

Town of Lake City Non-Budget Item Request

Girl Scout Troop #19140, Scouting Year 2025-2026

Request for First Aid / CPR / AED Training

Submitted by Elisa Loper, Troop Leader and Service Unit Leader

Troop #19140 History: Founded in November 2022, our troop welcomes girls in grades K–12 from Lake City and currently has 11 members. Our girl-led model empowers the girls to identify their interests and explore them through the Girl Scout badge program, fostering friendships, practical skills, and meaningful adventures. This year, our older Scouts have shown strong interest in earning First Aid and Babysitting merit badges to build essential life skills. While we receive need-based support from the Girl Scouts of Colorado Council for uniforms and membership fees, this assistance does not cover meeting materials, supplies, field trips, or badges. We have funded these activities through cookie sales, garden harvests, bake sales, donations, and the generous support of the Town of Lake City.

As our troop has grown, we've reduced our reliance on external funding, but we hope to provide timely access for the girls to complete both training sessions this year. Through our own fundraising, we have already covered the cost of the American Red Cross Babysitting Course. By supporting this request, you will help our Girl Scouts gain valuable, life-saving skills that strengthen their confidence in emergency situations and their ability to serve our community.

Request for Funding: We request funds to cover the online and in-person components of CPR / AED / First Aid training for 7 girls.

- Online training and In-person skills/verification session: **\$90 per student**
- Total request: **\$630**

Service to Our Community: Our troop is dedicated to serving our community through acts of kindness and service projects that make a positive local impact. Over the past year, we helped stuff Easter eggs for the Town's annual Easter Egg Hunt, collected food and supplies for a holiday pet drive benefiting our local animal shelter, and supported the Veterans Day celebration. Beyond our region, the girls are currently making blankets for patients at the Children's Hospital, reflecting their compassion and desire to help others. We look forward to continuing to expand our community involvement in the coming year and finding even more ways to give back to Lake City and beyond.

Justification & Alignment: This training equips the girls with essential lifesaving skills and confidence, enhancing their ability to serve their community. Partnering with the Lake City Medical Center for blended online and in-person training will foster meaningful community collaboration while introducing the girls to potential health-related career paths. The Town's support will reduce the financial burden on families and allow training to be completed in a timely manner. We believe the request aligns with the Town of Lake City's mission by developing youth leadership, promoting recreational and social opportunity, and supporting a mountain community that protects and enhances its sense of togetherness. Thank you for your consideration!