

BSCO-FY21 Fall

FY21 Fall Application for Funding (Returning Applicants)

Big Sky Community Organization

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Application Form

Guidelines & Applications Tips

UPDATING INFORMATION FROM SPRING:

You will NOT need to retype your responses from the Spring application. Use the "Copy Answers" button at the top of the page to transfer your responses from the FY21 Spring application (submitted in April 2020) to this Application. You can make changes to any of your responses that need updating. If a response has not changed there is no need to update the response

NEW QUESTIONS:

★ Questions that were not asked on the Spring Application and are new to the Fall Cycle are indicated with a gold star

REQUIRED VS OPTIONAL QUESTIONS:

- All required questions are marked with an *asterisk* and must be answered in order to submit the application
- All optional questions have no notation and are not required in order to submit the application. But if an optional question applies to you, please provide an answer.

GUIDELINES:

- Please direct questions or concerns to Jenny Muscat, Operations Manager, at Jenny@ResortTax.Org or 406-995-3234
- Please only provide the information requested within this application
 - Supplemental materials will not be accepted
- Blackmail or bribery of staff or board members is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification
- Please proofread your application for grammar and validate your data prior to submission
- Avoid organizational jargon and use layman's terms to minimize follow up questions
- You may SAVE the application at any time and return to it
- Final submission happens upon clicking 'SUBMIT'
- **The deadline for applications is Wednesday, September 30 @ 11:59 pm (Mountain Time)**

Organization/Background Information

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please verify and update any information that has changed since you applied for the FY21 Spring Cycle.

Request Title*

Please **update** with your "'Organization Acronym"-FY21 Fall'. For example: *BSRAD-FY21 Fall*

BSCO-FY21 Fall

Number of Projects/Programs*

How many projects/programs are you requesting Resort Tax funds for in the Fall cycle?

- If you are requesting funds for **FEWER** projects than in the spring keep the number of projects the same as it was in the spring and in the corresponding project question section(s) enter \$0 for the amount requested **and** provide an explanation about why this project is no longer taking place
- If you are requesting funds for the **SAME** number of projects as the spring keep the number of projects the same and update/verify each project question section accordingly
- If you are requesting funds for **MORE** projects than in the spring enter the new (higher) number here and fill in the additional project question section accordingly
 - o The maximum number of projects you may request funds for is 6

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For applicants with multiple projects please note that the application will expand and create additional project/program information sections for each project you are requesting funding for based upon the number entered above. Please enter your projects in order of highest to lowest priority as you complete the application.

Funds Not Awarded*

★ How would your projects/programs be affected if Resort Tax funding were not awarded?

If BSCO does not receive funds from BSRAD for FY21, we have enough reserves to keep our parks and trails maintained in the winter months, but would then close all public parks and trails to the community until funding could be secured to properly maintain and operate these incredibly valuable and highly utilized assets to our community.

Total Funds Requested FY21 Fall*

★ What is the total amount of funds your organization is requesting for all projects/programs for this cycle (1/1/216/30-21):

Please ensure that all requests for all projects add up to this total, the form does not calculate a total for you.

\$239,255.00

Additional COVID-19 Funds*

★ Has your organization received any funding from any of the following programs? (Check all that apply)

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)

COVID-19 Funds Explanation

★ Please explain how the funding received affects your FY21 Fall Resort Tax request:

Provide detail on:

- *What funding was received (sources and amounts)*
- Amount your request to Resort Tax can be reduced (total ask and broken down by project) if applicable
- When funds were received/expected to be received
- Any other important information regarding this additional funding

BSCO received a PPP loan in April 2020 for \$91,900. Our BSRAD request was not reduced or adjusted due to receiving the PPP loan. The funds we received allowed us to provide additional services due to the impact of Covid-19 without requesting additional funds from Big Sky Relief or Resort Tax. At this time, our BSRAD request is not being reduced as we do not know if the loan will be forgiven and what our total true expenses will be for the year with anticipated additional services.

COVID-19 Impact*

★ What has the impact of COVID-19 been on your operation and how has this impact affected your Fall Resort Tax request?

Covid-19 has impacted our operations as outdoor recreation is the safest form of recreation during the pandemic. This has led to an increased number of users in the parks and on the trails as well as increased cleaning protocols at our facilities. Our trail data for summer of 2020 has shown the increase in number of trail users, with the most popular trail, Beehive Basin, seeing a nearly 11% increase in traffic vs 2019, and other less popular trails, like Lone Peak Trail, seeing up to a 59% increase in traffic. We continue to see high usage in the parks and trails through September. We have retained our summer staff through the fall in order to keep up with the increased demand and the Covid-19 cleaning protocols. We did this without an increase to our BSRAD request. We foresee the increase in use of our trails continuing through the winter, based on our spring extended grooming. To accommodate the increase, we are planning on increasing grooming frequency to better maintain trail surface and quality.

PAYMENT REQUEST SCHEDULE INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Update** your estimated payment request schedule for your entire request for the FY21 Fall Cycle (1/1/21-6/30/21)
- For any month you are NOT requesting funds please enter 0

Please note:

- The first-day funds can be requested for the fall cycle is 1/15/21
 - Funding will not be available until a contract has been signed and the Post Award Follow Up has been completed
- Enter your estimated schedule based on when you plan to request funds from Resort Tax

January 2021 Estimate*

Only for expenses incurred from 1/1-1/15/21 that you plan to request by 1/15/21. DO NOT INCLUDE ANY FUNDS YOU WERE AWARDED IN THE SPRING CYCLE IN THIS AMOUNT.

