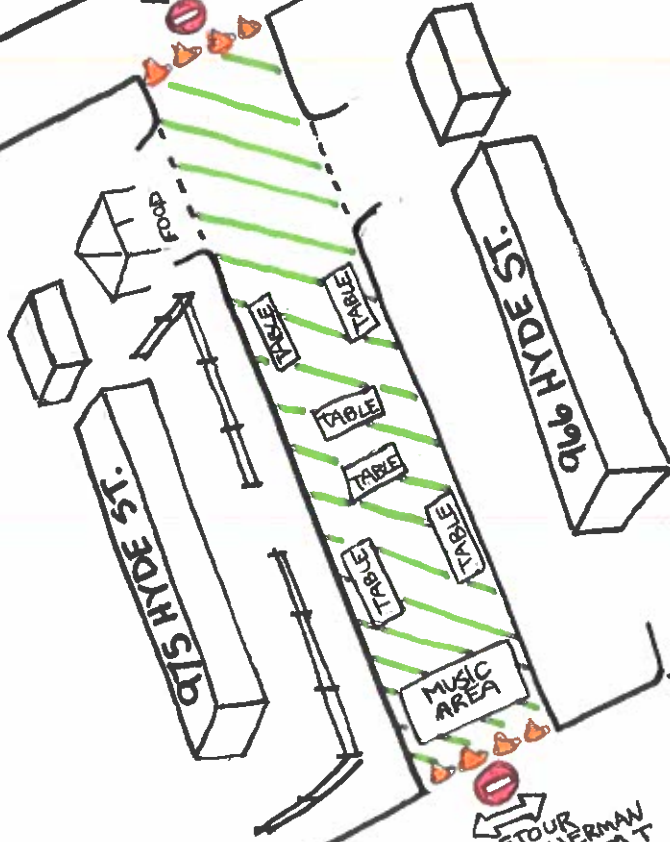
ALLEY WAY

MOFFAT ST.

SHERMAN ST.

S ELIZABETH ST.

HYDE ST.



AREA REQUESTED FOR USE

966 Hyde St. resident, Jaime Coviter, is okay with location.

AGENDA ITEM #10

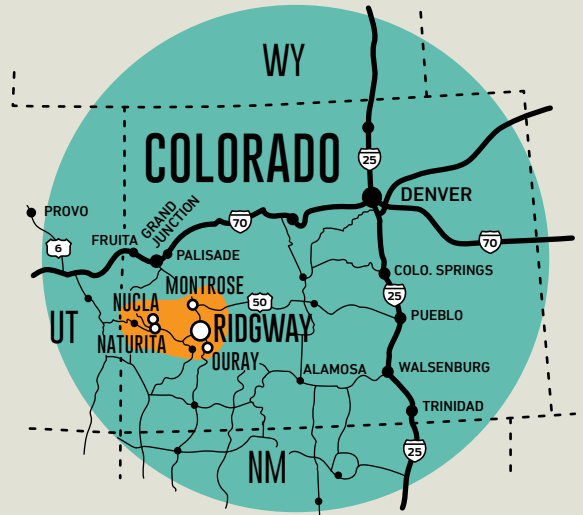
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INTRODUCTION

Situated in the Uncompahgre Valley, Ridgway emerges as one of the most scenic rural Colorado gravel bike destinations. Stunning natural beauty, relaxed small town feel, and gateway status to the San Juan Mountains make Ridgway a nexus point for gravel enthusiasts to explore the roads of Ouray and Montrose Counties.

Southwest Colorado's landscape and western heritage inspired a number of film locations, including John Wayne classic *True Grit* (1969) and Quentin Tarantino's *The Hateful Eight* (2015). This creative synergy with nature fuels the imagination of any gravel adventurer seeking to discover their next great place to ride gravel.

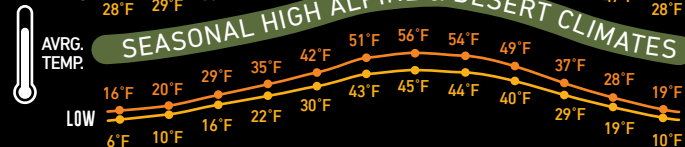
Route options range from fast and smooth gravel county roads to off-piste double track forest service roads, to the high desert plateau riding in the West End of Montrose County. The towns, terrain and landscape between Uncompahgre Valley and the Utah border will appeal to the imagination of many adventure cyclists.

Framed by the rugged San Juan Mountains, any given vista on a ride will reveal why this part of the state calls to endurance athletes of all skill levels. It challenges and rewards cyclists seeking to explore the region's alpine peaks and public lands, including the Uncompahgre National Forest.



True Grit featuring John Wayne was filmed in and around Ridgway. The cinematic views still exist today in Ouray County. Photo: Alamy

● WEST END ● RIDGWAY



SEASONAL HIGH ALPINE & DESERT CLIMATES

RAIN	0.9"	0.7"	1.0"	1.1"	1.0"	0.6"	1.4"	1.4	1.3"	1.6	1.0"	0.8"
INCH AVRG.	0.9"	0.6"	1.8"	1.3"	1.9"	1.0"	2.1"	2.0"	1.6"	1.5"	1.1"	0.8"
SNOW	10.0"	9.8"	5.3"	3.7"	0.3"	0	0	0	0	0.6"	3.0"	8.8"
	10.2"	11.2"	11.8"	7.3"	4.2"	0.3"	0	0	0	2.8"	7.3"	11.2"

GETTING HERE:

- DRIVE:
 - 5.25 hours west from Denver, CO
 - 5.5 hours northwest from Albuquerque, NM
 - 6 hours southeast from Salt Lake City, UT
 - 8.5 hours northeast from Phoenix, AZ
- FLY:
 - Montrose Regional Airport



