

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Cañon City Area Recreation and Park District is seeking proposals for an agriculture lease on a sixty-acre parcel of land on the west side of Pathfinder Regional Park. Interested parties should review the below information necessary for providing such proposals. The District Board of Directors will determine which proposal is in the best interest of the District moving forward.

Length of the lease: Three-year lease (2026-2028) with the possibility of a two-year extension (2029-2030).

Land Size: Sixty acres on the west side of Pathfinder Regional Park. There is no fencing on this property currently.

Water: The District has 218 shares on the Fremont Ditch, which the tenant would have access to adequately water the land. The tenant would have to provide its own system of water delivery from the ditch and would be responsible for the upkeep of the ditch. The District does not own any pipe for irrigation.

Uses of Property: The property may be used for planting and harvesting crops. Proposals should include the agriculture plan for the land over the life of the lease, including the types of crops to be planted, and any other uses of the land proposed.

Programming: Proposals should include any District programming ideas or suggestions for this land, but proposals are not required to include any such ideas.

Grants to improve the land: If a partnership with grant agencies for land improvements are considered, they must be included in the proposal. Proposals must offer specific details as to what is being considered and the value of the potential grant.

Fees: Proposals should include a proposed payment amount, and must include an itemized list, by year, on how the payments will be structured. The District is not seeking any hay bales as part of this proposal. If something other than an annual flat lease amount is being proposed (such as a percentage of the sales of crops, etc.), proposals should provide a good-faith estimate of the dollar amounts such proposal will yield to the District on an annual basis.

Deadline: 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2026.

Submit proposals to: Kyle Horne, Executive Director of the Cañon City Area Recreation and Park District, 575 Ash Street, Cañon City, CO 81212.

Questions: Kyle Horne at (719) 275-1578 or stop by the office.