\$0.00

February 2021 Estimate*

\$42,660.00

March 2021 Estimate*

\$37,833.00

April 2021 Estimate*

\$30,982.00

May 2021 Estimate*

\$37,505.00

June 2021 Estimate*

\$39,315.00

July 2021 Request Total Request*

★ *You may request funds until 7/15/21, for the FY21 Fall cycle for any expenses incurred before 6/30/21.*

\$50,960.00

When projecting future requests, please ensure these numbers are as accurate as possible. While calculating these numbers keep the following in mind:

- Economic Growth
- Staffing Changes
- Changes in Community Needs

Future Funding Request FY22 Spring*

★ What is your forecasted Resort Tax request for the FY22 Spring cycle (7/1/21-12/31/21)?

\$680,007.00

Future Funding FY22 Fall*

★ What is your forecasted Resort Tax request for the FY22 Fall cycle (1/1/22-6/30/22)?

\$453,338.00

Future Funding Request FY23*

What is your forecasted Resort Tax request for FY23 (7/1/22-6/30/23)?

\$911,118.00

Future Funding Request FY24*

★ What is your forecasted Resort Tax request for FY24 (7/1/23-6/30/24)?

\$935,538.00

Project/Program 1 Information

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please verify and update any information that has changed since you applied for the FY21 Spring Cycle.

If this project/program will not be taking place in the Fall cycle enter \$0 in the amount requested text box and provide information about why this project is no longer taking place in the "Additional Information" question later in this section.

Project/Program 1*

Operations & Maintenance

Amount Requested | Project/Program 1*

Update the amount you are requesting for project/program 1 for the Fall cycle (1/1/21-6/30/21):

\$239,255.00

PAYMENT REQUEST SCHEDULE INSTRUCTIONS:

- Enter your estimated payment request schedule for project/program 1 ONLY for the FY21 Fall Cycle (1/1/21-6/30/21)

- For any month you are NOT requesting funds from Resort Tax please enter 0
- Please ensure your monthly request add up to the Amount Requested for this project/program
 - o The application does not add up the requests for you

January 2021 Est Project/Program 1*

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Goals | Project/Program 1

What are the goals of this project/program and how will they be measured?

The goal of this program is to operate and maintain the parks & trails system in the Big Sky area. Currently that includes 97 acres of parkland and 19 miles of trails, and will expand to 100 acres and 23.25 miles by the end of the year. The primary measurement of the goal is through community feedback on cleanliness, functionality, and usage of the parks and trails assets. Trail usage data is used to evaluate user numbers, which have shown a 40% increase on trails and 17% increase in the parks in the past year. These usage numbers determine adjustments to level of services to continually meet user needs in a cost efficient manner.

Project/Program 1 Spring Funding*

★ Was this project/program awarded funds in the FY21 Spring cycle?

If yes, please elaborate in the next question:

Yes

Project/Program 1 Spring Funding Explanation

★ If applicable, please describe how you met the measurable goals outlined in your Spring application:

BSCO maintains trail counters on all of our trail systems and vehicle counters at trailheads as well as the Community Park. Total trail users were up by nearly 35,000 users in 2020 vs 2019 (between the dates of 5/1 and 9/1/), resulting in a 40% increase in total visits. Trails seeing the greatest increase were: Little Willow Way (212% up), Lone Peak Trail (59% up), Crail Trail (46% up), and South Fork Trail (44% up). As a result of the pandemic, we saw higher trail numbers that have remained from March through today and still remain high. We attribute these numbers to an increase in year round residents and visitors. At the Community Park, we monitor users by a vehicle counter at the parking lot entrance. We saw an approximately 17% increase in vehicle traffic in the park between 2019 and 2020. This increase is reflected in the trail data from trails accessed within the community park, Little Willow Way and Black Diamond Trail, which both saw an increase of over 20%. We have provided the services to meet the increase users of the parks and trails system while also implementing Covid related heightened cleaning and servicing of the facilities with the federal and state funds we received, we have been able to provide these services without increasing our BSRAD ask.

Project/Program 1 Additional Information*



What additional information would you like to share with the Board regarding this project/program?

Thank you for your support for the first half of the year. Unexpectedly we had the busiest summer of park and trail use, 40% increase on trails and 17% increase in the parks, and we couldn't have provided the level of service without your support.

Community Messaging 1*

★ Please provide a brief (1-2 sentence) description of this project/program for community messaging purposes:

BSCO is requesting funds to maintain and operate our community's public 100 acres of parkland and 23.25 miles of trails.

Application Verification & Summary

APPLICATION VERIFICATION:

Please ensure that your application is complete, all calculations are accurate, and it has been proofread before submitting for Board review. Once you select Submit you will no longer be able to edit your application.

Verification*

Incomplete applications may not be considered for funding. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide all the information requested in the proper format by the application deadline.

I verify that the application is complete and contains accurate information

Date of Submission*

09/28/2020

Name of Submitter*

Michelle Laxson

Once you click 'SUBMIT', do not refresh the page. It may take a few moments to process the information and submit the application.

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

No files were uploaded