COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION
2021 CHARGES FOR SERVICE APPLICATION

Organization Name:	Gunnison Conservation District				
Address 1:	216 North Colorado Street				
Address 2:					
City:	Gunnison	**State:**	Colorado	**Zip Code:**	81230
Telephone Number:	970-707-3047	**Fax Number:**			
Email Address:	Gunnisoncd2006@gmail.com				
Contact Person(s):	Hannah Schaefer Tibbett, District Manager, and Aleshia Rummel, District Wildlife Biologist				

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

$5,000.00

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

For more than half a century the Gunnison Conservation District has worked to conserve the soil, water, wildlife and agricultural productivity of the Gunnison Valley. County funds in 2021 will be used to continue this work and to respond to new challenges such as noxious weed invasion, declining Gunnison sage-grouse numbers, and water security. Funds from Gunnison County are an essential part of the District's revenue mix. Without this support, the District would not be able to provide the technical assistance, low-cost seed and herbicide sales, and project leadership that made the District a crucial participant in conservation efforts throughout the Gunnison Basin. The District's employees and Board of Supervisors wish to expand upon these roles in 2021 in order to meet the heightened needs for conservation in the Gunnison Valley. Continued financial support from Gunnison County will enable the District to follow through with this vision.

County funds will be used to continue seed and herbicide sales that enable landowners, agencies and businesses to acquire site-specific materials at wholesale prices. The District uses the expertise of its National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) partners and its knowledgeable staff to provide seed mixes tailored to individual properties. These seed mixes are sold with the lowest possible mark-up to make them available to the widest range of landowners. Gunnison County funds will continue to make up the difference between the purchase price and the cost of administering these sales. Likewise, the District sells herbicide in the quantities and concentrations that ranchers and large landowners need to keep their lands productive and unencumbered by state-listed noxious weeds. Additionally, the District also provided free herbicide for treating cheatgrass on private agricultural lands given the threats cheatgrass poses to the Gunnison Basin's agricultural productivity, wildlife habitat, and tourism economy. In 2020 the District expanded its retail operation to sell native tree seedlings on behalf of the Colorado State Forest Service, filling a role that the Gunnison office of the Colorado State Forest has left vacant. The importance of these seed, seedling, and herbicide supplies, which would not be locally available otherwise, is made greater by the ecological stressors of climate change, increased aridity, a growing population, changing land uses, federally-listed species considerations and noxious weeds.

During 2020, the District and land managers in Gunnison County worked against the growing threat of noxious weeds, especially cheatgrass. Funds from Gunnison County helped allow the District to continue to take a leading role in coordinating actions to combat cheatgrass and to carry on educational programs that were highly successful in 2019-2020. The District would like to continue collaborate with the Gunnison Basin Sagebrush Ecosystem Alliance to host a cheatgrass pull day in May and native seed collection workdays in autumn, and the cheatgrass herbicide program to provide chemical to landowners at no cost. All the while, Liebl (former district manager) and Rummel have engaged with the Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee and the Gunnison Watershed Weed Commission on these programs, and they have worked closely with Gunnison County's Weed Management Program. The District has been successful in garnering grant funds for cheatgrass projects from at least 5 different agencies in the last two years. Nonetheless, the District's involvement in the fight against cheatgrass would be curtailed if not for the continuing financial support provided by Gunnison County. In 2021, the funds from Gunnison County would support the District Manager and District Conservation Technician to find and apply for additional funds to treat cheatgrass in the Gunnison Basin on a larger scale.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the District has succeeded even in the last year with its role of educating Gunnison County students about land and soil conservation. Although the traditional April bioengineering workshop had to be cancelled, the 4th grade Water Festival in May was moved to a digital platform. The District provided digital content for students to learn about watersheds during online classes. The District also worked with the 7th grade classes to host the annual Mill Creek Youth Summit on the school and City grounds, with additional stations and improved natural resources curriculum. County funds in 2021 will provide the financial support needed to compensate District staff for the time required to plan and execute future educational programming. The District would like to reinstate a Soil Health Day at Tenderfoot and expand educational services to Crested Butte Community School if enough funding is secured to pay for the staff time required to implement these programs.

