

2019 Budget Request

Big Cottonwood Community Council

Administrative Costs **\$2,000**
The proposed amount covers newsletter printing and postage, dues, and other costs associated with the administration of the Community Council.

4th of July Event **\$1,000**
Big Cottonwood Community Council sponsors the July 4th celebration in Brighton, which includes a breakfast for approximately 700 people and a parade. Funds are used for rental of chairs and tables for the breakfast.

TOTAL		\$13,000.00
Admin/Newsletter	\$2,000	
4 th of July Event	\$1,000	
Trails Maintenance	\$10,000	

Thank you for your support of Big Cottonwood Canyon Community Council!

Salt Lake County Trail Maintenance Funding in Big Cottonwood Canyon

2014 Desolation Trail Project - \$5000

Request-2013. Trail maintenance in Big Cottonwood Canyon is currently done mostly by the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation, and Trails Utah, 501(c)3 non-profit organizations. The CCF needs extra funding support because the canyon trails serve a rapidly increasing number of valley residents. This will be an opportunity to test a shared partnership among federal, county, and private organizations for canyon trail maintenance.

Evaluation-December 2014. This specific Trails Maintenance project provided rehabilitation for four miles of the Desolation Trail, which had been washed out in places, and heavily used. Without this funding, the project would not have been done at all. The Big Cottonwood Community Council worked with the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to improving and maintaining canyon trails and promoting outdoor education through programs aimed at adults, kids, and families.

2015 Desolation Trail Project - \$5000

Request-2014. BCCA would like to work with Trails Utah, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to trail improvement. It's an opportunity to test a shared partnership among county, federal, and private organizations for canyon trail maintenance. Trails Utah also applies for federal grants that need matching funds from local sources. Local funding to them could mean greater amounts provided to Utah and the Wasatch.

Evaluation-December 2015. BCCA worked with Trails Utah, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization on improvements for the Desolation Trail. Water bars to prevent erosion, grading, and cutting back underbrush and logs have made great improvements to this trail. Trails Utah successfully applied for matching federal funding for the Salt Lake County contribution. This project completes ten miles of updates to the Desolation Trail. There is still some work to be done in the federal Wilderness area of the trail. Wilderness is difficult for trail maintenance because no mechanical tools are allowed (chainsaws,

wheelbarrows), so our volunteers ferried water and food to the trail workers, since no wagons or wheels are allowed. Wilderness slowed progress slightly this year.

2016 Donut Falls Trail Project-\$10,000

Request-2015. BCCA would like to support a new trail being planned in the Cardiff Fork entry area during the summer of 2016. The Forest Service has determined that the gate to Donut Falls will be permanently closed to visitor vehicles. This is one of the most popular trailheads in Big Cottonwood. So, it's important that visitors, parked on the highway, have a safe trail to connect to the Donut Falls Trailhead. The proposed trail would be a dirt surface, just under a mile long. It's an opportunity to partner with county, federal, and private organizations.

Evaluation-December 2016. County funding has been important for our trails system. For example, from 2014-2016, Salt Lake County funds supported the Desolation Trail update. While other agencies contributed, it was the support from Salt Lake County that was the catalyst that prompted the 18 mile update of the popular Desolation Trail that connects Big Cottonwood and Millcreek.

The Donut Falls Trail Project got underway with basic brush and tree clearing along the new route. The Forest Service did an Environmental Impact Study to put in a trail-pedestrian bridge across the river next summer.

2017 Desolation Trail Completion-\$10,000

BCCA worked with the Trails Utah, a 501(c)3 non-profit trails maintenance group. This maintenance project provided rehabilitation to finish 5 miles of the Desolation Trail in Wilderness areas, and was difficult to complete because of Wilderness restrictions regarding use of mechanical tools. This last segment completes the Desolation Trail project. Hikers claim it is one of the best trails in the Wasatch right now. It used to be one of the worst because of washouts and hazard trees. We appreciate the professional assistance from the US Forest Service and Trails Utah, and the hours put in by our volunteers. It has been a great collaborative effort. We send many thanks to Salt Lake County, the BCCA Trails Committee, Trails Utah, and the US Forest Service.