Pack mule train, c. 1900.
Photo: Rimrocker Historical Society



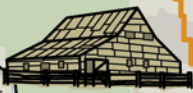
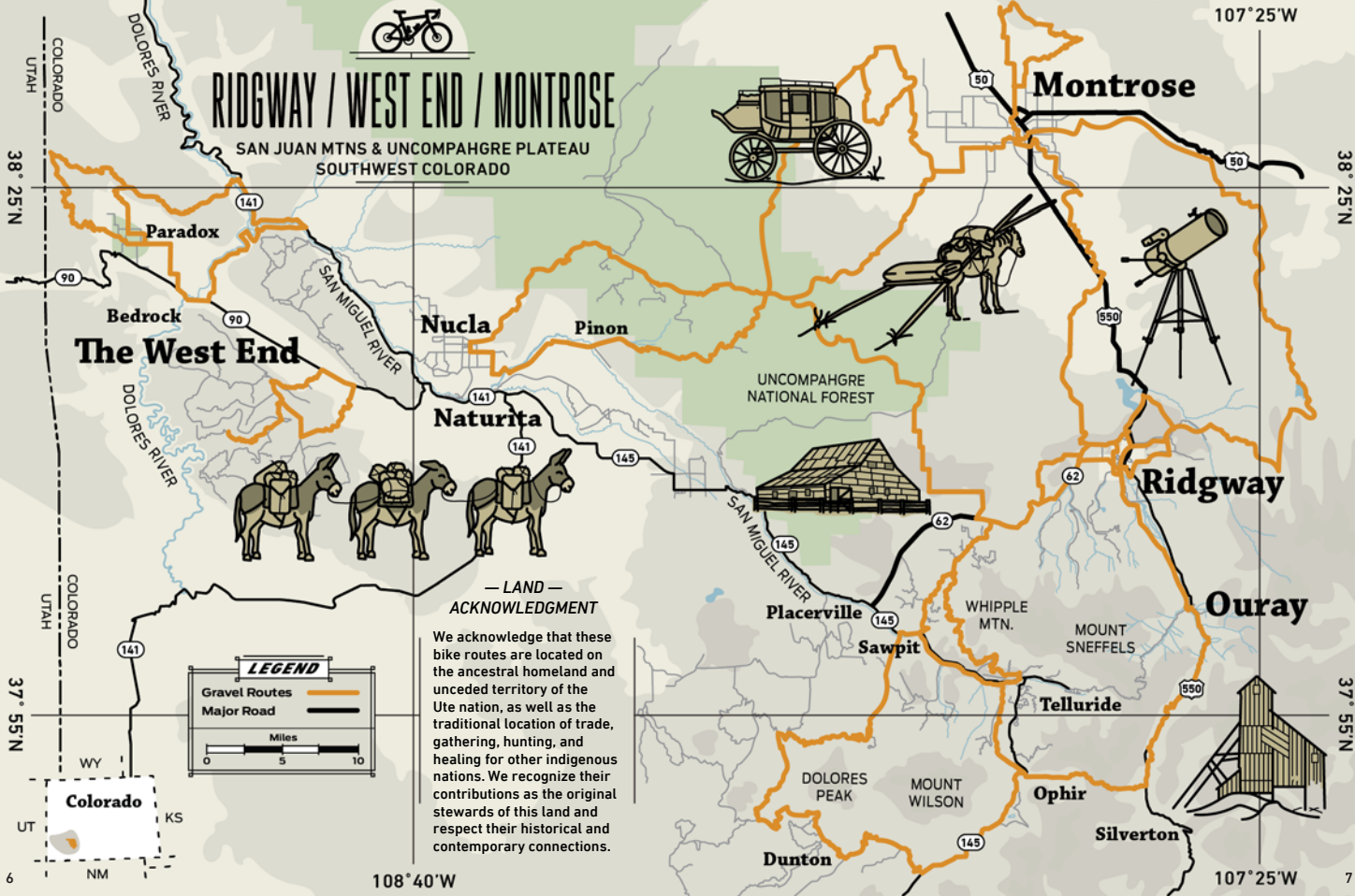
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RIDGWAY / WEST END / MONTROSE

SAN JUAN MNTNS & UNCOMPAHGRE PLATEAU
SOUTHWEST COLORADO



— LAND — ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We acknowledge that these bike routes are located on the ancestral homeland and unceded territory of the Ute nation, as well as the traditional location of trade, gathering, hunting, and healing for other indigenous nations. We recognize their contributions as the original stewards of this land and respect their historical and contemporary connections.

LEGEND

Gravel Routes

Major Road

Miles

108° 40' W

107° 25' W

38° 25' N

38° 25' N

37° 55' N

37° 55' N

6

7

Colorado



UTAH
COLORADO
UTAH
COLORADO
UTAH

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Montrose

The West End

Ridgway

Ouray

Telluride

Ophir

Silverton

Placerville

Sawpit

Dunton

UNCOMPAHGRE
NATIONAL FOREST

WHIPPLE
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PEAK

MOUNT
WILSON

DOLORIS RIVER

SAN MIGUEL RIVER

SAN MIGUEL RIVER

DOLORIS RIVER

WELCOME

The Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce invites the gravel community to discover the mixed terrain of the Western San Juan Mountain region. Ride here and be captivated by our majestic alpine setting, laid-back friendly Old West spirit, and small town hospitality.

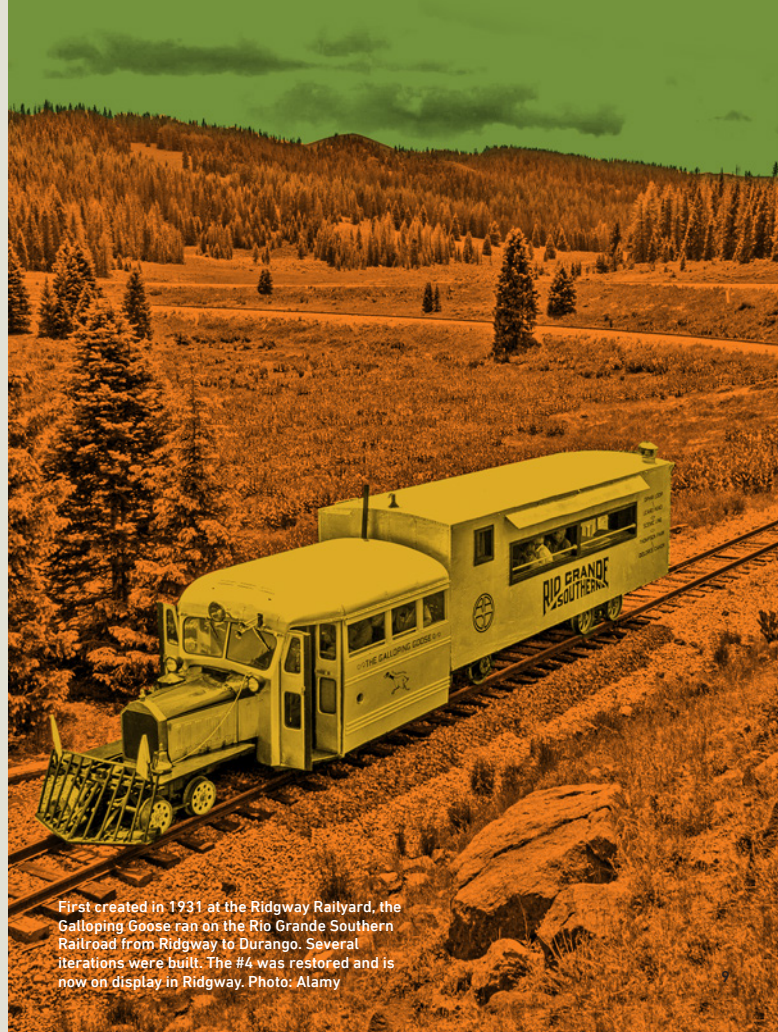
An exciting element to this guidebook is the chance to introduce adventure cyclists to the gravel riding in the West End of Montrose County. Composed of Nucla, Naturita, Bedrock, Redvale, Paradox, and Norwood, you'll appreciate the many towns, one community attitude of this tightly knit collection of towns eager to attract dirt-curious cyclists.

Along with partners in Montrose County, we encourage everyone to visit and create unique gravel memories. With a number of lodging and dining options available, the routes featured here support curated loop rides that both start/end in each town, and offer backcountry excursions into the mountains, mesa, and desert.

