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## \$5 Million Available Now from Cache County Grant Programs

LOGAN, UTAH — Cache County is now accepting applications for community projects to be funded by RAPZ and Restaurant Tax grant funds. Nearly \$5 million in funds will be available this year to communities and nonprofit organizations that submit successful grant applications to the County.

"Many parks, recreational and cultural amenities in our County exist today thanks to RAPZ grants," said Cache County Executive David Zook. "RAPZ is a great opportunity for local communities to partner with the County to improve the quality of life for our residents."

The total awarded per project is determined through a careful review of the applications based on the information submitted by each organization. The RAPZ & Restaurant Board will review applications and make award recommendations to the Cache County Council in May. Award letters will be sent to organizations and municipalities after approval of the County Council.

In November 2002, Cache County voters approved a 1/10th of 1% sales tax, known as the Recreation, Arts, Parks and Zoo (RAPZ) Tax. These funds can support capital projects and operating expenses for publicly owned or operated recreation or park facilities and Zootah at Willow Park. They can also fund the operating expenses of private nonprofit organizations operating primarily as botanical or cultural organizations.

In addition, in 1992, the Cache County Council approved a 1% sales tax on prepared food items, known as the Restaurant Tax. Publicly owned or operated facilities can use these funds for capital projects or maintenance expenses, such as tourism promotion, recreation, cultural arts, convention centers, and airports. Private nonprofit organizations can receive Restaurant Tax funds only for tourism promotion.

To apply for RAPZ & Restaurant Tax Program funds, municipalities and nonprofit organizations can apply for funds until the deadline of Friday, March 7, 2025, at 5 p.m. Applications must be filled out completely, including a concise overall budget of the organization, and the financial details for the specific funding request.

The application must be completed online at: https://www.cachecounty.gov/rapz/