



THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND  
BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM  
MARCH 11, 2021

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*A meeting of The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund convened at 8:30 am via Zoom on March 11, 2021:*

**Board Present** Jason Brinkley, David Cockrell, Pamela Denahy, Charles Garcia (Treasurer), Carrie Besnette Hauser, Hollie Velasquez Horvath (Chair), Karma Giulianelli, Mina Liebert, Leticia Martinez, Turk Montepare, Jody Rogers (Secretary), Mo Siegel (Vice-Chair), Jahi Simbai, Linda Strand, Julie Thibodeau, Doug Vilsack (Deputy for Gibbs)\*

\* Votes where Mr. Gibbs is not present and Mr. Vilsack has voted as a proxy will reflect the vote count accordingly, but also have Mr. Gibbs listed as "not present for the vote."

**Board Absent** Warren Dean, Dan Gibbs

**Staff Present** Tess Barton, Courtney Bennett, Matt Brady, Chris Castilian, Alex Castino, Andrea Conrad, Rosemary Dempsey, Lauren Lecy, Erika Meyer, Jackie Miller, Victoria Nava-Watson, Emily Orbanek, Josh Tenneson, Adrian Varney, Chris Yuan-Farrell

**Staff Absent** Madison Brannigan, Dylan Lewan

**Public Present** Jessica Ansari, Nederland Parks, Recreation, Open-Space; Patrick Barker, La Plata Open Space Conservancy; Leigh Ann Bauer, Sukle; Martha Beavers, CPW; Adam Beh, Central Colorado Conservancy; Marcie Bidwell, Mountain Studies Institute; Rob Bleiberg, Colorado West Land Trust; Travis Custer, Montezuma Land Conservancy/Montezuma Inspire Coalition; Melissa Daruna, Keep It Colorado; Dave DeNovellis, Aponte & Busam Public Affairs; John Geerdes, Coalition for the Upper South Platte; J Kast, City of Westminster; Carlee Koutnik, CPW; Amanda Kuenzi, Mountain Studies Institute; Ryan Lokteff, Grand Lake Metro Rec; Jane Mannon, Coalition for the Upper South Platte; Kristen May, City of Westminster; Kim Mitchell, Town of Lyons - Lyons, CO; Scott Partan, Garfield County Outdoors; Emily Patterson, The Trust for Public Land; Jim Petterson, The Trust for Public Land; Justin Rutter, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Ernest Saeger, Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance; Emily Sanchez, Montrose County; Justin Scharton, City of Greeley Natural Areas & Trails Division; Heidi Sherk, TNC; Suzanne Stephens, Aspen Valley Land Trust; Mike Sukle, Sukle; Tucker Szymkowicz, Telluride Institute; Doug Vilsack, DNR; Kelly Zuniga, City of Loveland

**GOCO Board Roll Call** Ms. Varney completed the roll call for the GOCO Board by District. Additional meeting participant attendance, both GOCO staff as well as public guests, was recorded throughout the meeting by Ms. Varney and is reflected in these minutes.

**Board Member Updates** Board Members provided updates on activities since the last board meeting.

**GOCO Staff Updates** GOCO staff provided updates on activities since the last board meeting, upcoming discussion topics, current on-going initiatives.

**Approval of the December 2020 Board Meeting Minutes** Ms. Denahy moved to approve the minutes from the December 2020 board meeting. Ms. Rogers seconded. **Motion carried unanimously (16-0).** Mr. Dean and Mr. Gibbs were not present for the vote. (See Attachment 1).



**Spending Plan  
Amendment**

Mr. Tenneson proposed amendments to the five-year spending plan to account for: 1) the creation of the GOCO Fellowship Program (Fellowship Program) and 2) a change requested by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) as detailed in the presented materials.

*Mr. Siegel moved to approval of Resolution 2021-08 to approve the amended five-year spending plan as presented; Ms. Liebert seconded. **Motion carried unanimously (16-0).** Mr. Dean and Mr. Gibbs were not present for the vote. (See Attachment 2).*

**GOCO Finance  
Update**

Ms. Conrad presented the Finance Update addressing proceeds, expenditures, outstanding grants, and de-authorizations, Fiscal Year 2021 operating budget vs. actual and management discussion and analysis, and cash management metrics.

**Staffing &  
Operations Update**

Mr. Castilian and Mr. Tenneson shared recent operational and staffing changes reflective of GOCO's strategic plan.

**Legislative Update:  
Aponté & Busam**

Mr. Dave Denovellis provided the board an update on current legislative activity.

**GOCO Fellowship  
Program Grant  
Awards**

Ms. Orbanek recommended the Board approve \$560,455 in open space funding to fund four fellows in strategic locations throughout Colorado during the next two years in the inaugural GOCO Fellowship Grant Program.

*Ms. Martinez moved to approval of Resolutions 2021-04 & 2021-11, with Ms. Liebert abstaining from 2021-11, to approve the Fellowship Program grant awards as presented; Ms. Giulianelli seconded. **Motion carried unanimously (16-0).** Mr. Dean and Mr. Gibbs were not present for the vote. (See Attachment 3).*

**Resilient  
Communities  
Program Grant  
Awards**

Mr. Yuan-Farrell recommended the Board exercise its discretionary authority, as provided by Article XXVII of the Colorado Constitution and further articulated in GOCO Board Policy 2.11(E), to make awards to entities ineligible (Keep It Colorado, Coalition for the Upper South Platte, and Colorado Mountain Bike Association) to receive GOCO funding to fully fund 17 proposals and providing partial funding to four additional proposals as outlined in the attachments provided in the background documents, financing these awards with \$3,393,912.74 in open space purpose funding and \$1,266,877.38 in local government purpose funding.