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First created in 1931 at the Ridgway Railyard, the Galloping Goose ran on the Rio Grande Southern Railroad from Ridgway to Durango. Several iterations were built. The #4 was restored and is now on display in Ridgway. Photo: Alamy

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-  TRAILHEAD/PARKING

RECOMMENDED MINIMUM TIRE WIDTH FOR ROUTE	
GRAVEL+	47MM<



RANCHES & RAPTORS

This gravel route east of Ridgway goes past working ranches, where irrigated hay fields blend into tracts of alpine timber and breccia cliffs. There are plenty of impressive views of the surrounding San Juan Mountains.

A good portion of the ride is within view of Cimarron Ridge. This geological feature is the result of erosion of a large volcanic pile surrounded by several volcanoes. It supports a habitat for a number of raptor species, including red-tailed hawks, great horned owls, bald and golden eagles.

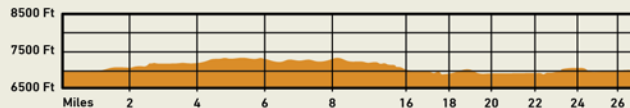
The majority of the route is on smooth and well-maintained county unpaved roads. A short singletrack section along Ridgway Reservoir connects HWY 550 and the extinct town of Dallas. It was a stagecoach stop on a toll road between Montrose and Ouray Counties.



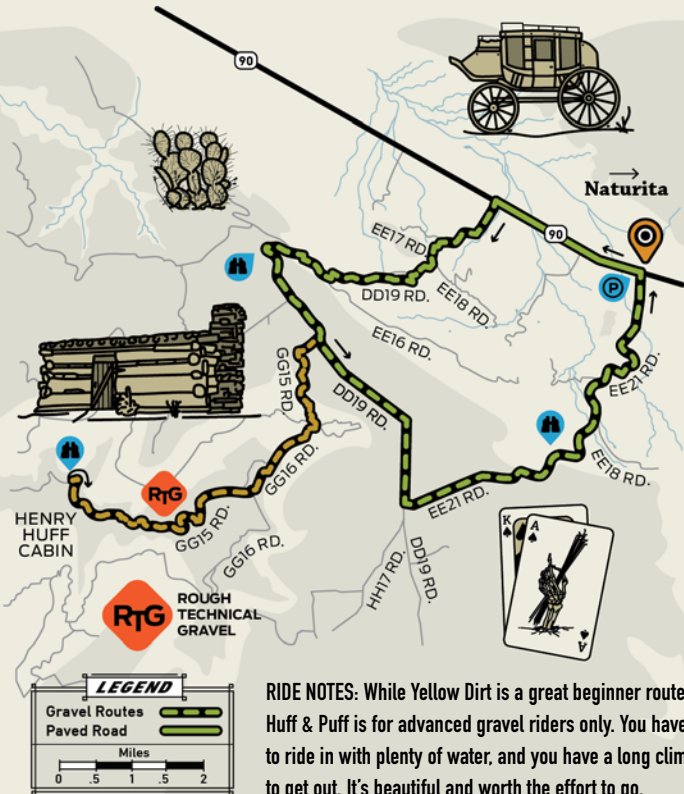
Distance: 17 Miles
 Elevation: +982 Ft
 Max Grade: 6.5%
 Unpaved/Paved: 63/37%
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YELLOW DIRT WITH HUFF & PUFF



RIDE NOTES: While Yellow Dirt is a great beginner route, Huff & Puff is for advanced gravel riders only. You have to ride in with plenty of water, and you have a long climb to get out. It's beautiful and worth the effort to go.

A West End off-road route intended to introduce adventure cyclists to the region's diverse terrain. Yellow Dirt loop is graded, with punchy climbs, but not too technical. There are stellar views of the Paradox Valley on top of the mesa. The Huff & Puff out and back segment is rough technical gravel.

Built in 1906, the Henry Huff Cabin is a remnant of what grazing in western Montrose County looked like prior to the Taylor Grazing Act (1934), which changed federal management of grazing on public lands. By the 1910s, the cabin was used by radium/uranium prospectors.

Henry Huff Cabin is an architectural example of a Pioneer log home, which is defined by use of saddle and v-notched round logs, and single-story gable roofed construction methods. Henry Huff was found as a Ute baby and raised by a pioneer family. He stayed in the Paradox area. Stories say he was shot after winning at cards with a hand of spades.

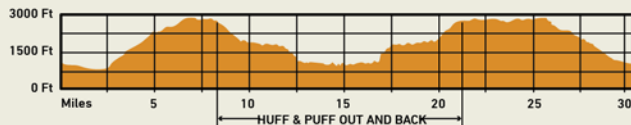


YELLOW DIRT



HUFF & PUFF

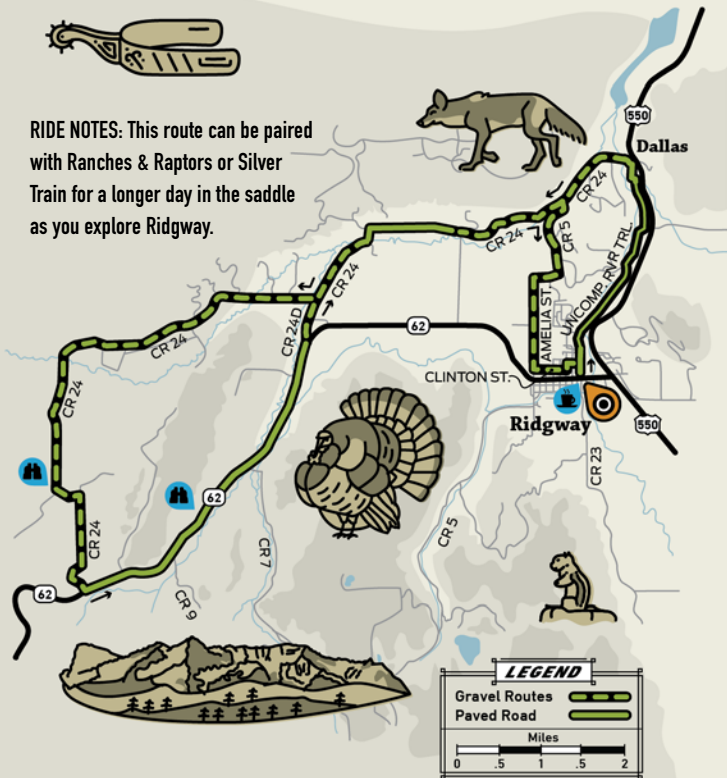
Distance: 17 or 30 Miles
 Elevation: +1,626 or 3,030 Ft
 Max Grade: 14.8%
 Unpaved/Paved: 90/10%
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CHAPS & SPURS LOOP



RIDE NOTES: This route can be paired with Ranches & Raptors or Silver Train for a longer day in the saddle as you explore Ridgway.



The route follows Dallas Creek into the Pleasant Valley, past ranches and pastures holding cattle, horses, wild turkeys and seasonal elk herds. There are captivating views of Mount Sneffels (14,150 ft) from multiple perspectives.

Unique rancher personalities are part of the valley's history. Bartley Marie Scott pioneered ranchland management and natural resource stewardship. Marie maintained a strong work ethic in life, and was known for her good will by providing others with needs like food, jobs, and money.