County funds will also support the District as it continues to provide habitat assessments and conservation plans to Gunnison County and landowners in critical sage-grouse habitat. Contracted services with Gunnison County and a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation cover many of the expenses of this work, but Gunnison County funds have and will continue to pay for the administration of these and other grants, related to sage-grouse conservation and agricultural land improvements.

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.

With the funds requested, the District will provide programs that complement existing county services in the areas of noxious weeds management, sage-grouse conservation, and natural resources education.

The Gunnison County Weeds Management Program carries out effective herbicide treatments along county rights-of-way, in contracting municipalities and in coordination with public lands agencies. The District bolsters these efforts by providing educational and alternative management programs that address weeds management in ways that herbicides alone cannot. With county support, the District intends to carry out the second Cheat Pull Day in May, participate in an inter-agency weeds treatment day in the fall, assist with seed collection workshops in fall, coordinate Western Colorado University graduate and undergraduate projects related to cheatgrass, and to pursue grants using Gunnison County support as matching funds. The results of these efforts will be measured in 1) the number of people reached through education, 2) the number of acres treated through District-coordinated weeds programs, and 3) the amount of outside grant funding brought into Gunnison County through successful grant applications.

The District will continue to bring additional acreage under improved management for Gunnison sage-grouse conservation with the help of Gunnison County funds. This supports the County's efforts to promote and engage in Gunnison sage-grouse conservation programs, including the County's leadership on the Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee and the funding provided for sage-grouse reviews on building permits and other land use applications. In the last couple of years, the District has assisted NRCS with bringing about 10,000 acres under improved management each year and anticipates similar gains in sustainable habitat management plans in 2021. This acreage, along with the number of people reached through educational programs related to sage-grouse and their habitats, will be the metrics to judge success.

Finally, The District will help the County provide natural resources education programs for students of all ages. The Gunnison Conservation District will use the County's support to provide wages for the District Manager to continue to provide and improve the annual bioengineering workshop, 7th Grade Mill Creek Youth Summit, and 4th Grade Water Festival and to expand our services to include additional programs which may include a Tenderfoot Soil Health Day, a coloring contest and/or poster contest, and potential expansion of the service area to include the Crested Butte Community School (as most current programs are focused in the Gunnison Elementary and Middle Schools). These activities can be measured as the number of students and/or adults engaged in the various educational programs.

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 2020 and 2021 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)

c) 2020 Funding Report

Completed Application should be submitted to:

Electronic Submittal:	**Mailed Submittal:**
Adobe PDF Format	Gunnison County Finance
Kelly Weak, Accountant	Attn: Kelly Weak
kweak@gunnisoncounty.org	200 E. Virginia Ave.
	Gunnison, CO 81230

Submittal Deadline:

November 10, 2020

GENERAL FUND BUDGET
Gunnison CONSERVATION DISTRICT

JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2020

DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR 2018	ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR 2019	BUDGET YEAR 2020	UPDATED 2020 (11/10/2020)	ESTIMATED 2021
Beginning Balance January 1	**$ 38,274.35**	**$ 41,699.48**	**$ 66,920.98**	**$ 55,167.48**	**$52,978.98**
REVENUE					
Admin/District Income:					
Advertisements sold	$ 75.00	$ -	$ 75.00	$ -	$ 75.00
Annual meeting income	$ 440.00	$ 545.00	$ 500.00	$ 528.82	$ 500.00
Equipment rental income	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Interest income	$ 71.60	$ 146.09	$ 70.00	$ 39.17	$ 70.00
Professional fees income	$ 11,354.75	$ 10,781.53	$ 10,000.00	$ 7,199.10	$ 9,000.00
Products:					
Hat income	$ 213.46	$ 18.39	$ 45.00	$ 13.77	$ 25.00
Herbicide income	$ 9,733.87	$ 10,197.48	$ 10,000.00	$ 8,607.05	$ 9,500.00
PAM income	$ 766.17	$ 205.70	$ -	$ 410.29	$ 350.00
Seed income	$ 18,836.67	$ 13,100.42	$ 14,000.00	$ 7,779.94	$ 12,000.00
Shipping income	$ -	$ 103.51	$ 103.51	$ 82.53	$ 80.00
Seedling sales	$ -	$ 234.00	$ 12,000.00	$ 2,942.39	$ 3,000.00
					$ -
Grants					
State (Specify Agency & Grants Name(s) below)					
Direct Assistance	$ 6,916.78	$ 6,725.72	$ 6,725.00	$ 6,577.45	$ 6,500.00
Matching Grants (CSCB)	$ -	$ 18,480.00	$ -	$ -	$0
Conservation District Technician (DCT)	$ 35,215.65	$ 39,839.01	$ 42,601.00	$ 32,047.09	$ 45,441.00
CDA Noxious Weed Fund	$ -	$ 5,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -
HPP Herbicide Cost Share		$ 4,758.00	$ -	$ 5,919.76	$0
CARES Act Funding	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,147.71	$ -
Other:					
Federal (Specify Agency & Grant Name)					
CIG:					
Other:					
County					
Gunnison	$ 2,000.00	$ 3,750.00	$ 5,000.00	$ 3,625.00	$5,000.00
Hinsdale	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,200.00	$ -	$ 1,200.00
Saguache	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,200.00	$ -	$ 1,200.00