*Mr. Cockrell moved to approval of Resolutions 2021-06 & 2021-10, with Ms. Liebert abstaining from 2021-10, to approve the Resilient Communities Program grant awards as presented; Mr. Montepare & Ms. Giulianelli seconded. **Motion carried unanimously (16-0).** Mr. Dean and Mr. Gibbs were not present for the vote. (See Attachment 4).*

**CPW Extension  
Request**

Ms. Orbanek recommended the Board adopt Resolution 2021-09 approving the requested extension for the Habitat Improvement grant (log 18253) through June 30, 2022.

*Mr. Garcia moved to approval of Resolution 2021-09 to approve the CPW extension as requested; Ms. Denahy seconded. **Motion carried unanimously (16-0).** Mr. Dean and Mr. Gibbs were not present for the vote. (See Attachment 5).*



**RESTORE FY20  
Project Modification**

Ms. Orbanek recommended the approval of Resolution 2021-05, reallocating funds from previously approved RESTORE grants to a direct expenditure to cover the shortfall in NFWF’s administration fee as outlined and discussed in the background materials.

*Mr. Garcia moved to approval of Resolutions 2021-05 approving the RESTORE project modification as presented; Mr. Montepare seconded. **Motion carried unanimously (16-0).** Mr. Dean and Mr. Gibbs were not present for the vote. (See Attachment 6).*

**Generation Wild  
Update**

Ms. Dempsey and Mr. Mike Suple presented on GOCO’s continued investment in the Generation Wild movement. Conversation revisited program rationale, shared fourth-phase results, and discussed a vision for the 2021-2022 program.

**Consent Agenda**

Ms. Strand presented the recommended projects for approval included on the consent agenda.

*Mr. Cockrell moved the approval of the Consent Agenda as presented, to include any abstentions as noted; Ms. Martinez & Mr. Montepare seconded. **Motion carried unanimously. (16-0).** Mr. Dean and Mr. Gibbs were not present for the vote. (See Attachment 7).*

**Grantee Recognition  
/ Comments**

Members of the public who were awarded grants with the passage of the consent agenda spoke to the board about the impact of the awards.

**Interim Board  
Officer Elections**

Interim Board Officers were deemed necessary by the current board as new appointments will disrupt the current officer panel. The following nominations were made for an interim board to hold office until the December, 2021 GOCO meeting of the full board:

Chair:	Mo Siegel
Vice-Chair:	Turk Montepare
Treasurer:	Charles Garcia
Secretary:	Pamela Denahy

*Dr. Besnette Hauser moved to approval of the interim board (term to conclude at the December, 2020 board as nominated; Ms. Rogers seconded. **Motion carried unanimously (16-0).** Mr. Dean and Mr. Gibbs were not present for the vote.*


**Board Member  
Farewell**

Board and Staff recognized the following board members with expiring terms after years of commitment and dedicated service to the GOCO Board and the Citizens of Colorado:

Jason Brinkley	2013 – 2021	Board Chair 2017 – 2018
Hollie Velasquez Horvath	2016 – 2021	Board Chair 2019 – 2021
Jody Rogers	2013 – 2021	Board Secretary 2019 – 2021
Linda Strand	2013 - 2021	Programs Committee Chair 2019 – 2021

*The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund meeting adjourned at 2:09 pm on March 11, 2021.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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 Pamela Denahy, Board Secretary



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DECEMBER 10, 2020

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*A meeting of The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund convened at 8:00 am via Zoom on December 10, 2020:*

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**Board Absent** Jason Brinkley, Warren Dean

**Staff Present** Tess Barton, Courtney Bennett, Matt Brady, Madison Brannigan, Chris Castilian, Alex Castino, Andrea Conrad, Rosemary Dempsey, Lauren Lecy, Erika Meyer, Jackie Miller, Emily Orbanek, Josh Tenneson, Adrian Varney, Chris Yuan-Farrell

**Staff Absent** Dylan Lewan, Victoria Nava-Watson

**Public Present** Christopher Aaby, Catamount Institute; Ruth Aponte, Aponte & Busam; Daniel Bewley, Colorado Lottery; Luke Bolinger, Town of Erie; Travis Custer, Montezuma Land Conservancy; Mick Daniel, San Luis Valley Great Outdoors/ SLV Gen Wild; Melissa Daruna, Keep it Colorado; Dave Denovellis, Aponte & Busam; Mo Fair, Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership; Ben Graves, The Nature Connection; Benji Hurlock, Conservation Legacy; Jody Kennedy, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Katherine Kramer, Generation Wild Northeast Metro Coalition; Neambe Leadon, Groundwork Denver – Generation Wild; Lisa Northolt, City of Commerce City; Scott Scifres, USDA Forest Service; Scott Segerstrom, Colorado Youth Corps Association; Heidi Sherk, The Nature Conservancy; Kelly Shinn, Groundwork Denver; Peter Suneson, Eagle County Open Space; Joy Thompson, City of Aurora; Doug Vilsack, Department of Natural Resources; Tom Wall, US Fish and Wildlife Service; Priscilla Williams, The Nature Connection; Dan Zimmerer, Colorado Parks and Wildlife

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**Approval of 2020 Committee & Board Meeting Minutes** *Mr. Siegel moved to approve the minutes from the 2020 committee and board meetings as follows:*

