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NEWS RELEASE

City awarded CDPHE grant for bike racks

Durango, CO: The city of Durango was awarded a Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Active People, Healthy Nation Quick-Win Grant to purchase bike racks for various locations around Durango. The application for the grant was a partnership between the city and the Rotary Club of Durango Daybreak in response to a lack of accessible and secure bicycle parking in Durango. The impetus for this partnership came from a citizen bicycle parking survey that found there to be a lack of accessible and secure bicycle parking in Durango.

The quick-win grant is intended to support improvements to promote healthy lifestyles in an equitable manner. The city's grant goal was to help address the lack of accessible and secure bicycle parking around Durango by installing bike racks at city parks and private businesses around town by partnering with the Rotary Club of Durango Daybreak.

The city was able to purchase a total of twenty-eight inverted U bike racks through the grant. The city worked with Durango 9-R to have six of the bike racks installed at the Durango High School to increase their accessible bicycle parking supply. Ten bike racks were installed at the Smith Sports Complex Tennis Courts, Aspen Fields, and at the base of the Sky Steps. The remaining twelve bike racks were donated to the Rotary Club of Durango Daybreak bike rack program where they work with Durango organizations and businesses to install bike racks for free. If you are a business or organization interested in adding or improving your bike parking, please contact RotaryRacks@bike-durango.org.

"This is a great example of partnerships helping to address community needs," said Devin King, multimodal administrator. "While Durango has a large number of bicyclists, there is a lack of accessible and secure bike parking, which inhibits people from biking more."

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