Not having heirs, Marie began to sell parcels of the 100,000 acres she owned from Ridgway to the Utah border. At mile marker 12.3, the route runs parallel to the 17,000-acre Double RL Ranch. It was purchased by fashion icon Ralph Lauren in 1982 from Marie Scott's estate.



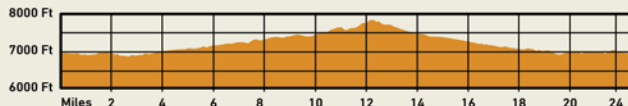
Distance: 22 Miles

Elevation: +1,363 Ft

Max Grade: 6.9%

Unpaved/Paved: 60/40%

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SILVER TRAIN

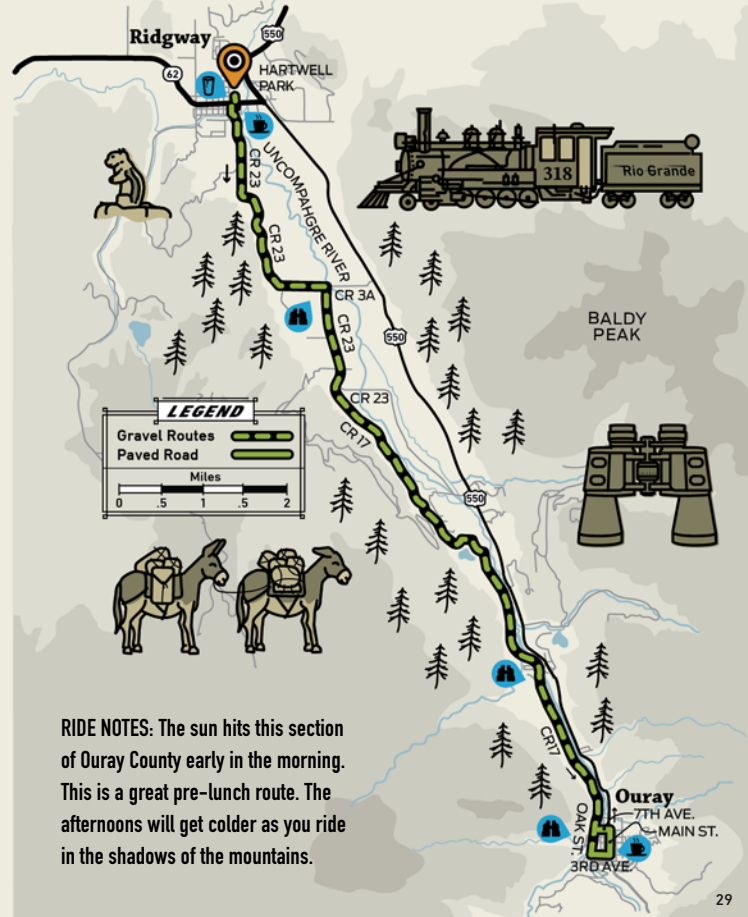
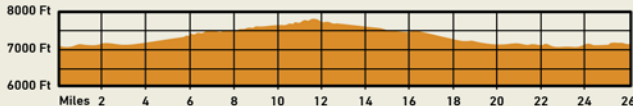
This ride follows the former Denver & Rio Grande narrow-gauge railroad bed (County Road 17) connecting Ridgway and Ouray. Built in 1887, it overcame the technical challenges of reaching Ouray over Red Mountain Pass from Durango.

The early 20th century was the peak years of mining production. During this time, Camp Bird Mine became one of the most productive gold mines in Colorado. By 1953 the train no longer made the journey to Ouray.

Rolling through Ouray you'll see why the town is nicknamed "Little Switzerland". Alpine scenery, Victorian architecture, and the outdoor sports lifestyle vibe resembles the Swiss Alp experience. Mineral-rich hot springs in town associated with therapeutic and healing properties draw visitors, and can add a nice touch to this gravel experience.



Distance: 26 Miles
 Elevation: +1,265 Ft
 Max Grade: 5.2%
 Unpaved/Paved: 96/4%
ridewithgps.com/routes/45237871



RIDE NOTES: The sun hits this section of Ouray County early in the morning. This is a great pre-lunch route. The afternoons will get colder as you ride in the shadows of the mountains.

PATH OF THE NUUCHU

This mixed surface ride rolls through the Uncompahgre River valley, following the trail corridor used by the Tabeguache (Tavi'wachi Nuuchu) band of Utes.

The Tabeguache were the largest of ten bands comprising the Northern Ute people, who migrated seasonally to hunt buffalo, deer, and elk. Camps moved about every month and these experiences reinforced their relationships with nature. Medicine wheels placed at the center of an encampment signified Earth's boundary and all the knowledge of the universe. Everything within the physical landscape along this route was a source of inspiration. Uncompahgre means "rocks that make water red."

Can be ridden as an out and back, or part of a bikepacking itinerary. Makes a great day ride with an overnight in Ridgway or Montrose.