September, 2020 GOCO Board Meeting	(See Attachment 1.a)
October, 2020 GOCO Board Meeting	(See Attachment 1.b)
November, 2020 GOCO Program Committee Meeting	(See Attachment 1.c)

*Ms. Thibodeau and Mr. Garcia seconded. **Motion carried unanimously (15-0).** Mr. Brinkley and Mr. Dean were not present for the vote.*



**Outdoor Regional Partnerships**

Jody Kennedy, CPW Public Outreach Specialist, and Dan Zimmerer, CPW Partnership Coordinator, provided an update on CPW's Outdoor Regional Partnership vision. CPW continues to evolve its concept for Outdoor Regional Partnerships that will inform a statewide vision that benefits wildlife and natural resources while balancing Colorado's incredible recreation opportunities.

**GOCO Finance Update**

Ms. Conrad presented the Finance Update addressing the Year End Financial Statements and Audit, Fiscal Year 2021 operating budget vs. actual and management discussion and analysis, and cash management metrics.

**Pathway to Alternative Investment**

Mr. Tenneson provided a high-level overview of GOCO's continued research into alternative investment considerations as discussed in previous finance committee and board meetings.

**Spending Plan Amendment**

In June of 2020, the board approved a new 5-year spending plan which included some unknowns and variables that were explicitly identified as "to be determined" items with the expectation it would be amended in December.

Mr. Tenneson proposed those amendments to the five-year spending plan as forwarded from the finance committee and detailed in the presented materials. (See Attachment 2).

*Mr. Garcia moved to approval of Resolution 2020-29 to approve the amended five-year spending plan as presented; Mr. Siegel seconded. **Motion carried unanimously (15-0).** Mr. Brinkley and Mr. Dean were not present for the vote.*

**Legislative Update: Aponté & Busam**

Ms. Ruth Aponté and Mr. Dave Denovellis introduced themselves as GOCO's new Legislative Liaisons.

New to GOCO this session, Ms. Aponte and Mr. Denovellis provided an update to ongoing relevant legislative issues, anticipated legislative work, and highlighted their excitement for GOCO's mission and the professional partnership.

**Strategic Plan Program Implementation**

Leadership Team provided a high-level update on the implementation process of GOCO's 2020 Strategic Plan leading a discussion including the proposed new organizational structure, an update on program development, and GOCO's new fellowship program.

**Youth Corps Guest Speaker**

Mr. Scott Segerstrom and Mr. Benji Hurlock provided a presentation on GOCO's impact on Youth Corps of Colorado. Mr. Hurlock shared a snapshot into his history and growth in the conservation field, discussed challenges he faced as a person of color, and offered an inspirational outlook for the future of the industry.

**Consent Agenda**

Ms. Strand presented the recommended projects for approval included on the consent agenda. (See Attachment 3).

*Mr. Garcia moved the approval of the Consent Agenda; Dr. Besnette Hauser seconded. **Motion carried unanimously (15-0).** Mr. Brinkley and Mr. Dean were not present for the vote.*



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**State Board of the  
GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND  
Resolution 2021-08  
March 11, 2021**

**A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Five-year Spending Plan**

This resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. Per Article XXVII(6)(2)(e), the board shall determine what portion of moneys allocated to the trust fund shall remain in an interest-bearing account;
2. On March 15, 2018, via Resolution 2018-08, the GOCO board approved policies 2.8 and 2.10 *Spending Plans and Opportunity for Public Comment and Multiyear and Annual Spending Plans*;
3. On June 11, 2020, via Resolution 2020-16, the GOCO board approved a five-year spending plan for fiscal years 2021-2025;
4. Since June 2020, GOCO staff has worked closely with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and other stakeholders to refine the five-year spending plan;
5. GOCO staff has worked to develop a GOCO fellowship program and robust Centennial program that require modifying the five-year spending plan; and
6. On February 19, 2021, the finance committee recommended a spending plan amendment be forwarded to the GOCO board for final action.

Accordingly, the board resolves to:

1. Amend the five-year spending plan as presented on the following page and which modifies the following components of the plan:
  - a. Backload CPW Centennial Program allocations to more closely align with competitive quadrants;
  - b. Reallocate \$2M from the CPW Centennial Program to support CPW's website project; and
  - c. Fund the inaugural round of the GOCO Fellowship Program in fiscal year 2021 by reallocating \$560,455 of fiscal year 2025 Generation Wild funding (open space quadrant).

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on March 11, 2021.

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*Jody Rogers*  
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Jody Rogers, GOCO Board Secretary

