

Fee Waiver Staff Report

Date: October 10, 2025
To: Douglas County Board of County Commissioners
Through: Douglas J. DeBord, County Manager
From: Terence T. Quinn, AICP, Director of Community Development *TQ*
CC: Steven Shoultz, CPRP, Assistant Director of Parks, Trails and Building Grounds
Subject: **Fee Waiver Request in the amount of \$1,210 for the Turkey ROCK Trot at Fairgrounds Regional Trail**

OWNER:
DOUGLAS COUNTY
100 THIRD STREET
CASTLE ROCK, CO 80104

REPRESENTATIVE:
DAN MARLOW
HELP & HOPE CENTER
1638 PARK STREET
CASTLE ROCK, CO 80109

Board of County Commissioners Meeting: October 28, 2025 @ 1:30 p.m.

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Help & Hope Center requests a fee waiver of \$1,210 for the use of Fairground Regional Trail for the 2025 Turkey Rock Trot fundraising event on November 27, 2025.

II. BACKGROUND.25

Help & Hope Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Castle Rock, Colorado. The organization provides assistance to individuals and families in Douglas and Elbert Counties who are experiencing economic hardship and are at risk of homelessness. The Turkey Rock Trot is an annual 5K fundraising event held on Thanksgiving Day, now in its 21st year. The event has become a tradition for many Douglas County residents and serves as a major fundraiser to support the Center's mission. In 2024, the organization served over 32,000 clients. The event begins and ends at the Douglas County Event Center and includes a small portion of trail maintained by the Douglas County Parks and Trails Department.

III. REQUEST

Help & Hope Center is requesting a fee waiver of \$1,210 for the use of Fairground Regional Trail for the 2025 Turkey Rock Trot fundraising event on November 27, 2025.

IV. STAFF ASSESSMENT

The Board of County Commissioners has the sole authority to waive or reduce all park use fees and may choose to waive or reduce the event fee of \$1,210 for Help & Hope Center.

ATTACHMENTS

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Help & Hope for Our Neighbors in Need

October 6, 2025

Douglas County Department of Community Development
Parks, Trail and Building Grounds
Attn: Steve Shoultz, Assistant Director
9651 S Quebec St
Highlands Ranch, CO 80130

Dear Mr. Shoultz

Help & Hope Center is again preparing for our annual 5K fundraiser, the Turkey Rock Trot, which will be held on 11/27/25, Thanksgiving Day.

Our 5K race course places the runners on a very small portion of a trail maintained by the Douglas County Parks and Trails Department. This will be the 21st year of holding this race and we are proud to say that it has become a Thanksgiving tradition for many Douglas County residents.

We are truly grateful for our partnership with Douglas County Parks and Trails and the wonderful venue we have in the Douglas County Event Center. All the proceeds from this fundraiser benefit members of our local community who are in economic crisis and at risk of homelessness. The race will begin and end at the Event Center where rental and participant fees will be charged as well. We are requesting a waiver of the Douglas County Parks and Trails Special Event Trail Permit fee. We are projecting a minimum of 2,500 participants.

This waiver will enable us to better assist the many households that are struggling in Douglas County. Last year we served more than 32,000 people clients. As you can see, the need is great. In return for your waiver of the Special Event Trail Permit fee, Douglas County will be referenced as a sponsor of the 2025 Turkey Rock Trot.

Please help us in our ongoing endeavor of providing "help & hope" in our community.

If you have any questions regarding our request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dan Marlow
Executive Director
Help & Hope Center

Help & Hope Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. EIN # 74-2395223