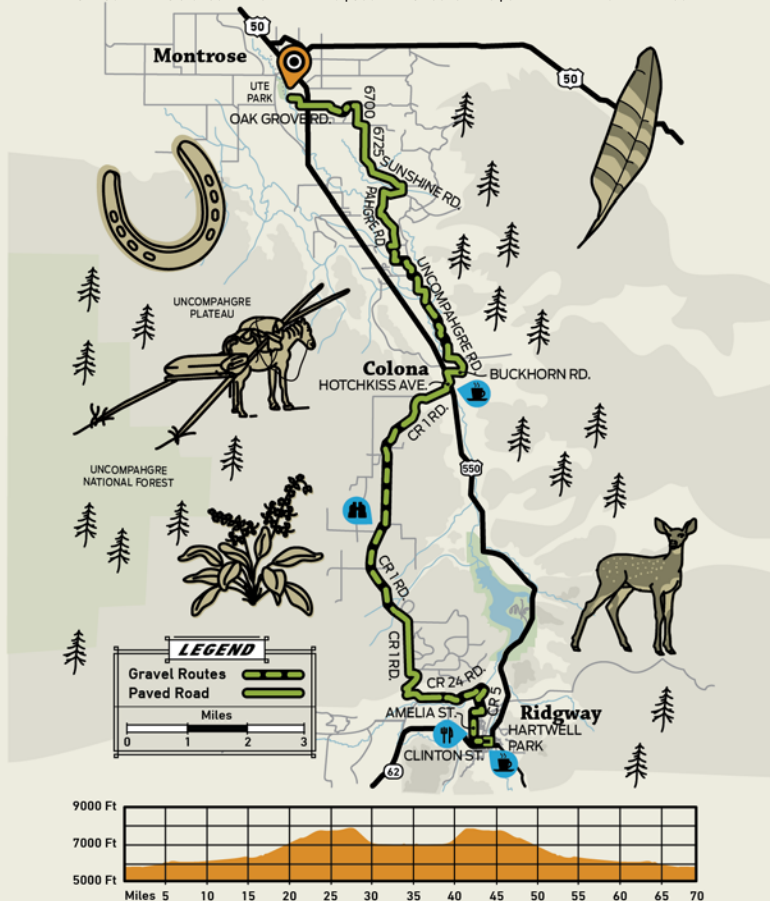
Distance: 69 Mile Round Trip

Elevation: +4,472 Ft

Max Grade: 14%

Unpaved/Paved: 33/67%

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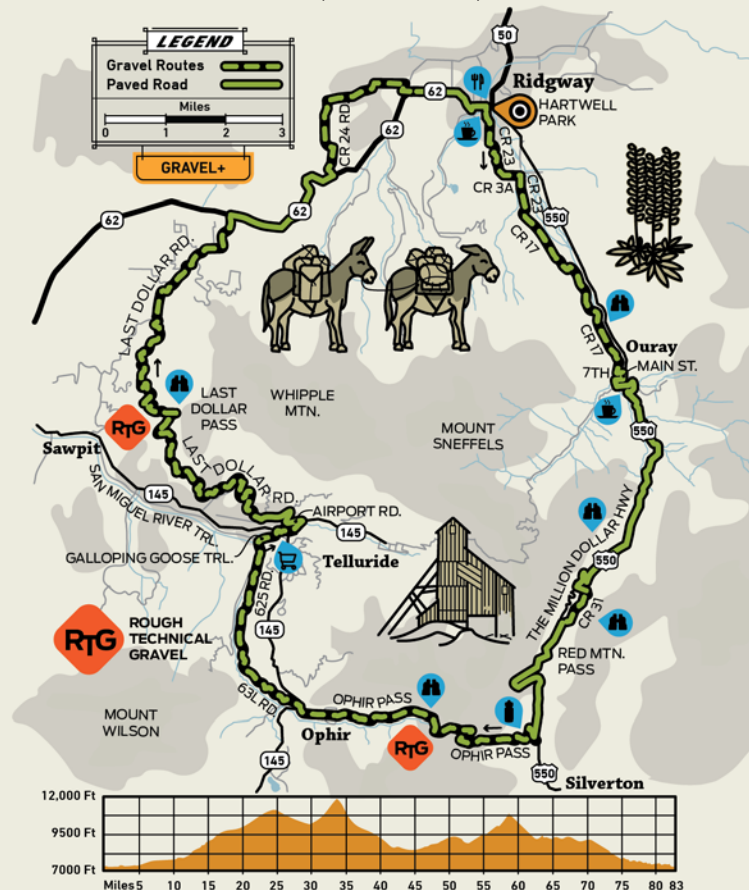


SAN JUAN HEART OF GOLD

A premier Colorado gravel route that has it all. High alpine climbs, amazing views, narrow mountain road, fun descents, and segments of singletrack. The diverse and challenging terrain earns this San Juan Mountain's Heart of Gold name.

This one requires strategic planning. Ride clockwise, and be over Ophir Pass (11,789 ft) by early afternoon. A start time around 6:00 am is recommended. Adverse weather conditions, especially summer electrical storms, are possible. Due to the prevalence of toxic mining contaminants, do not drink stream water between Ouray and Red Mountain Pass.

Arriving into the town of Ophir, expect a segment of rough technical gravel after climbing a mostly paved segment over Red Mountain Pass. Dropping into Ilium Valley, you'll ride past the historic Ames power plant. It was the first alternating current power plant to use Nikola Tesla's concept for electricity. Head over Last Dollar Pass on your return to Ridgway to complete this epic loop.



Distance: 83 Miles
 Elevation: +10,121 Ft
 Max Grade: 16%
 Unpaved/Paved: 69/31%
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RULES OF THE ROAD

When traveling on gravel roads, beware of traffic. Use caution and stay on the right side of the road. Be mindful to not cross the centerline on descents.

In low-light conditions ride with lights. Sunrise and sunsets are beautiful.

Cattle grazing in some areas. Leave gates in the manner that you find them. Slow or stop near cows to not cause them to run.

Please stay on the road. Don't wander off onto private land. Yield to farm and ranching equipment on the road.

Carry plenty of water. We have marked locations on the maps for ride stops.

Proceed at a safe speed that permits you to react to unexpected circumstances.

Wave to people you see on your ride.

RESPONSIBILITY

Pack appropriate clothing for your gravel ride. Reference Climate, page 4. Fair-weather riding is a luxury. It takes true grit to set out in foul weather.

You will be riding in remote areas with little to no contact with other people. Cell service will be zero bars in parts of the counties.

You need to be self sufficient on your ride! Proper food and hydration to complete your ride in a fun and safe way is your responsibility. You should carry at least 1 liter of water and a 200+ calorie snack for each 20-mile section of your chosen gravel route.

TIPS TO BE SAFE

We recommend 42 to 55mm tires on some of these routes. Look for our RTG (Rough Technical Gravel) icon on our maps.

Lightning storms can arrive in early afternoon. Be aware at high altitude.

Be able to fix a flat and broken chain on the roadside... if not, ride with a friend who can fix a bike with you.

Remember! Water, food, sunscreen, multi-tool, pump, and eye protection.

Have a route contact at home. Check in when you get back from a long ride.



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ASTRO-TOURISM

A GRAVEL DARK SKY SOIREE IN OURAY AND MONTROSE COUNTIES

Town of Ridgway, CO
Photo: Val Szwarc

A recent addition to sustainable tourism efforts in Ouray and Montrose Counties involves astro-tourism. Ridgway, along with the West End communities, have committed to dark sky preservation for the enjoyment of residents and visitors.

Top of the Pines is a 175-acre recreation area that sits at 8650 ft above Ridgway and Ouray. Sky brightness measurements peg TOP as one of the darkest in Colorado.

Tips for a quality dark sky experience:

- Your eyes need about 20 minutes to adjust; you'll have to put down your iPhone.
- Arrive at your campsite during the day. Minimize use of car headlights after dark.
- Replace your campfire with the night sky. Embrace the night and look up.

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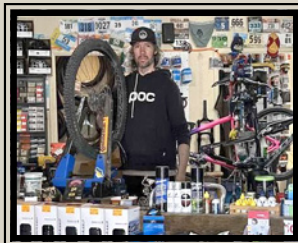
Tucked away between Telluride and Moab on Colorado's Western Slope is an undiscovered treasure trove of outdoor adventure known as the West End.

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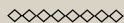
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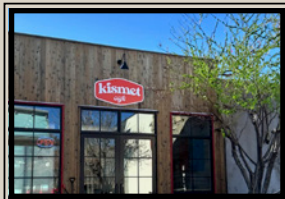


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GRAVEL ADVENTURE FIELD GUIDE

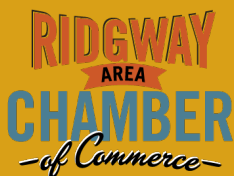
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AGENDA ITEM #11

AGENDA ITEM #12



To: Honorable Mayor Clark and Ridgway Town Council
From: Preston Neill, Town Manager
Date: April 5, 2024
Agenda Topic: **Ratification of Memorandum of Understanding by and between San Miguel Power Association, Inc. and the Town of Ridgway concerning a Microgrid for Community Resilience Construction Grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs**

SUMMARY:

San Miguel Power Association (SMPA) applied for a grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Microgrids for Community Resiliency (MCR) Program. The grant, which was awarded in the amount of \$46,900, is intended to support the microgrid project for the Decker Community Room in the Space to Create Building. The microgrid will consist of a 5-kW roof mounted solar array and a battery bank dedicated to powering the Decker Room in the event of a power outage.

