



## Application for ROCC Financial Support

Date:	April 30, 2024
Name of Your Organization:	Home Trust of Ouray County
Organization Full Address:	95 Meadows Circle Ridgway, CO 81432
Mailing Address if Different from Above:	
Organization EIN:	86-1764266 (organizations must be a qualified 501(c)(3) charity)
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Contact Phone Number(S):	970-985-9137/970.708.9576
Amount of Support Requested:	\$500 for Ouray Home Tour/\$500 for Ouray Riverwalk Affordable Rentals

***In answering the following questions, brief answers of 200-300 words are ideal. Answers should not exceed 500 words. Add additional pages if required.***



**1. Please describe your organization and its mission/goals:**

The mission is to grow an inclusive, economically diverse community by providing permanently affordable homes and rentals for modest income households through the stewardship of community assets.

The Home Trust of Ouray County (HTOC) is a 501(c)3 community land trust for affordable housing serving the “rural resort” county of Ouray, Colorado. According to the Region 10 “Mind the Gap - Evaluating Workforce Housing” study, the primary housing challenge facing this area is the “missing middle” category of households making between 60% to 120% area median income (AMI). This is due to the lack of developable land, resulting in high land, infrastructure, and construction costs; very little flexibility in future development options due to geologic and topographic constraints and limited infrastructure capacity; and rising home and rental costs vs. wage growth.

**2. How will these funds be spent and what will these support funds allow you to do:**

We are requesting two \$500 grants.

The first \$500 will support our annual Home Tour. This annual fall ‘fun’-raiser celebrates the history of housing in Ridgway and Ouray by allowing the public to explore 3-4 beautiful and unique homes in our area. All proceeds from this event go directly to support our development of affordable housing.

The second \$500 will directly support the pre-construction development of our Ouray Riverwalk project—a 13-unit affordable rentals community that has a focus on workforce housing. Our goal is to allow Ouray employees to live in the community where they already work—especially workers like plow drivers, teachers, hospitality workers, and public safety officers. We have already secured a major DOLA grant for predevelopment and fees, and we are working on translating our concept designs to architectural plans in order to begin construction.



**3. How will your organization use this support to benefit the community. Will the grant support diversity. In what ways does your project support ROCC's mission (see <https://www.ROCCnet.org>):**

Our organization has prioritized inclusion since our inception. Our executive director has reached out to local groups like Housing Resources and the Hispanic Affairs Project, who have long-standing relationships with the Latinx and low-income communities, in order to understand their needs and get those groups involved. We also hired a director of community outreach to facilitate community connection and tap into stakeholders that are currently not part of the housing conversation. To ensure inclusivity, we have had stakeholder meetings where all community members are invited including local Latinx-owned businesses. Housing surveys have been summarized in Spanish and distributed by the Hispanic Affairs Project. We applied for and were accepted into Enterprise Community Partners Preservation Cohort to obtain training on health considerations, reducing racial disparities, and occupied property rehabilitation.

Like the ROCC, HTOC also “strives to build, nourish and protect the healthy spirit of our community”—specifically through the funding and development of affordable housing options. Affordable housing is a challenge that can positively—or negatively—impact the entire community. When workers have housing they can afford, we all benefit because jobs are filled, businesses are open, tax revenue increases, and most importantly, workers are living their lives in the same community as their work.

**4. In what ways will community members be informed of this award? (Grantee agrees that a notice will be included in promotional materials stating that the activity/event is supported by a grant from ROCC. The ROCC logo can be used in promotional materials that recognize funders.)**

We will include an update on the support from ROCC in multiple places within the community.

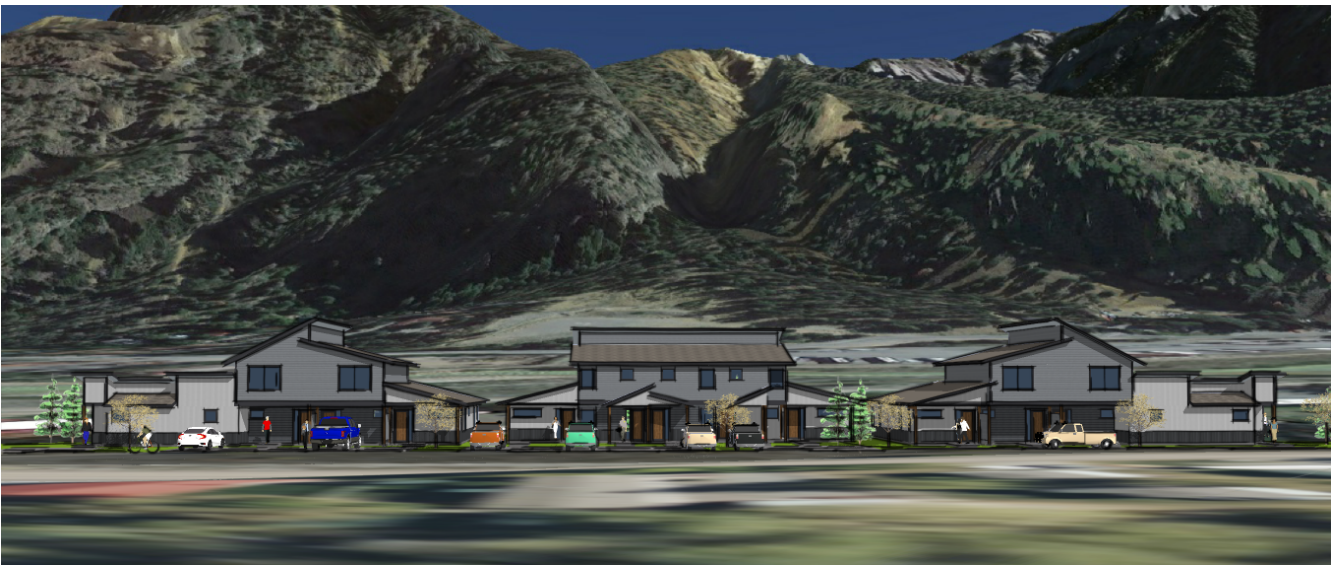
The grant funding will be noted in an upcoming newsletter, which go out to our members every week. We will also include the ROCC in any grant requests that ask for a list supporters or collaborators, especially because we are always proud to showcase our directly local community support.

We will also include the ROCC in our event-specific press releases and sponsor information about the Home Tour this fall.

**5. Other issues the ROCC team should consider in deciding to support your request**



We are excited to announce that Phase One of the PUD application, the sketch plans, for our River Walk Rentals Project was approved in mid-April. The City's Planning Commission agreed that this project is in line with the City's Master Plan, which includes increasing affordable housing options. Additionally, The Commissioners and public members in attendance noted the effort that architect Thomas Umbhau devoted to the project's design in keeping the project visually appealing while also minimizing impact of the view corridor for neighbors. We are so excited to share these renderings of the Ouray Riverwalk with the ROCC as well.





**Submission due date May 1<sup>st</sup>. Anticipated decision on awards by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Awardees are required to submit within 1-year of award a report on how the funds were used and outcome measures of success. Questions and competed applications can be sent to Grants Coordinator at [roccnet.org@gmail.com](mailto:roccnet.org@gmail.com).**