### 2021 - 2025 Spending Plan [DRAFT Amendment]

	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	TOTAL
GOCO Constitutional Cap	71,718,841	72,615,327	73,523,018	75,174,339	76,862,749	369,894,274
Add: Deauthorizations from prior year	2,370,000	1,286,907	1,338,023	1,296,636	2,560,743	8,852,310
Flexibility Fund - Cap Contingency	1,434,377	1,452,307	1,470,460	1,503,487	1,537,255	7,397,885
Flex Fund - Competitive Program Expected Deauthorizations	2,370,000	1,286,907	1,338,023	1,296,636	2,560,743	8,852,310
Increase in cap year over year	1,354,067	896,486	907,692	1,651,321	1,688,410	6,497,975
<b>Less: Total Reserve</b>	<b>5,158,444</b>	<b>3,635,699</b>	<b>3,716,175</b>	<b>4,451,444</b>	<b>5,786,408</b>	<b>22,748,170</b>
Less: Operating Expenses	3,000,000	3,067,380	3,136,273	3,206,713	3,278,736	15,689,102
Less: Generation Wild Communications Program	2,500,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	10,500,000
<b>Total Available for Awards</b>	<b>63,430,397</b>	<b>65,199,155</b>	<b>66,008,593</b>	<b>66,812,818</b>	<b>68,358,348</b>	<b>329,809,312</b>
<b>Local Government Purpose</b>						
	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	TOTAL
Base Programs	6,270,000	6,299,789	9,002,148	9,203,205	9,589,587	40,364,729
Generation Wild	2,300,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	12,300,000
Centennial Program	-	500,000	500,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	25,000,000
<b>Total Local Government</b>	<b>8,570,000</b>	<b>9,299,789</b>	<b>12,002,148</b>	<b>23,703,205</b>	<b>24,089,587</b>	<b>77,664,729</b>
<b>Open Space Purpose</b>						
	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	TOTAL
Base Programs	11,120,132	9,633,122	9,002,148	9,203,205	9,589,587	48,548,194
Generation Wild	500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	1,939,545	9,939,545
Centennial Program	-	500,000	500,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	25,000,000
Fellowship Program	560,455					560,455
<b>Total Open Space</b>	<b>12,180,587</b>	<b>12,633,122</b>	<b>12,002,148</b>	<b>23,703,205</b>	<b>23,529,132</b>	<b>84,048,194</b>
<b>Outdoor Recreation Purpose</b>						
	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	TOTAL
Outdoor Rec Investment	15,720,132	15,133,122	14,502,148	13,703,205	13,089,587	72,148,194
Centennial Program	-	-	3,900,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	11,900,000
<b>Total Outdoor Rec</b>	<b>15,720,132</b>	<b>15,133,122</b>	<b>18,402,148</b>	<b>17,703,205</b>	<b>17,089,587</b>	<b>84,048,194</b>
<b>Wildlife Purpose</b>						
	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	TOTAL
Wildlife Investment	14,320,132	10,633,122	9,002,148	9,203,205	9,589,587	52,748,194
Centennial Program	-	-	10,000,000	10,000,000	11,300,000	31,300,000
<b>Total Wildlife</b>	<b>14,320,132</b>	<b>10,633,122</b>	<b>19,002,148</b>	<b>19,203,205</b>	<b>20,889,587</b>	<b>84,048,194</b>
<b>Total Awards All Four Purposes</b>	<b>50,790,851</b>	<b>47,699,155</b>	<b>61,408,593</b>	<b>84,312,819</b>	<b>85,597,893</b>	<b>329,809,311</b>

**The State Board of the  
Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund  
Resolution 2021-04  
March 11, 2021**

**A Resolution Approving GOCO Fellowship Program Grant Awards**

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. GOCO launched the Fellowship Program in January 2021 in support of the 2020 strategic plan to fund career opportunities for young people from diverse and non-traditional backgrounds;
2. GOCO invited four land trust partners to apply for funding and received three requests, including one request asking for two fellows, in response offering a broad range of experiences in strategic geographies throughout Colorado;
3. The board allocated \$560,455 in open space purpose funding for fiscal year 2021 to support four Fellows in this inaugural year.
4. Refer to resolution 2021-11 for the Trust for Public fellowship award.

Accordingly, the board RESOLVES to:

1. Approve Colorado Open Lands and Montezuma Land Conservancy's grant requests for a total of two GOCO Fellows;
2. Finance these awards as follows:
  - a. \$127,740 to Colorado Open Lands
  - b. \$132,715 to Montezuma Land Conservancy
3. Authorize the executive director to make minor adjustments in recommended funding levels if a project cannot proceed as anticipated. In the event significant funding changes are necessary as these projects progress, the executive director will consult with the board for additional direction.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on March 11, 2021.

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Jody Rogers, GOCO Board Secretary

**The State Board of the  
Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund  
Resolution 2021-11  
March 11, 2021**

**A Resolution Approving GOCO Fellowship Program Grant Awards**

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. GOCO launched the Fellowship Program in January 2021 in support of the 2020 strategic plan to fund career opportunities for young people from diverse and non-traditional backgrounds;
2. GOCO invited four land trust partners to apply for funding and received three requests, including one request asking for two fellows, in response offering a broad range of experiences in strategic geographies throughout Colorado;
3. The board allocated \$560,455 in open space purpose funding for fiscal year 2021 to support four Fellows in this inaugural year;
4. Refer to resolution 2021-04 for the Colorado Open Lands and Montezuma Land Conservancy awards; Mina Liebert abstained from this resolution.

Accordingly, the board RESOLVES to:

1. Approve The Trust for Public Land's grant request for a total of two GOCO Fellows;
2. Finance these awards as follows:
  - a. \$300,000 to the Trust for Public Land
3. Authorize the executive director to make minor adjustments in recommended funding levels if a project cannot proceed as anticipated. In the event significant funding changes are necessary as these projects progress, the executive director will consult with the board for additional direction.

