

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the Town of Coal Creek, giving more time for completion of this grant project (Safer Streets) would be incredibly beneficial - if this decision is made in a timely manner as the deadline is rapidly approaching.

We are a town of few employees, and finding employees is always a dreaded undertaking. This project has needed more paid hands than we have, but with the help of our Board members, we are pushing forward. One example of people needed is a surveyor, we have sent letters to many and have reached out to several. Most are too busy to do this in the time we need, and others are not interested – so as a result, we've changed some plans to accommodate this lack of personnel.

We were given six (6) months to complete the project. As most know, the months of January, February and March are about impossible to complete work outside, especially things that require less than freezing temperatures. So cut the time that needs down to 2-3 months for competition.

Getting bids is a time-consuming proposition, some of the bids we received had to be changed by the time the goods were able to be ordered. As with other projects, the prices keep going up.

Then let me touch on the problem of supply. Things we've ordered we find there has been supply chain issues and what we thought could be delivered by a certain time, couldn't. Which requires starting over with a different company or brand.

This grant is most important to this small community, we don't have the financial means to protect our resources as they need or should be protected. With great appreciation, we look forward to helping protect our citizens, our water supply, and our park that we are currently in the process of improving thanks to a grant from the Colorado Health Foundation. Just being able to provide a walking path for kids and adults is a wonderful thing, rather than either walking on the street or through weeds and stickers that may be hiding even more dangerous things such as snakes.

We have had many problems with our water hydrants being used illegally as well as intentional breaking and destroying water hydrants. Being able to lock the hydrants, protect them from vehicles, not only saves our water resources, but being part of a Regional Water System, it helps keep many citizens in Eastern Fremont County a bit safer.

Thank You for this consideration,

Judy McCormick, Mayor  
Town of Coal Creek, Fremont County, Colorado