

# City of Moab and Grand County

## Night Sky-Friendly Lighting Recognition Program

Skies that are dark enough to view the Milky Way are rare in many parts of the world. With a growing light pollution problem, visitors from all over travel to dark sky destinations to see the Milky Way, perhaps for the first time. For visitors and residents alike, over-lighting is having a negative effect on our region.

Moab City and Grand County recently passed new lighting ordinances with the goal of creating a better, safer, more efficiently-lit environment. The **Friend of the Milky Way** program is here to help businesses come into compliance with an effective and easy to implement program.



### The Program:

To become a **Friend of the Milky Way**, business owners are encouraged to convert their outdoor lighting to night sky-friendly lighting with assistance from Moab Dark Skies members and other organizations.

### The Goal:

The goal is to better preserve Moab Valley's incredible night sky resource for residents and visitors' enjoyment, and be recognized as a place to experience and appreciate the most brilliant night skies.

### To Participate:

Although participation in this program is entirely voluntary, we encourage any business, non-profit, or other organization to apply! We offer applicants a free exterior lighting assessment.

### The Benefits:

Applicants recognized as a **Friend of the Milky Way** will receive: use of the program's logo on your website; certificate of appreciation and vinyl window cling of recognition; business listing in social media, City, County, and Moab Area Travel Council websites.

### Learn More:

For more information, lighting assistance, or for lighting and retrofitting resources:

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