Other Income (Specify below)					
2018 Virtual fencing project	$ 39,450.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
2019-2021 NFWF	$ -	$ 17,000.00	$ 18,416.80	$ 9,916.00	$ 17,000.00
City of Gunnison		$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,120.00	$3,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	$ 127,473.95	$ 134,284.85	$ 122,936.31	$ 88,956.07	$ 113,941.00
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	$ 165,748.30	$ 175,984.33	$ 189,857.29	$ 144,123.55	$ 166,919.98
EXPENDITURES ON NEXT PAGE					

DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR 2018	ESTIMATED CURRENT YEAR 2019	BUDGET YEAR 2020	UPDATED 2020 (10/25/2020)	ESTIMATED 2021
EXPENDITURES					
COGS Grants					
2019 CSCB Matching Grant	$ -	$ 16,800.00	$ -	$ -	$ -
2018 Virtual Fencing Grant/COGS	$ 38,379.39	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
2019 NFWF CPP 51k	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
2019 CDA Noxious Weeds Fund		$4,671.27	$ -	$ -	$ -
2019 HPP		$ 4,758.00	$ -	$ -	$ -
COGS Products					
COGS Hats	$ 355.90	$ -	$ -	$ -	$0
COGS Herbicide	$ 6,693.95	$ 9,848.46	$ 10,000.00	$ 6,291.14	$ 9,000.00
COGS PAM	$ 495.00	$ -	$ -	$ 451.29	$ 300.00
COGS Seed	$ 15,069.50	$ 10,382.65	$ 8,500.00	$ 6,874.85	$ 9,000.00
COGS Shipping	$ 73.08	$ 103.51	$ 103.51	$ -	$ 90.00
COGS Seedlings	$ -	$ -	$ 960.00	$ 2,821.66	$ 2,000.00
Operating Expenses					
Advertising and marketing	$ 175.40	$ 280.41	$ 200.00	$ -	$ 200.00
Annual meeting expense	$ 513.08	$ 610.00	$ 600.00	$ 727.05	$ 650.00
Contributions/Grants	$ 200.00	$ 200.00	$ 200.00		$ 200.00
Dues and subscriptions	$ 627.14	$ 868.50	$ 1,000.00	$ 2,669.09	$ 1,500.00
Elections	$ 67.62	$ -	$ 70.00	$ 70.85	$ 65.00
Information/Education	$ 51.35	$ 20.23	$ 50.00	$ -	$ 30.00
Insurance W/C and Liability	$ 429.00	$ 1,852.47	$ 1,852.47	$ 1,562.00	$ 1,800.00
Bank/Merchant fees	$ (23.10)	$ -	$ -	$ 772.43	$ 600.00
Office supplies	$ 311.53	$ 129.83	$ 300.00	$ 17.11	$ 10.00
Payroll taxes	$ 4,452.66	$ 4,178.76	$ 4,500.00	$ 4,716.97	$ 4,500.00
Postage and delivery	$ 49.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Professional fees expenditures	$ 72.00	$ 616.75	$ 100.00	$ -	$ 100.00
Salary-DCT	$ 41,430.32	$ 39,680.00	$ 42,000.00	$ 40,194.77	$ 42,000.00
Salary-DM	$ 14,570.00	$ 13,886.00	$ 14,000.00	$18,252.00	$ 18,000.00
Sales tax license fee	$ 56.00	$ 20.00	$ 20.00	$ -	$ -
Travel and meetings	$ -	$ 156.51	$ 500.00	$ -	$500
Watershed Reimbursement acct	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$ 124,048.82	$ 109,063.35	$ 84,955.98	$ 85,421.21	$ 90,545.00
Annual Net	$ 3,425.13	$ 25,221.50	$ 37,980.33	$ 3,534.86	$ 23,396.00
Ending Balance December 31 (Beginning Bal. + Annual Net)	$ 41,699.48	$ 66,920.98	$ 104,901.31	$ 58,702.34	$ 76,374.98
Emergency Reserves - Do NOT Spend (3% of Annual Expenditures)	$ 3,721.46	$ 3,271.90	$ 2,548.68	$ 2,562.64	$ 2,716.35
Unrestricted Reserves (Ending Balance - Emergency Res.)	$ 37,978.02	$ 63,649.08	$ 102,352.63	$ 56,193.70	$ 73,658.63