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Jody Rogers, GOCO Board Secretary



**The State Board of the  
Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund  
Resolution 2021-06  
March 11, 2021**

**A Resolution Approving a Grant to a Resilient Communities Program Project**

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. GOCO created the Resilient Communities Program in response to the unprecedented impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, releasing a Request for Proposals on July 1, 2020;
2. The board allocated \$9,570,247 in open space purpose funding and \$5,480,000 in local government purpose funding to this program in its FY21 spending plan;
3. During the fourth and final Resilient Communities Program grant cycle, GOCO received 38 proposals requesting \$10,011,985.11 in GOCO funding;
4. GOCO Board Policy 2.11(E) establishes that, through its discretionary authority, the board may “make other expenditures which it considers necessary and proper to the accomplishments of the purposes of” Article XXVII;
5. GOCO does not currently recognize Keep It Colorado (KIC), Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP), and Colorado Mountain Bike Association (COMBA) as entities eligible to receive GOCO funding under any funding category listed in Article XXVII; and
6. KIC, CUSP, and COMBA all represent established GOCO partners and critical organizations working to advance GOCO’s mission and the strategic work of directly eligible partners. Since the proposed projects encompass broader geographies than those served by potential eligible partners and all three organizations have a history of collaborative, cross-jurisdictional accomplishments, they represent the most efficient and effective grantees to administer the respective grant awards through the Resilient Communities Program;

Accordingly, the committee RESOLVES to:

1. Award \$4,260,790.12 to fully fund 16 projects and partially fund four projects recommended for funding as shown in the attached “Resilient Communities Funding Summary List.” Note that the project proposed by the Trust for Public lands shall be recommended via separate resolution and is therefore not one of the 16 projects recommended in this resolution.
2. Finance these awards with an allocation of \$2,993,912.74 from the open space purpose and \$1,266,877.38 in local government purpose funding.



3. Exercise its discretionary authority to award \$870,200.66 of the open space allocation and \$99,654 of the local government allocation, above, to Keep It Colorado, Coalition for the Upper South Platte, and Colorado Mountain Bike Association for the projects and the individual amounts indicated in the attached "Resilient Communities Funding Summary List."
4. Authorize the executive director to make minor adjustments in recommended funding levels if a project cannot proceed as anticipated. In the event significant funding changes are necessary as these projects progress, the executive director will consult with the board for additional direction.

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Jody Rogers, GOCO Board Secretary



**The State Board of the  
Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund  
Resolution 2021-10  
March 11, 2021**

**A Resolution Approving a Grant to a Resilient Communities Program Project**

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1. GOCO created the Resilient Communities Program in response to the unprecedented impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, releasing a Request for Proposals on July 1, 2020;
2. The board allocated \$9,570,247 in open space purpose funding and \$5,480,000 in local government purpose funding to this program in its FY21 spending plan;
3. During the fourth and final Resilient Communities Program grant cycle, GOCO received 38 proposals requesting \$10,011,985.11 in GOCO funding;
4. GOCO Board Policy 2.11(E) establishes that, through its discretionary authority, the board may “make other expenditures which it considers necessary and proper to the accomplishments of the purposes of” Article XXVII; and
5. The outcomes of the Trust for Public Land (TPL) proposal are more closely aligned with the local government and outdoor recreation purposes of Article XXVII. TPL, however, is only identified as eligible under the open space purpose. GOCO Board Policy 2.11(E) authorizes the board to categorize this grant based upon the entity eligibility, i.e. open space, and not by the outcome achieved by the grant.

Accordingly, the committee RESOLVES to:

1. Exercise its discretionary authority to award \$400,000 in open space purpose funding to fully fund the Trust for Public Land’s proposal as shown in the attached “Resilient Communities Funding Summary List.”
2. Authorize the executive director to make minor adjustments in recommended funding levels if a project cannot proceed as anticipated. In the event significant funding changes are necessary as these projects progress, the executive director will consult with the board for additional direction.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on March 11, 2021.