The initial grant contract shared with SMPA by DOLA identified SMPA as the owner of the system and responsible for hiring a qualified contractor to install the solar/storage microgrid system. After requesting a reworking of the contract to identify the Town as the system owner and responsible for the procurement, installation, operation, and maintenance of the system, DOLA requested a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SMPA and the Town providing the specifics of the working relationship between the parties.

The attached MOU, which has already been executed, provides the specifics DOLA needs to finalize the contract. Once the contract is in place, the Town will be allowed to begin the procurement process.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

“I move to ratify the Memorandum of Understanding by and between San Miguel Power Association, Inc. and the Town of Ridgway concerning a Microgrid for Community Resilience Construction Grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs.”

ATTACHMENT:

Memorandum of Understanding

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

By and Between

San Miguel Power Association, Inc. and Town of Ridgway

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and between:

San Miguel Power Association, Inc. (SMPA) and

The Town of Ridgway, Colorado (Town).

SMPA and Town shall hereinafter collectively be referred to as the “Parties” and generically as a “Party.”

PURPOSE

This MOU is to establish a good-faith foundation between the Parties for future collaborative efforts that are mutually beneficial. The Parties agree to work together in a cooperative and coordinated manner to achieve each Party’s individual goals and the collective goals of the partnership.

This MOU is intended to provide specifics of the working relationship between the Parties to the mutual benefit of the Parties and the communities they serve as they work together to install a solar/storage microgrid emergency power system to provide electrical resilience to the Decker Community Room in Ridgway, Colorado (Project). On behalf of the Town of Ridgway, SMPA applied for and won a Microgrid for Community Resilience Construction Grant MCRG-SFC001 that will provide funding for the purchase of microgrid and supporting hardware intended to provide backup power for the Decker Room and transition this space to serve as a Resilience Hub. Exhibit B of this award lists the following funding.

Budget Line(s)		Total Project Cost	Grant Funds	Other Funds	Other Funds Source
Line #	Cost Category				
1	Construction/Improvement of Public Utilities	\$70,000	\$46,900	\$23,100	Grantee
	Total	\$70,000	\$46,900	\$23,100	

DURATION OF MOU

This MOU becomes effective on the date it is signed by both parties. It remains in force unless explicitly terminated, in writing, by either party.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

To achieve Parties’ mutual desires, each party agrees to the following roles and responsibilities:

SMPA's Roles and Responsibilities shall include acting as Grantee and Administrator for the Microgrids for Community Resilience Grant Program (MCR) specific to the project MCRG-SFC001 SMPA Space to Create Resilience Hub Microgrid (SFC), as outlined in Exhibit B. The project will consist of the procurement, installation, operation, and maintenance of a solar/storage microgrid emergency power system to provide electrical resilience to the Decker Community Room in Ridgway, CO.

SMPA, as grantee, will be responsible for:

- Completion of work and provide the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) the required documentation as specified in Exhibit B.
- Providing notice to DOLA at least 30 days in advance of project completion.
- Providing DOLA with quarterly reports and pay requests as depicted in the Scope of Project.
- Providing final reports of grant expenditures to DOLA within 90 days of the completion of the project to include final pay request and status report to DOLA.
- Providing DOLA with any records or audit requests and maintain books, records, and documentation pertaining to the completion of the project.

The Town's Roles and Responsibilities shall include:

- Taking ownership of the Project upon completion.
- Selecting the contractor and subcontractors for the Project per the Town's requirements for procurement and per the procurement requirements specified in Exhibit B.
- Securing the necessary contracts and bonds as required per Exhibit B.
- Providing the funding for the full estimated cost (\$70,000), less the awarded grant amount (\$46,900) , of the Project per the requirements set forth by Exhibit B.
- Submitting all invoice documentation for contractors and subcontractors and all backup documentation to SMPA for required pay requests.
- Working collaboratively with SMPA Responsible Administrator and Consultant to ensure successful completion and installation of the project.
- Serving as the warranty holder of all purchased equipment and managing any warranty claims.

Parties agree to uphold their roles and responsibilities in a committed, good-faith manner.

RESOURCES

To further the collaborative relationship between the Parties, the Parties agree to provide the following resources:

- SMPA shall provide for the administration of the grant funds, including reporting as required in Exhibit B.
- The Town will provide oversight for the procurement and completion of the Project.
- Parties agree to provide the resources above at a minimum. Each party agrees to bear their own financial burden of resources committed in this MOU unless otherwise specified.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PARTIES

Communication and documentation will be critical to the successful completion of the Project. The Responsible Administrator for SMPA (Wiley Freeman) and SMPA Consultant (Terry Schuyler) will administer pay requests, documentation and record-keeping reporting to DOLA as required by the terms of the Grant Agreement.

The designee of the Town will be responsible for monthly submission of all documentation required for quarterly pay requests and status reports as outlined in Exhibit B.

AMENDMENTS

The terms of this MOU may be amended upon written approval by both Parties.

TERM AND TERMINATION

This agreement becomes effective on the date it is signed by both Parties. It shall remain in full force and effect unless explicitly terminated, in writing, by either Party or Parties. Both Parties may terminate this MOU by means of signing a termination addendum upon 30 days' written notice to the other Party or Parties.

The undersigned Parties acknowledge and agree to this MOU:

SIGNATURES

FOR San Miguel Power Association, Inc.

Date:

Date: _____

Lance Lehigh, SMPA CFO

FOR The Town of Ridgway:

Date: _____

John I. Clark, Ridgway Mayor

AGENDA ITEM #13



To: Honorable Mayor Clark and Ridgway Town Council
From: Preston Neill, Town Manager
Date: April 4, 2024
Agenda Topic: **Review and direction on the establishment of the Town of Ridgway Community Grant Program and procedures for solicitation, evaluation, and funding**

BACKGROUND:

During the Town’s annual budget cycle, the Town has traditionally invited local non-profit organizations to submit funding requests for the Town Council to consider. Since 2020, the Town Council has reviewed and discussed all received requests at a Budget Workshop in late November where direction has been given for final budget preparation. Formal action on funding requests always takes place at the Town Council’s regular meeting in December when the subsequent fiscal year’s budget is approved at the conclusion of a public hearing.

The *Town of Ridgway 2024 Strategic Plan* contains a goal to “Develop procedures for solicitation, evaluation and funding for a Town of Ridgway Community Grant Program.” To advance this goal, staff researched the community grant programs of several other municipalities. Between the Town of Ridgway’s existing program and the programs of the other municipalities that were examined, there are many similarities. While none of the programs mirror each other, the majority of them utilize an ad hoc committee to review submitted applications and make funding recommendations. A primary difference is that in the other researched municipalities, the recommendation of the committee is advanced to the budget for approval. The other municipalities do not have the Town Council collectively review and provide direction on funding requests.

