COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION
2018 CHARGES FOR SERVICE APPLICATION

Organization Name:	Gunnison Conservation District				
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City:	Gunnison	**State:**	CO	**Zip Code:**	81230
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Contact Person(s):	Kim Antonucci				

1. What is the amount of County funds requested? Please keep your request below $12,000.

11,999

2. Provide specific information regarding what the County funds will be used for.

The Gunnison Conservation District is a community-based organization providing services to local landowners, school districts and the general public with technical assistance, educational opportunities and cost-share services to protect and enhance soil, water, habitat, plant diversity and wildlife, including the Gunnison Sage-grouse.

The District was created in 1956 to provide local guidance for the Natural Resource Conservation Service in prioritizing local issues, such as weed control, irrigation improvements, prescribed grazing, fencing, spring development, and overall range management. The District is the critical liaison to get NRCS projects in the ground. The Gunnison Conservation District also tries to focus on an inter-agency approach, such as the 2016 Herbicide Grant from the Habitat Partnership Program to treat approximately 340 acres of noxious weeds just in the Ohio Creek drainage, which had been targeted by the Gunnison County Weeds Commission and Colorado Parks and Wildlife, as it is most effective for noxious weed control. A project that is being finalized now is the Habitat Restoration project on Flat Top Mountain where the District partnered with the US Forest Service, Colorado Parks & Wildlife, the Nature Conservancy, NRCS, and local excavation companies.

The District organizes a variety of conservation education programs for kids from pre-school to college-aged as well as spearhead workshops for landowners. We will continue to use County funds to assist with ongoing programs that we sponsor each year. These programs include the Seventh Grade Mill Creek Youth Summit, which provides hands on experience to Gunnison Seventh graders in telemetry, camping ethics, timber, water quality, and engineering, and the Fourth Grade Water Festival where fourth graders learn about water conservation, macro invertebrates, riparian wildlife, and local fish populations. We also sponsor local involvement on an annual nation-wide Poster Contest. These programs reach approximately 300 local kids annually and teach them about our local resources and conservation efforts.

The Gunnison Conservation District is also very much involved with Sage-grouse projects, including the Sage Grouse Initiative, and preparing Sage-grouse reviews for developments in the County.

Currently the district employs two part-time positions: A wildlife biologist to implement projects and a district manager to cover administration of district functions. County funds will contribute to staff salary, outreach programs and administrative costs.

Finally, we receive 75% of funding for the District's Wildlife Biologist from the State via the DCT (District Conservation Technician) funding program. However, they do require a 25 percent match from non-federal sources. The cost for our biologist at 32 hours per week is approximately $49,916 which includes payroll, payroll taxes, work comp insurance and liability insurance. We hope to receive 75% of the DCT salary from the State at $37,437, but it requires a 25% match at $12,479. We have lost a significant funding source through NFWF (National Fish & Wildlife Foundation), which has paid for the DCT's 25% match for the last three years. However, this funding is no longer available, and other conservation funding has been difficult to find.

3.	Provide information about what results you will provide for the amount requested, and how you will measure those results. Please address how these results relate to existing County services.

For the year 2016, the District contributed to establishing NRCS Conservation Plans that totaled 15,834 acres which improved soil quality, water quality, irrigation system improvements, grazing lands enhanced, and wildlife habitat improvements. We hope that the final calculations for 2017 and 2018 will be similar, however the District and the NRCS has been short staffed in 2017.

Fiscal year 2017 is indicative of a trend that if continued, the District will go deeper into the red. It is anticipated that the District's budget for 2017 will result in a net operating loss of about $10,000. It also appears that the budget for 2018 will result in an additional $4,000 loss. This will require a withdrawal from reserve balances, which total only about $30,000. With a lack of funding, the District's conservation projects and outreach efforts will quickly diminish.

Fortunately, the District has the unique position and a long history of working directly with the landowners, which allows us to match agency opportunities and seek specific funding for mutually beneficial projects. County funding for salaries and administrative functions will allow the District to increase employee hours. Staff will pursue more involvement with local task forces and agencies such as the Gunnison County Weed Commission, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and the Natural Resource Conservation Service and others. Furthermore, the funding received from the County will help leverage funds and show partnerships to other entities for grant opportunities, including the State DCT Program.

Strategic planning is also important for the future of the Conservation District. County funds can help defray costs associated with outreach techniques that can help the District assess strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. With our existing database of contacts, we are at an advantage, and we can increase the number of staff hours to bolster our outreach efforts.

Measurable deliverables will include number of RE1J students reached, number of acres treated, number of projects in the ground, number of dollars secured by landowners, and number of other agencies involved. Other measurable include social media efforts, which require administrative time.

We are grateful that the County has provided about $2,000 a year for the last 18+ years. Please understand that this funding has remained static, yet expenses have been increasing and other grant opportunities dwindling. This year we hope to gain more funding from the County to not only keep the District going, but to put it in a better position to thrive. We hope that you find that conservation in the Gunnison area is worthy of an increase in financial support for 2018. However, we will be grateful to accept any amount of funding the Commissioners are willing to approve. We cannot operate without the County's continued support.