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<b>Resilient Communities Funding Summary List</b>								
March 11, 2021								
<a href="#">Projects Recommended for Funding</a>								
Log #	Applicant	Project Title	County	Request Amount	Recommended OS Amount	Recommended LG Amount	Total Project Cost	Congressional District
21077	Grand Lake Metropolitan Recreation District	Troublesome Fire Hiking and Mountain Biking Trails Recovery	Grand	\$ 36,000.00	\$ -	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 47,000.00	2
21080	Montrose County	Naturescape Play and Outdoor Education Project	Montrose	\$ 199,220.00	\$ -	\$ 199,220.00	\$ 241,545.00	3
21082	City of Loveland	Dakota Ridge Urgent and Emergent Land Acquisition	Larimer	\$ 850,000.00	\$ 850,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,530,500.00	2
21084	*City of Boulder	Outdoor Stewardship Needs in the City of Boulder	Boulder	\$ 190,095.00	\$ 134,735.00	\$ -	\$ 191,176.00	2
21087	Keep it Colorado	Colorado's Private Lands Conservation Plan	Statewide	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 175,000.00	\$ -	\$ 300,000.00	Statewide
21088	Keep it Colorado	Transaction Cost Assistance Program	Statewide	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ -	\$ 605,000.00	Statewide
21089	Eagle County	Trail Conservation Crew	Eagle	\$ 166,211.00	\$ 66,210.62	\$ 100,000.38	\$ 273,198.00	3
21092	*Elizabeth Park and Recreation District	Casey Jones Park Campground Expansion	Elbert	\$ 187,500.00	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 238,500.00	4
21093	Coalition for the Upper South Platte	CUSP Field Crew	Jefferson, Park, Teller	\$ 136,168.20	\$ 136,168.20	\$ -	\$ 216,300.20	5
21094	Town of Nederland	Nederland Shoreline Trails and Stewardship Project	Boulder	\$ 181,029.75	\$ 181,029.75	\$ -	\$ 289,554.75	2
21097	San Juan County	Public Lands Stewardship and Visitor Education	San Juan	\$ 260,200.00	\$ 260,200.00	\$ -	\$ 352,700.00	3
21099	Town of Lyons	Black Bear Hole, 2nd Avenue Trailhead Access and LMJ Improvements Proposal	Boulder	\$ 282,003.00	\$ -	\$ 282,003.00	\$ 407,809.00	2
21102	Trust for Public Land	Colorado CORE (Community Outreach with Resident Experts): Youth Voices	Denver, El Paso	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 400,000.00	\$ -	\$ 508,600.00	1, 5
21103	Montezuma Land Conservancy	Healing Lands and Reconnecting People	Dolores, Montezuma, San Miguel	\$ 222,314.51	\$ 222,314.51	\$ -	\$ 289,312.01	3
21104	Aspen Valley Land Trust	Caring for Community Lands	Eagle, Garfield, Pitkin	\$ 72,500.00	\$ 72,500.00	\$ -	\$ 234,374.25	3
21105	City of Greeley	Get Outdoors East Greeley – Inspiring Access to Neighborhood Nature	Weld	\$ 300,000.00	\$ -	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 1,645,350.00	4
21106	La Plata Open Space Conservancy	Enhanced Land Conservation, Stewardship, and Conservation Connections	La Plata	\$ 86,200.00	\$ 86,200.00	\$ -	\$ 100,750.00	3
21108	Central Colorado Conservancy	Collaborative Conservation for Private Lands in the Arkansas Headwaters Region	Chaffee, Fremont, Gunnison, Lake, Park, Saguache	\$ 116,822.20	\$ 116,822.20	\$ -	\$ 158,340.20	2, 3, 5
21109	Colorado West Land Trust	Building Community Resilience through Expanded Capacity	Delta, Gunnison, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray, San Miguel	\$ 133,700.00	\$ 133,700.00	\$ -	\$ 222,130.00	3
21110	*Colorado Mountain Bike Association	Non-Motorized Trail Maintenance Strike Team	Clear Creek, Jefferson, Park	\$ 170,088.00	\$ 59,032.46	\$ 99,654.00	\$ 181,406.34	2, 5
21113	*City of Idaho Springs	Virginia Canyon Mountain Park Trails	Clear Creek	\$ 378,672.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 1,273,537.00	2
				<b>\$5,043,723.66</b>	<b>\$3,393,912.74</b>	<b>\$1,266,877.38</b>	<b>\$11,307,082.75</b>	



**The State Board of the  
Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund  
Resolution 2021-09  
March 11, 2021**

**A Resolution Approving CPW Extension Request**

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. On March 1, 2021 Colorado Parks and Wildlife's (CPW) formally requested an extension for three non-motorized trail grants and eight capital projects through June 30, 2022;
2. Several of CPW's non-motorized trail grantees requested extensions due to delays outside of their control including those caused by the COVID-19 pandemic;
3. GOCO funds a significant portion of CPW's capital construction program; several projects within the portfolio are experiencing delays including: project management changes at the field level; delayed coordination and approval from local, state and federal entities; increased and unforeseen project complexity; and contractor challenges;
4. Changes the GOCO Board approved through the 2019 Investment Plan give CPW more flexibility within their capital program to move funding to more shovel ready projects when delays occur resulting in more efficient capital throughput and less board extension requests.

Accordingly, the Board RESOLVES:

1. To approve CPW's extension request through June 30, 2022 for the following log numbers: 16204, 17192, 18192, 18200, 18202, 18210, 18223, 18230, 18251, 18254, and 18255;
2. Staff is authorized and directed to take the following actions:
  - a. Provide the Joint Budget Committee with a copy of the proposed transfer of funds to Parks and Wildlife for the Committee's review per standard operating procedure;
  - b. Administer the investments in these projects according to the proposal approved by the GOCO Board and the conditions of the MOA; and
  - c. Reimburse Parks and Wildlife for expenditures incurred for the investments approved by the GOCO Board.
3. The executive director is hereby empowered to make minor adjustments and additions in the funding awards, in consultation with the director of Colorado Parks and Wildlife, except that any shift in the use of these funds from capital to operations must be brought to the GOCO Board for approval.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on March 11, 2021.

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**The State Board of the  
Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund  
Resolution 2021-05  
March 11, 2021**

**A Resolution Modifying the FY20 RESTORE Investment**

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. On December 10, 2019, the GOCO Board approved resolution 2019-22 awarding \$1 million through the use of discretionary authority to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) for the inaugural round of RESTORE projects. The board awarded \$900,000 for projects and \$100,000 for NFWF administration fees;
2. The RESTORE program leverages funding from multiple partners – including GOCO, NFWF, Gates Family Foundation, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) – and a total of \$2,718,300 was awarded to 11 projects in the fiscal year 2020 funding round;
3. Partners originally anticipated garnering additional support to cover NFWF's administration fees in the initial funding round. That support never materialized resulting in a \$50,000 deficit for administration fees; however, NFWF has \$50,000 of funding available for allocation to projects;
4. In order to have no impact on the slate of 11 approved projects and to keep the cumulative \$2,718,300 pool of funding intact, the board approves adjusting the grant agreement with NFWF to reflect that \$850,000 of GOCO funds can go to projects and \$150,000 to NFWF's administration fee.

