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Hello Community Groups, Partners and Businesses,

I am excited to announce that the Gilpin County Parks & Recreation Department is pursuing a grant offered by Colorado Parks & Recreation Association and the playground manufacturer GameTime! Please visit the website, <https://www.gametime.com/cpra>, for more information about the grant.

The Gilpin County Commissioners have allocated \$50k of [Conservation Trust Funds](#) for the 2020 budget to go towards a grant match to replace the playground at Pete Gones Park on HWY 46. The current playground was installed in Spring 2001 and will be 19 years old. The industry standard playground life span is 12-15 years. Since 2001, there have been many changes to playground equipment, making it safer, more challenging, interesting and engaging.

The GameTime! vendor for the Colorado region is Triple M Recreation. The design Triple M Recreation put together for replacing the playground, meets the needs of a *Play On! – National Demonstration Site*.

Play On! – Promoting Youth Fitness, uses six key play elements:

- Balancing
- Spinning
- Brachiating
- Sliding
- Climbing
- Swinging

Research proves that these movements and actions, in conjunction with one another, increase gross motor development, improve critical thinking and problem-solving skills, and provide opportunities for creativity, social interaction and overall physical fitness for ages 5-12 years. A playground provides the safe and fun place for young children to develop and grow, to be able to explore and become stewards of our open space land.



### **Gilpin County Parks & Recreation would love your support on this project!**

It may be in-kind services (like helping at a community build), donation of amenities (like a park bench, shade tree, bear-proof trash can, or bike rack), or cash donation to help fulfill the quoted price of the project.

Please let me know how your organization is able to help!

The timeline for this grant is as follows:

1. Attend Professional Development Event: October 2019- DONE!
2. Complete Funding Application and Essay: December 18, 2019- In Process
3. Announce Statewide Funding Recipients: January 6, 2020
4. Submit Play and Fitness Equipment Orders: March 30, 2020
5. Ship Play and Recreation Products: May 1, 2020
6. All Play and Fitness Installations Complete: July 15, 2020
7. Observe and Collect Usage Data: 2020-2021
8. Recognize Statewide Initiative Participants: 2020 CPRA Conference

Thank you for your consideration and support!

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