CSCB Supervisor's List

Year: 2020

District Information

District: Gunnison
Phone: (970) 707-3047
Fax:
Email: gunnisoncd2006@gmail.com
Website: gunnisonconservationdistrict.info
Mailing Address: 216 N. Colorado St., Gunnison, CO 81230
Physical Address: 216 N. Colorado St., Gunnison, CO 81230
Social Media Sites: https://www.facebook.com/gunnisonconservationdistrict/
Monthly Meeting Dates/Times: 3rd Tuesday/6pm
*Board Supervisor Name: Janet Coury
*Board Supervisor Email: buckhornapps@aol.com

Member Information

Does Your District Have Term Limits ☐ Yes ☑ No

District Manager: Hannah Schaefer Tibbett
Phone: (970) 707-3047
Fax:
Email: gunnisoncd2006@gmail.com
Mailing Address: 216 N. Colorado St., Gunnison, CO 81230
Physical Address: 216 N. Colorado St., Gunnison CO 81230

President: Janet Coury
Phone: (970) 641-4114
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Email: buckhornapps@aol.com
Mailing Address: PO Box 791, Gunnison, CO 81230
Physical Address: 60555 US HIGHWAY 50, Gunnison, CO 81230

Month/Year Appointed	05/2003	Month/Year Elected	05/2006	Term Expires	2022	# Terms Consecutively Elected	4

Vice President: Bill Ketterhagen
Phone: (970) 306-9020
Fax:
Email: bketterhagen@hotmail.com
Mailing Address: 954 County Road 13, Gunnison, CO 81230
Physical Address: 954 County Road 13, Gunnison, CO 81230

Month/Year Appointed	03/2015	Month/Year Elected	05/2018	Term Expires	2022	# Terms Consecutively Elected	1

CSCB Supervisor's List

Member Information (Continued)

Secretary/Treasurer: Rufus Wilderson Phone: (970) 765-6964 Fax:
Email: rwilderson@wildersonlaw.com
Mailing Address: PO Box 7138, Gunnison, CO 81230
Physical Address: 24441 Highway 149, Gunnison, CO 81230

Month/Year Appointed		Month/Year Elected	05/2012	Term Expires	2023	# Terms Consecutively Elected	3

Member (4): Brooke Vasquez Phone: (970) 376-2150 Fax:
Email: brooke.vasquez@state.co.us
Mailing Address: 3452 County Road 730, Gunnison, CO 81230
Physical Address: 3452 County Road 730, Gunnison, CO 81230

Month/Year Appointed	08/2018	Month/Year Elected		Term Expires	2022	# Terms Consecutively Elected	0

Member (5): Dan Zadra Phone: (970) 901-5227 Fax:
Email: dan.zadra@state.co.us
Mailing Address: 151 Ute Lane, Gunnison, CO 81230
Physical Address: 151 Ute Lane, Gunnison, CO 81230

Month/Year Appointed	06/2014	Month/Year Elected	05/2016	Term Expires	2023	# Terms Consecutively Elected	2

Member (6): John Rozman Phone: (970) 349-5533 Fax:
Email: rozmanranch@crestedbutte.net
Mailing Address: 24063 N. Highway 135, Crested Butte, 81224
Physical Address: 24063 N. Highway 135, Crested Butte, 81224

