

City of Durango, Colorado

Parks & Recreation Director

Hiring salary range starting at \$127,347

The City offers an excellent benefits package.

Application deadline: Friday, June 4, 2021.

Durango exudes western charm and is known for its outdoor lifestyle that with popular activities including miles of world-class skiing, hiking, rafting, horseback riding, mountain biking trails, and access to national parks, archeological sites, and gold mines to explore. This mountain town proudly serves a diverse community of approximately 19,000 neighbors in all facets of life, work, and recreation in our natural environment. Each day, a devoted workforce of approximately 350 full-time employees come together to ensure the needs of the community are met through municipal service.

The new Director will lead a Gold Medal Award winning and CAPRA accredited Parks & Recreation Department that is comprised of over 38 full-time and 500 part-time and seasonal employees and provide oversight to an annual operating budget of \$7.9 million and capital funds of \$10.5 million. The Department is responsible for the operation, maintenance, and stewardship of 5,300 acres of parks and open space, approximately 11,000 trees in the urban forest, 96 miles of natural surface trails, 16 miles of hard surface trails, and a wide variety of parks and recreation services and amenities including City Parks, Open Space, Trails, Forestry, Cemetery, Animas River, Lake Nighthorse, Community Special Events, Durango Community Recreation Center, Mason Center, Chapman Hill, Durango Gymnastics, and youth and adult recreation programs.

The ideal Parks & Recreation Director shall have a strong commitment to developing high quality programs and dynamic public spaces, ensuring sustainable preservation of natural and cultural resources, establishing successful public-private partnerships, and collaborative relationships with citizen advocates, businesses, community stakeholders, and non-profit groups that are passionate about parks and recreation. It is key for the ideal candidate to have an enterprising mindset and the financial acumen to be a steward of the department's resources and advocate the strategic vision of capital improvement program administration and long-range planning.

A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in recreation management, public administration, physical education, or a closely related field is required. Six (6) years of increasingly responsible experience in parks and recreation including three (3) years of administrative and supervisory responsibility is required. Certified Parks and Recreation Professional (CPRP) credentials and experience with CAPRA Accreditation are a huge plus!

To be considered for this exceptional career opportunity, please submit your materials to: <https://www.cpshr.us/recruitment/1780>

For additional information about this position, please contact:

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To view an online brochure for this position visit: <https://www.cpshr.us/recruitment-solutions/executive-search>

City of Durango website: <https://www.durangogov.org>



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