4.	Please attach the following two documents to this application:

a) Names and addresses of all Board members including designation of officers

b) Budget detail for 2017 and 2018 with reasonable detail for income and expenses for the agency as a whole (if you are requesting funding for a specific event or project, please provide the event or project budget as well)

Completed Application should be submitted to:

Electronic Submittal:	**Mailed Submittal:**
Adobe PDF Format	Gunnison County Finance
Linda Nienhueser, Finance Director	Attn: Linda Nienhueser
lnienhueser@gunnisoncounty.org	200 E. Virginia Ave.
	Gunnison, CO 81230

Submittal Deadline:

August 25, 2017

Gunnison Conservation District
2017 2018 Budget

	2017			2018
	Actual through 7.31.17	Anticipated 2017 Budget	-Under +Over Budget	Anticipated 2018 Budget
GCD ASSETS/FUND BALANCES	30,473.94			19,278.44
Income				
Grant Income				
Counties				
Gunnison	1,000.00	2,000.00	-1,000.00	12,000.00
Hinsdale	1,200.00	1,000.00	200.00	1,200.00
Saguache	600.00	500.00	100.00	600.00
Total Counties	2,800.00	3,500.00	-700.00	13,800.00
DCT Brooke	16,278.79	32,985.00	-16,706.21	37,437.00
Direct Assistance (CO)	6,334.13	7,000.00	-665.87	6,000.00
NFWF 33K	3,615.39	4,600.00	-984.61	0.00
Total Grant Income	29,028.31	48,085.00	-19,056.69	57,237.00
Product Sales				
Hat Income	56.72	0.00	56.72	0.00
Herbicide Income	4,300.04	8,000.00	-3,699.96	8,000.00
PAM Income	929.27	300.00	629.27	300.00
Sales Tax Discounts	42.93			
Seed Income	15,466.50	15,000.00	466.50	15,000.00
Shipping Income	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.00
Total Product Sales	20,795.46	23,800.00	-3,004.54	23,300.00
Revenue				
Advertising Sold	100.00	120.00	-20.00	100.00
Annual Meeting Income	435.00	1,500.00	-1,065.00	1,500.00
Equipment Rental Income	20.00	100.00	-80.00	100.00
Interest Income	50.89	100.00	-49.11	100.00
Professional Fees Income	4,006.64	10,000.00	-5,993.36	10,000.00
Total Revenue	4,612.53	11,820.00	-7,207.47	11,800.00
Total Income	54,436.30	83,705.00	-29,268.70	92,337.00
Cost of Goods Sold				
COGS Products				
COGS Hats	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
COGS Herbicide	4,543.34	6,100.00	-1,556.66	6,100.00
COGS PAM	810.00	230.00	580.00	230.00
COGS Seed	12,542.72	11,500.00	1,042.72	11,500.00
COGS Shipping	0.00	500.00	-500.00	500.00
Total COGS Products	17,896.06	18,330.00	-433.94	18,630.00
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Gross Profit	36,540.24	65,375.00	-28,834.76	73,707.00
Expense				
OPX				
Advertising & Marketing	35.60	300.00	-264.40	300.00
Annual Meeting Expense	544.15	1,500.00	-955.85	1,500.00
Bank Transaction Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contributions/Grants	0.00	400.00	-400.00	400.00
Dues and Subscriptions	577.25	650.00	-72.75	650.00
Equipment Maintenance	0.00	50.00	-50.00	50.00
Equipment, Computers Etc	0.00	150.00	-150.00	150.00
Information/Education	65.57	100.00	-34.43	1,000.00
Insurance W/C & Liability	1,373.96	1,600.00	-226.04	1,600.00
Office Supplies	361.03	250.00	111.03	250.00
Payroll Taxes	2,359.32	5,250.00	-2,890.68	5,250.00
Postage and Delivery	49.00	100.00	-51.00	100.00
Professional Fees Exp	31.64	0.00	31.64	0.00
Salary-DCT	20,696.20	45,000.00	-24,303.80	45,000.00
Salary-DM	11,200.00	20,800.00	-9,600.00	20,800.00
Sales tax license fee	0.00	20.00	-20.00	20.00
Travel & Meetings	0.00	400.00	-400.00	400.00
Total OPX	37,293.72	76,570.00	-39,276.28	77,470.00
Total Expense	37,293.72	76,570.00	-39,276.28	77,470.00
Net Income	-753.48	-11,195.00	10,441.52	-3,763.00
REMAINING ASSET/FUND BALANCES		19,278.44		15,515.44

Gunnison Conservation District

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August 14, 2017

Board of County Commissioners
c/o Phil Chamberland, Chairperson
200 E. Virginia Ave.
Gunnison, CO 81230

Dear Board of County Commissioners,

As the new Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist at the Gunnison Field Office, I would like to present my support for, and advocate for the value of the Gunnison Conservation District. While there are many organizations who are making an impact in resolving natural resource issues in Gunnison County, the Gunnison Conservation District is a key partner to the NRCS.

This relationship is not unique to this area. Conservation Districts have been vital in delivering locally led conservation across the nation for nearly as long as the agency has been providing assistance to farmers, ranchers, and landowners. This is important for directing Farm Bill Conservation Program assistance in a way that is of highest value and benefit to the community.

The Gunnison Conservation District is a critical force for prioritizing conservation efforts that have a significant impact to the agricultural economy of Gunnison County.

Thank you for showing your support to the Gunnison Conservation Service and to locally led conservation that promotes agricultural sustainability.

Sincerely,

Dan Olson
NRCS District Conservationist