Staff believes the Town of Ridgway’s process has been successful but suggests that more structure by way of more formal procedures for solicitation, evaluation, and funding, could make it even more successful. Staff further suggests that the following be established in advance of the next budget cycle:

1. Application requirements and submittal guidelines
2. Eligibility criteria
3. Review criteria
4. Review process and schedule
5. An Ad Hoc Review Committee comprised of members of Town staff and community members
6. A maximum amount of money for community funding that the ad hoc committee’s funding recommendations shall not exceed

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Attached to this memo as Exhibit A is an attempt to establish #1 through #4 above. More specifically, Exhibit A contains:

- An introductory letter inviting organizations and agencies seeking funding for specific programs, projects, services or activities that support the Town of Ridgway’s community values and goals found within the *Town of Ridgway Master Plan*.
- An overview of the **2025 Town of Ridgway Community Grant Program** that contains more information regarding eligibility criteria, review criteria, application requirements, application submittal guidelines, and review process and schedule.



Staff recommends making the application materials for the **2025 Town of Ridgway Community Grant Program** available for a 45-day period starting in early August. At the September 11, 2024 Regular Town Council meeting, staff will ask for Council direction to set a maximum amount of money for 2025 Community Grant Program funding that the Ad Hoc Review Committee's funding recommendation shall not exceed.

In order for the Ad Hoc Review Committee to make recommendations on the applications received, a target funding amount must be set. Staff will make a recommendation for setting the not to exceed amount for community grant funding in FY2025 by preparing a funding history chart and determining past annual grant amounts as a percentage of General Fund Operating Expenditures. In looking at annual grant funding amounts in municipalities with community grant programs, annual grant funding was across the board and varied from 1.07% to 7.19% of General Fund Operating Expenditures. For FY2024, Ridgway's community grant funding (i.e., Council Initiatives) totaled \$102,760, which equals approximately 2.5% of General Fund Operating Expenditures. For FY2025 and beyond, staff will most likely recommend that the not to exceed amount for community grant funding equal between 1% and 2% of the previous budget year's General Fund Operating Expenditures.

The Ad Hoc Review Committee will be scheduled to meet in late September or early October to review the submitted applications. The review will focus on the Review Criteria included in the application materials (found in Exhibit A). A summary of all funding requests and the Ad Hoc Review Committee's recommendations will be forwarded to the Town Council and will be considered at a work session in October or November where direction will be requested for final preparation of the FY2025 Budget.

COUNCIL DIRECTION:

Council is asked at Wednesday's meeting to provide direction on the establishment of the Town of Ridgway Community Grant Program.

ATTACHMENT:

Exhibit A – 2025 Town of Ridgway Community Grant Program



August 1, 2024

RE: 2025 Town of Ridgway Community Grant Program

Dear Potential Applicant:

The Town of Ridgway welcomes applications from organizations and agencies seeking funding for programs, projects, services or activities that support the Town's community values and goals found within the [Town of Ridgway Master Plan](#). This packet includes important information to help your organization apply for Town funding, including application submission requirements, review criteria and the application schedule.

While the Town of Ridgway will look at every opportunity for advancing partnerships with organizations in Ridgway to advance the *Master Plan*, monies to outside agencies are prioritized with all operational, service, and facility needs of the Town through the annual budgeting process. In FY2024, the Ridgway Town Council approved \$102,760 in funding for community grants. This funding level is not guaranteed for FY2025 and is in the complete discretion of the Town Council.

The FY2025 funding decisions will be based solely upon an organization's written application. An *Ad Hoc Review Committee*, comprised of citizens representing businesses and nonprofits, plus several Town staff persons will review all applications and make the funding recommendations. The *Ad Hoc Review Committee's* funding recommendations will be incorporated into the annual proposed budget, which the Town Council will take action on during a public hearing tentatively scheduled for December 11, 2024.

The following materials include all the information needed to prepare a funding application. The application deadline is Monday, September 16, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel welcome to call 970-626-5308, ext. 212 or email pneill@town.ridgway.co.us.

Sincerely,

Preston Neill
Ridgway Town Manager

2025 TOWN OF RIDGWAY COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

PROGRAM OVERVIEW, ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND REVIEW CRITERIA

Program Overview

The [Town of Ridgway Master Plan](#) is an officially adopted advisory document that outlines the community's vision and goals for the next ten to twenty years, and beyond. The Master Plan establishes goals, policies, and actions to help achieve the community's vision. The [Town of Ridgway 2024 Strategic Plan](#) guides decision-making and provides the structure for ensuring investments and programs reflect the Town Council's priorities in achieving the vision and adopted plans of the Town of Ridgway, including the Master Plan. The Town recognizes that outside agencies and organizations should be considered as important partners in advancing the stated goals in the plan, and that to fully build a successful partnership, Town funding may be required either through a direct cash contribution or with in-kind services. It is through the belief that partnerships are important to meeting the Town's strategies that community grants are considered each year.

Eligible Applicants

Non-profit applicants may apply as a 501(c)(3) or under the umbrella of a 501(c)(3) with a letter of agreement between the applicant and the umbrella 501(c)(3).

Proposal Review Criteria

1. *Town of Ridgway Master Plan and Town of Ridgway 2024 Strategic Plan*
 - 1.1 Does the proposal's program/service/activity directly support one or more of the goals, priorities, or on-going objectives identified in the plans above?
 - 1.2 How successful will the program/service/activity be in meeting the goal, priority or objective?
 - 1.3 Does the proposal's program/service/activity address a potential unmet need in meeting the goals, priorities or objectives of the plans above?
 - 1.4 How many Town of Ridgway residents will directly benefit from the proposal's program/service/activity?
 - 1.5 Does proposal's program/service/activity have the potential to benefit Ridgway's business community?
 - 1.6 Are the proposed measurements to evaluate the success of the program well defined?
2. *Funding Level*
 - 2.1 Is the requested support either in cash or in-kind commensurate with expected benefits from the proposal's program/service/activity?
 - 2.2 Is the proposal's program/service/activity funding a one-time support request or creating a longer term need for Town funding?
 - 2.3 If the applicant has received Town funding for more than one year, is the proposal's funding request to the Town increasing, being reduced, or falling as a percent of all program/service/activity revenues?
 - 2.4 How successful is the applicant in bringing in other funding partners?

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND SUBMITTAL GUIDELINES

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 5:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

Application Requirements: (Please do not exceed three pages)

1. Program Title _____
2. Agency _____
 - 2.1 Contact Person _____
 - 2.2 Title _____
 - 2.3 Phone _____
 - 2.4 E-mail _____
 - 2.5 Address _____
3. Dollar amount **granted by the Town of Ridgway** for 2023 (if applicable): \$ _____
4. Dollar amount **granted by the Town of Ridgway** for 2024 (if applicable): \$ _____
5. Dollar amount **requested** for 2025 (if applicable): \$ _____
6. Description of in-kind services granted over the past two years, and requested for 2025 (if applicable):

7. Please provide the following information to help us assess your agency's current non-profit status:
 - 7.1 Current Federal Employer Identification Number _____
 - 7.2 Has received a non-profit status from the IRS? Yes _____ No _____
8. What is the mission of your organization?

9. Please provide a detailed description of the program, event or service for which Town of Ridgway support is being requested.

