

Community Funding Request Application

Organization Information

Name Gold Trail Grange #452

Address of Organization: 319 State Highway 49, Coloma, CA 95613

Mail: PO Box 16, Coloma, CA 95613

Type: Non-profit Public Community Organization (informal Nonprofit)

Event/Project for which funds are requested: Hall building structure: repair to siding, ceiling, fascia, and cable tensioned trusses.

Event/Project Location: Gold Trail Grange - Coloma-Lotus Community Hall

Event Date/Project timeline: June 2023 - December 2023

Website: goldtrailgrange.com

Name of Contact Person: Austin Smith - President

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Total Amount Requested (Limit: \$5,000): \$5,000

Event/Project Description

1. Describe the purpose of the event/project/organization for which funds are being requested.

The Gold Trail Grange #452 is a 501(c)8 fraternal organization that maintains and operates the Gold Trail Grange-Coloma Lotus Community Hall for the communities of Coloma, Lotus, and Gold Hill. Due to being closed down for COVID, our nonprofit went from \$19,500 in rent and fundraising revenue in 2019 to \$9781 in 2020 and \$3667 in revenue for 2021. We appreciate the Board's understanding of the importance of maintaining and operating community centers in our small, rural communities and request \$5,000 to replace lost revenues in 2020 and 2021.

The funds being requested will help cover the cost of repairing and maintaining the hall, which includes replacing siding and fascia boards, repairing the roof, and reinforcing the structure to prevent further sagging in the cable trusses. These repairs will ensure that the building is safe, functional, and visually appealing, providing a comfortable and inviting space for the community to gather and engage in community activities.

2. How will the event/project support or produce a public benefit to El Dorado County?

The project to repair and maintain the Gold Trail Grange-Coloma Lotus Community Hall will provide significant public benefit to the Coloma Valley of El Dorado County by ensuring that this essential community resource can continue to serve a wide range of community groups and organizations. The community hall serves many important groups, including 4-H, Boy Scouts, Junior River Guides, Coloma-Lotus FireSafe Council, Coloma Lotus Ditch Association, Coloma-Lotus Advisory Council, Mt. Murphy Bridge Public Meetings, Scott Rd. Residents (flood emergency meeting), among others. These groups rely on the hall to provide a safe and functional space for their meetings, events, and activities.

In addition to serving these organizations, the community hall also provides numerous community events, such as potlucks, music jams, dances, and concerts. These events help to bring the community together, promoting social connections and building a sense of community cohesion. The hall also serves as a venue for cultural events and educational opportunities, such as classes and workshops.

Our hall is nearly 100 years old and by repairing and maintaining the community hall, this project will ensure that it can continue to serve these important functions for years to come. This will benefit the entire community of El Dorado County by providing a safe and accessible space for community groups and organizations, as well as cultural events and educational opportunities. Overall, the project to repair the Gold Trail Grange-Coloma Lotus Community hall will contribute to the well-being and vitality of the community, supporting a wide range of public benefits.



Event Calendar
Gold Trail Grange #452
 319 Highway 49
 Coloma, CA 95613
 All Are Welcome!

March 5th
Coloma Lotus Advisory Committee
 Special River Management Meeting
 Thursday, 6:30pm - 7:30pm
 Open to the public. Stay abreast of local issues and give your input to this advisory committee of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors. The Gold Trail Grange provides the hall meeting space as a service to the community.

March 18th
Coloma Lotus Fire Safe Council
 Wednesday, 7:00pm - 8:30pm
 Join EDC Dep. Todd Crawford (CERT Program Coordinator) and Ms. Nancy Macias (CERT Team Lead in Georgetown) to learn more about Forming a CERT in Coloma-Lotus. CERT is a group of community volunteers trained in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Training is done through the EDC Office of Emergency Services (OES). The Gold Trail Grange provides the hall meeting space as a service to the community.

March 22nd
GRANGE COMMUNITY POTLUCK
 Sunday, 5:30pm - 7:30pm
 Kick off Spring at the Gold Trail Grange Ballroom for a family-friendly potluck. Bring a dish to share and your own place-setting and beverages. Grange potlucks are open to everyone, so come enjoy the good food and fellowship. **Food Drive:** Bring your food items, both perishable and non-perishable, to the potluck. Grange volunteers will deliver your donated items to the Food Bank.
Community Music Jam 2:30pm - 5:00pm Bring your voice, instrument, a friend, and grab a hot drink from Sierra Rizen Bakery or the Argonaut, and join us for some festive music-making.

March 28th
GOLD COUNTRY CONTRA
 Saturday, 7:00pm - 10:00pm
 Free lessons start at 6:30 pm. There will be live music and a caller (Talib and the Faulknors). Please bring a snack to share if possible. Admission at the door: \$8 per person (Family max of \$30)

March 15th - Deadline for Gold Trail Grange high school scholarship applications.

