

**TOWN OF TIMNATH, COLORADO
ORDINANCE NO. 14-2006**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF TIMNATH,
COLORADO, ADDING ARTICLE VIII TO CHAPTER 4
OF THE TIMNATH MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR GRANTS TO
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees declares that financially supporting community organizations results in the betterment of the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that it is appropriate and reasonable to adopt a uniform policy and process by which community organizations may request financial support for projects, programs and events.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF TIMNATH, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 4, Article VIII, of the Timnath Municipal Code is hereby enacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE VIII-Financial Support for Community Organizations

Section 4-150. Eligibility. Applicants shall be school organizations, community service organizations and not for profit organizations that engage in charitable or community service activities and youth athletic organizations. A preponderance of the members of the organization should be residents of the Town.

Section 4-151. Procedure. Applicants shall be required to complete an application form and may be asked to appear before the Town Board before a decision is made. Requests shall be considered once each year during the budget process. The Town Board may appoint a committee to make recommendations on the awarding of support.

Section 4-152. Criteria. All applications for financial support will be reviewed based upon how well the stated purpose serves the Town's citizenry in the following areas:

- A. Number of individuals benefited in the community
- B. Financial need
- C. Positive image for the town
- D. Availability of other sources of funds
- E. General public good

Section 4-153. Source of Funds. General Fund.

Section 2. Severability. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections of the ordinance. The Town Board hereby declares that it would have passed the ordinance including each part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more parts, sections, subsections, sentence, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

Section 3. Repealer. All ordinances or resolutions, and motions of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Timnath or parts thereof, in conflict with this ordinance are to the extent of such conflict hereby superseded and repealed, provided that such repealer shall not repeal the repealer clauses of such ordinance, resolution or motion, nor revive any ordinance, resolution or motion thereby.

Section 4. Certification. The Town Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and make not less than one copy of the adopted Code available for inspection by the public during regular business hours.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED THIS 6TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2006.

TOWN OF TIMNATH

BY 
Donna Benson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Linda Griess, Acting Town Clerk

DONATION POLICY TOWN OF TIMNATH

The Town believes that its donations should benefit those groups that function in a non-for-profit or similar manner. Schools and community organizations certainly fit that description, and non-profit groups, by definition, do also. These types of groups must rely on donations for large portions of their funding, and the Town takes pride in adding to that financial well-being.

The Board of Trustees prefers to see the donations benefit the citizens of Timnath primarily since revenues of the General Fund are gained through means within the Town. In turn, the ordinance includes a clause that requires a preponderance of the members of the organization to reside within the Town.

Each group that requests a donation from the Town must follow the same procedures in order to ensure that the process of granting donations is a fair one. All groups must fill out the Town's application for Community Program Funding so that the Board of Trustees can ensure that it has the necessary, comparable information regarding each proposed project to be funded. Requests are considered not as they come in, but rather once per year, all in succession, so that the whole of the funding available to grant donations can be fairly considered for each request. If donation requests were to be considered throughout the year on an individual basis, there would exist a much greater probability that funding would either be exhausted or close to exhausted by the time late-year requests were made, and such requests would not likely receive the same fair consideration for funding as would those made earlier in the year.

The criteria that are used in considering donation requests are typical of organizations, such as the Town, that grant donations to the earlier-mentioned groups. The Trustees prefer to see donations benefit the greatest possible number of Timnath citizens. Those groups that have the greatest discrepancy between their needed funds and their actual funds will be more likely to have donation requests granted. Any project or activity financed in whole or in part by a donation from the Town should reflect positively on the Town and make Town residents proud to support the cause. Any donation granted should add to Timnath's image as a model community.

The group requesting the donation must disclose its other sources of funding and the amount of funding it will or has received from each of those sources for two reasons. First, such information proves to the Board of Trustees that other avenues for procuring funds are also being pursued, and that the applicant for funding is willing to put in whatever effort may be reasonable, on its own behalf, (i.e. a sports team holding a car wash or selling candy bars) to secure funding.

When the request for a donation is to help fund a specific community event sponsored by the Applicant, the Town shall preferably pay a vendor directly. If that is not possible, it may reimburse the Applicant based on paid invoices submitted to the Town.

And though it may be very difficult to quantify, human intuition should prove sufficient in determining whether or not the project or activity will serve to add to the "general public good." Perhaps this criterion is best thought of as an amalgamation of the others, since "general public good" could certainly be thought to include benefiting the greatest possible number of

individuals and best promoting the Town's positive image. But other intangibles may also be included in however the Board of Trustees may choose to define "general public good." Exactly what those additional components may be is difficult to predict, so perhaps that criterion should also be considered a reserve clause, of sorts. Unforeseen circumstances may arise that are not explicitly included in the other criteria for considering donation requests, but do, in fact, deserve equal consideration.

The Town prides itself on its willingness to help groups within our community who deserve aid. Codification of the process to grant such aid will only make the consideration of requests and the grants made thereafter more fair and orderly.