Month/Year Appointed	05/1981	Month/Year Elected	05/1984	Term Expires	2023	# Terms Consecutively Elected	10

CSCB Supervisor's List

Member Information (Continued)

Member (7):		Phone:	Fax:
Email:			
Mailing Address:			
Physical Address:			
Month/Year Appointed	Month/Year Elected	Term Expires	# Terms Consecutively Elected
Member (8):		Phone:	Fax:
Email:			
Mailing Address:			
Physical Address:			
Month/Year Appointed	Month/Year Elected	Term Expires	# Terms Consecutively Elected
Member (9):		Phone:	Fax:
Email:			
Mailing Address:			
Physical Address:			
Month/Year Appointed	Month/Year Elected	Term Expires	# Terms Consecutively Elected
Member (10):		Phone:	Fax:
Email:			
Mailing Address:			
Physical Address:			
Month/Year Appointed	Month/Year Elected	Term Expires	# Terms Consecutively Elected

Member Information (Continued)

Member (11):		Phone:	Fax:
Email:			
Mailing Address:			
Physical Address:			
Month/Year Appointed	Month/Year Elected	Term Expires	# Terms Consecutively Elected

Ex-Officio	Phone:	Fax:
Email:		
Mailing Address:		
Physical Address:		

Gunnison County
Funding Recipient Project Report
Calendar Year 2020

Name of Funding Recipient:

Gunnison Conservation District

Dollar Value of County Funds Awarded:

$3,625

Funding Recipient's Total 2019 Annual Budget:

Total Revenue: $88,956.07
Total Expenditures: $85,421.21

Other Funding Sources (please list source names and amounts received):

Colorado State Conservation Board Direct Assistance: $6,577.45
Colorado State Conservation Board District Conservation Technician: $42,600
City of Gunnison: $1,120
CARES Act Funding $2,147.71
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Conservation Partners Program 2019 - 2021: $17,000 in 2020
Seed and herbicide retail sales profit 2020: $ $3,397.03

Percentage of Annual budget funded by other funding sources listed above:

Other funding sources comprise 81.9 percent of total revenue.

How county funds were spent:

Gunnison County funds were spent on operating expenses and salaries. County funds paid for approximately 35 percent of the District Manager's wages, which total about $16,000 per year. These wages enabled the District Manager to pursue the other funding sources listed above, and the District Manager also leveraged the $3,625 from the County to show matches for other grant funding sources. These other grant funding sources in 2020 totalled $ $72,842.19, all of which is used to conserve the soil health and water quality of Gunnison County and adjoining portions of Hinsdale and Saguache counties.

Number of clients assisted during the funding year:

- Clients provided with seed, herbicide and services sales: 90
- Clients provided education services: 200 students, 75 adults
- Properties brought under improved management for sage-grouse conservation: 8 properties totalling approximately 7,912 acres.

Customer results achieved via County funds:

- Cheatgrass herbicide provided to clients to treat approximately 500 acres.
- Thistle herbicide provided to clients to treat approximately 200 acres.
- Native grass and wildflower seed provided to clients to restore vegetation and suppress weeds on approximately 100 acres.
- 8 properties brought under improved management for sage-grouse conservation totalling approximately 7,912 acres.
- Hosted 4 educational events community wide (with university, high school, and middle school students to non - students but residents of Gunnison). Examples of these events included A Second Annual Cheatgrass Pull Day, a Mill Creek Youth Summit, 3 videos for the Water Festival, and 1 Outreach and education Campaign Survey to residents within the City of Gunnison to ask them of their knowledge and current actions to treat cheatgrass on private lands.
    - COVID did impact our ability to host more events throughout the community however, we hope to be able to host more in the future, following the latest COVID protocols.

How your customer results were measured:

Customer results were measured with sales records as well as on-the-ground implementation. Acres treated with herbicide provided to clients is estimated based on the volume of chemical sold and the recommended application rates of ounces per acre. Acres seeded with seed mixes provided to clients are estimated based on a typical price to seed one acre ($90) and total seed sale revenue ($7,081). Acres brought under improved management for sage-grouse conservation are totalled through annual reports provided by Gunnison Conservation District Wildlife Biologist Aleshia Rummel. Educational events are counted by reviewing staff calendars since the beginning of 2020.