10. How does the proposed use of Town support further one or more of the goals, priorities or objectives identified in the Town of Ridgway Master Plan or the Town of Ridgway 2024 Strategic Plan?

11. For the program, event or service requesting funding, how many Town of Ridgway residents will be directly benefited? How many Town of Ridgway residents received a direct benefit from funding in 2023 and 2024, if applicable?

12. Please attach your anticipated detailed line item budget for the requested 2025 support, including in the revenues all other funding partners. Funds are not available for capital improvements, equipment or supplies. Include when funds are needed for payment.

13. If a non-profit, attach a budget for your agency for this same time period.

14. How will you measure the success of the program or service for which funding is requested?
Please include clear objectives, outcomes, metrics and expectations.

15. How did you determine the requested need for the program, event or service?

16. Please attach the most recent fiscal year-end financial statements reflecting your agency's beginning and ending balances for the year.

17. Please list all anticipated funding sources for the current (2024) and coming year (2025). Be sure to highlight any opportunities to leverage Town funds with external funds.

I affirm that all of the information included in this application, its attachments, and its supplemental documents is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Authorized Signatory

Date

Printed Name: _____

Application Submittal Guidelines:

1. Send the completed application, via email as a PDF document, to Preston Neill at pneill@town.ridgway.co.us.
2. Number each item in the application to correspond to the Application Requirements stated above.
3. Do not exceed three (3) pages.
4. Only one application may be submitted per organization.
5. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Review Process and Schedule:

August 1, 2024	2025 Town of Ridgway Community Grant Program Application Materials Available
September 16, 2024	Deadline for Applications
Week of October 7, 2024 (tentative)	Funding Recommendations by <i>Ad Hoc Review Committee</i>
November 21, 2024 (tentative)	Council Budget Workshop to Review and Provide Direction on 2025 Community Grant Program Funding, as Recommended by the Ad Hoc Review Committee
December 11, 2024 (tentative)	Public Hearing and Adoption of FY 2025 Budget
December 2024	Notification of Awards

Disclosures to all Applicants:

- Funds will not be available until after January 1, 2025, and may be dispersed in installments, if awarded.
- Notification of awards will be sent after the Town Council approves the final budget, currently scheduled for December 11, 2025.

AGENDA ITEM #14



To: Honorable Mayor Clark and Ridgway Town Council
From: Preston Neill, Town Manager
Date: April 5, 2024
Agenda Topic: **Review and action on Special Event Permit Application from Youth Advisory Council for a Pickleball Tournament at Ridgway Athletic Park**

SUMMARY:

Towards the end of each school year, the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is tasked with coming up with a capstone-type project as a culminating experience for the group. Over their last few meetings, the YAC has discussed a variety of activities they could implement and participate in. Some of these activities include:

- Organizing a community service project
- Leading a town-wide educational or advocacy campaign
- Planning and organizing fundraising events for youth-related development projects and/or charitable causes

At their March 26, 2024 meeting, the YAC gave a presentation on what their capstone project will be. They have decided to partner with the Ridgway Pickleball Club, a local non-profit organization, to organize a pickleball tournament on May 11, 2024 at the Ridgway Athletic Park. The tournament entry fee is expected to be \$5 and the proceeds will be split between the Ridgway Pickleball Club and a local women's shelter or similar cause.

While event logistics are still being worked out by the YAC and Ridgway Pickleball Club, Council approval of the event is required. Appended to this memo is an Application for Special Event Permit. YAC members are scheduled to give their end of year presentation to the Town Council on May 8, 2024. At that time, YAC members plan to provide all the finalized details for the pickleball tournament scheduled for a few days later on May 11th. Advertisement and outreach for the event will begin soon once all event logistics are finalized.

ACTION BEFORE COUNCIL:

Council is asked to approve the Application for Special Event Permit and provide authority to staff to approve event details once impacts are better understood.

ATTACHMENT:

Application for Special Event Permit



Application for Special Event Permit

Applicant Name: <u>Ridgway Youth Advisory Council</u>	Contact Person: <u>Preston Neill, Town Manager</u>
Applicant Phone: _____	Contact Phone: _____
Applicant Email: <u>pneill@town.ridgway.co.us</u>	Event Date: <u>May 11, 2024</u>
Event Name: <u>Ridgway YAC Pickleball Tournament</u>	Event Time: <u>TBD</u>
Type of Event: <u>Sporting & fundraising event</u>	# Attendees: <u>up to 125</u>

Specify park, facility and/or public right-of-way for the event (*check all that apply*):

<input type="checkbox"/> Hartwell Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Hartwell Park Stage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Athletic Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Cottonwood Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Dennis Weaver Memorial Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concession Area (Athletic Park)
<input type="checkbox"/> Rollans Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Center
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>specify</i>):		

For use of Rights-of-Ways (*streets, alleys, sidewalks*) specify the exact location(s):

Describe in detail the proposed use and activity for the park, facility and/or right-of-way:

See staff report dated April 5, 2024.

Event Type (*check all that apply*):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Music Concert	<input type="checkbox"/> Filming/ Production
<input type="checkbox"/> Run/Walk Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Art Show and Sales
<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Market	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>specify</i>): Pickleball tournament	

AGENDA ITEM #15

Agenda Item _____

File No. _____

STAFF REPORT

Subject: Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem and review of Council representation on commissions, committees, boards and organizations

Initiated By: Pam Kraft, Town Clerk

Date: March 25, 2024

In conjunction with the annual election of members, the Town Council is required to address appointment of the Mayor Pro Tem; and may wish to review representation on boards, committees and commissions.

Mayor Pro Tem - every year after the regular election the Council appoints one of its members to serve as Mayor Pro Tem to cover for the Mayor during absences, etc.

Representation on boards, committees, commissions and organizations - current appointments are as follows:

Committees & Commissions:

Ridgway Planning Commission - Councilor Meyer and Mayor Clark

Ridgway Parks, Trails & Open Space Committee - Councilor Kroger

Ridgway FUSE - Councilor Grambley

Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board - Councilor Thomas; alternate - Councilor Schuyler

Ridgway Scholarship Committee - Councilor Lakin and Mayor Clark

Board Appointments:

Ouray County Weed Board - Councilor Lakin; alternate - Town Engineer

Ouray County Joint Planning Board - Councilor Meyer, citizens Rod Fitzhugh & Tom McKenney; alternate - Councilor Schuyler

Sneffels Energy Board - Councilor Thomas and Town Manager; alternate - Mayor Clark

Region 10 Board - Mayor Clark

WestCO Dispatch Board - Town Marshal; alternate - Town Manager

Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region - Town Manager

Ouray County Transit Committee - Town Manager

Ouray County Water Users Association - Councilor Meyer; alternate - Councilor Thomas

Water and Land Committee for the Uncompahgre Valley - Councilor Meyer; alternate - Town Manager

Colorado Communities for Climate Action - Councilor Lakin; alternate - Town Manager

Colorado Municipal League Policy Committee - Town Manager

Home Trust of Ouray County - Town Manager

Liaisons:

Chamber of Commerce - Councilmember Lakin

Communities That Care Coalition - Mayor Clark

Ouray County Fairgrounds - Councilor Schuyler

AGENDA ITEM #16