Accordingly, the board RESOLVES:

1. To modify the grant agreement to reflect \$850,000 to projects and \$150,000 to NFWF's administration fee;
2. To authorize staff at the discretion of the executive director to determine the specific terms and conditions of a contract with NFWF and authorize the executive director to execute such contract. The contract shall include a provision for final reporting on the habitat restoration outcomes of individual grants in addition to the aggregate accomplishments of the RESTORE program.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on March 11, 2021.

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**The State Board of the  
 Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund  
 Consent Agenda  
 March 11, 2021**

The items below are to be approved by consent. Board members reserve the right to pull any item off the consent agenda for full discussion.

**1. CPW Investment Proposal**

<u>Res. #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
2021-02	A Resolution Awarding Funds to Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) for outdoor recreation purpose and wildlife purpose program investments	None

**2. CPW Deauthorization & Reallocation Request**

<u>Res. #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
2021-03	A Resolution Approving a CPW Extension Request	None

**3. RESTORE**

<u>Res. #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
2021-07	A Resolution Approving a Discretionary Investment in the RESTORE Colorado Program	None

**4. Grant Extension Memo**

	<u>Grant #</u>	<u>Project Titles &amp; Type</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
a.	17802 – LG	Peaks to Plains Trail - Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment; Jefferson County, District 1 (Connect Grant)	None
b.	17804 – LG	East West Regional Trail; Douglas County, Districts 4 & 6 (Connect Grant)	
c.	18802 – LG	Durango Animas River Greenway Trail Connection; La Plata County, District 3 (Connect Grant)	
d.	18803 – LG	Peaks to Plains Trail Clear Creek Greenway Canyon Segment Phase 2; Clear Creek County, District 2 (Connect Grant)	
e.	17017 – LG	South Park Baseball & Soccer Fields; Park County, Districts 2,5 (LPOR)	
g.	19543 – OS	Interagency Trail Courtesy Study; Jefferson County, District 1 (Conservation Excellence)	
h.	18102 – OS	Acequia Conservation Initiative – Working to Conserve Colorado’s Oldest Agricultural Communities; Costilla County, District 3 (Open Space)	
i.	19102 – OS	Acequia Conservation Initiative – Working to Conserve Colorado’s Oldest Agricultural Communities Phase II; Costilla County, District 3 (Open Space)	
f.	19036 - LG	Panorama Park RISES with the Community; El Paso County, District 5 (LPOR)	Mina Liebert

**5. GenWild Endorsements Memo**

<u>Abstentions</u>
None

**The State Board of the  
Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund  
Resolution 2021-02  
March 11, 2021**

**A Resolution Awarding Funds to Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) for  
outdoor recreation purpose and wildlife purpose program investments**

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. The FY21 GOCO spending plan allocation for outdoor recreation purpose investments totaled \$15,720,132; CPW requests \$15,913,269 which accounts for \$160,000 authorized in December 2020 via resolution 2020-25 and \$353,136 reauthorized from expired grants on June 30, 2020;
2. The FY21 GOCO spending plan allocation for wildlife purpose investments totaled \$14,320,132; CPW requests \$13,999,923 which accounts for \$410,000 authorized in December via resolution 2020-25 and \$89,791 reauthorized from expired grants on June 30, 2020;
3. The spending plan does not define amounts for capital or annual operating expenses;
4. Investments in outdoor recreation programs detailed in CPW's FY 21-22 annual Investment Proposal include:
  - a. Establish and Improve State Parks - \$11,091,834
  - b. Public Information and Environmental Education - \$2,500,500
  - c. Trails and River Greenways Program - \$1,870,935
  - d. Water for Recreational Purposes - \$450,000
5. Investments in wildlife programs detailed in CPW's FY 21-22 annual Investment Proposal include:
  - a. Habitat Management - \$5,343,000
  - b. Wildlife Heritage - \$5,624,423
  - c. Wildlife Education and Environment - \$2,882,500
  - d. Wildlife Viewing - \$150,000

Accordingly, the Board RESOLVES:

1. That the investments described in CPW's FY 21-22 Investment Proposal for outdoor recreation and wildlife purpose funds are approved for GOCO funding in the amount of \$29,913,192. Operational funds are available through June 30, 2022. Capital funds are available through June 30, 2024 (consistent with the procedures of the State Legislature's Capital Development Committee).
2. Staff is authorized and directed to take the following actions:

- a. Provide the Joint Budget Committee with a copy of the proposed transfer of funds to Parks and Wildlife for the Committee's review per standard operating procedure;
  - b. Administer the investments in these projects according to the proposal approved by the GOCO Board and the conditions of the MOA; and
  - c. Reimburse Parks and Wildlife for expenditures incurred for the investments approved by the GOCO Board.
3. The executive director is hereby empowered to make minor adjustments and additions in the funding awards, in consultation with the director of Colorado Parks and Wildlife, except that any shift in the use of these funds from capital to operations must be brought to the GOCO Board for approval.

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**The State Board of the  
Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund  
Resolution 2021-09  
March 11, 2021**

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2. Several of CPW's non-motorized trail grantees requested extensions due to delays outside of their control including those caused by the COVID-19 pandemic;
3. GOCO funds a significant portion of CPW's capital construction program; several projects within the portfolio are experiencing delays including: project management changes at the field level; delayed coordination and approval from local, state and federal entities; increased and unforeseen project complexity; and contractor challenges;
4. Changes the GOCO Board approved through the 2019 Investment Plan give CPW more flexibility within their capital program to move funding to more shovel ready projects when delays occur resulting in more efficient capital throughput and less board extension requests.

Accordingly, the Board RESOLVES:

1. To approve CPW's extension request through June 30, 2022 for the following log numbers: 16204, 17192, 18192, 18200, 18202, 18210, 18223, 18230, 18251, 18254, and 18255;
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**The State Board of the  
Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund  
Resolution 2021-07  
March 11, 2021**

**A Resolution Approving a Discretionary Investment in the RESTORE Colorado Program**

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. GOCO has participated in a multi-year process to co-create and launch a collaboratively funded grant program with private, state, and national funding partners that will address landscape-scale habitat restoration projects, known as RESTORE Colorado;
2. GOCO Board Policy 2.11(E) establishes that, through its discretionary authority, the board may “make other expenditures which it considers necessary and proper to the accomplishments of the purposes of” Article XXVII;
3. GOCO does not currently recognize the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Article XXVII as an entity eligible to receive GOCO funding under any funding category;
4. As a congressionally-chartered, national foundation with decades of experience awarding and administering grants, often involving several disparate funding sources, NFWF represents the partner organization most capable of administering the RESTORE Colorado program on behalf of the program partners; and
5. The board allocated \$1 million to this program in its FY21 spending plan.

Accordingly, the board RESOLVES:

1. To exercise its discretionary authority and invest \$1 million in Open Space Purpose funds to accomplish the habitat restoration outcomes envisioned through the RESTORE Colorado program, through NFWF, and to categorize this investment as Open Space Purpose funding;
2. To allocate \$100,000 of the total as a direct expenditure to NFWF for the purposes of grant program administration; and
3. To authorize staff at the discretion of the executive director to determine the specific terms and conditions of a contract with NFWF and authorize the executive direct to execute such contract. The contract shall include a provision for final reporting on the habitat restoration outcomes of individual grants in addition to the aggregate accomplishments of the RESTORE program.

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## MEMORANDUM

To: GOCO Board  
From: Courtney Bennett and Matt Brady – Grants Officers  
Date: March 11, 2021  
Re: Grant Extensions

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Consistent with the board's procedure on overdue grants, staff sent reminder notices to grantees with approaching due dates. Subsequent communications with grantees led staff to make the following recommendations.

### Connect Grants

#### **#17802 Peaks to Plains Trail - Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon Segment – \$2,000,000.00**

On October 7, 2016, the board awarded two million in local government purpose funds to Jefferson County to construct a 1.75-mile concrete pedestrian trail, including two bridges, and two parking lots along the Peaks to Plains trail at the start of Clear Creek Canyon. The Peaks to Plains trail was one of the 16 identified high priority trail connections under Governor Hickenlooper's Colorado the Beautiful initiative. The original completion date for the project was October 7, 2019. The county received a staff and board extension through March 31, 2021. While the project is still moving forward, the complexity of the segment, cost increases in part due to an expanded scope, and outside funding partner requirements have delayed project completion. Furthermore, COVID-19 stalled construction in 2020 as contractors had to pivot to new safety protocols. To date, the project is roughly 65% complete with no foreseen hurdles, financial or otherwise, going forward. Project completion is now estimated to be before the end of 2021. As such, Jefferson County is requesting a board extension through March 31, 2022 to complete the project and submit final reporting.

Recommendation: Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

- Complete the project and submit the final report to GOCO by March 31, 2022.
- If the project is not closed by its extension date deadline, funds allocated to it may be automatically deauthorized with no further action by the board being necessary.

#### **#17804 East West Regional Trail – \$2,000,000.00**

On October 7, 2016, the board awarded two million in local government purpose funds to Douglas County in partnership with the Town of Parker to construct the final phase of the East West Regional Trail – a mixed surface trail that connects Chatfield State Park east to the Cherry Creek Trail. The final ten-mile section includes three underpasses and one trailhead. The original completion date for the project was October 7, 2019. The county received a staff and





board extension through March 31, 2021. Project delays were attributed to permitting delays with CDOT and right-of-way approvals from Xcel Energy. To date, the only outstanding segment left to complete connects from I-25 to the Town of Parker. Construction began in August 2020 and grantee anticipates completion by the end of summer 2021. As such, Douglas County is requesting a board extension through December 31, 2021 to complete the project and submit final reporting.

Recommendation: Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

- Complete the project and submit the final report to GOCO by December 31, 2021.
- If the project is not closed by its extension date deadline, funds allocated to it may be automatically deauthorized with no further action by the board being necessary.

### **#18802 Durango Animas River Greenway Trail Connection – \$1,382,955.00**

On September 29, 2017, the board awarded \$1,382,955.00 in local government purpose funds to the City of Durango to extend the Animas River Greenway from its northern terminus at Memorial Park approximately one mile to the GOCO-funded Oxbow Park. The original completion date for the project was September 29, 2020. The city received a staff extension through March 31, 2021 as COVID-19 impacted available project recourses and city council requested additional time to discuss feasibility on the remaining project scope. To date, the segment of the Animas River Greenway from Animas City Park to Oxbow Park is complete and the city has secured funds to move forward with the connection between Memorial Park and Animas City Park, including a trail underpass of E 32nd St. This last segment plans to go to bid in April 2021 with construction now estimated to be complete in spring 2022. As such, the City of Durango is requesting a board extension through June 30, 2022 to complete the project and submit final reporting.

Recommendation: Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

- Complete the project and submit the final report to GOCO by June 30, 2022.
- If the project is not closed by its extension date deadline, funds allocated to it may be automatically deauthorized with no further action by the board being necessary.

### **#18803 Peaks to Plains Trail Clear Creek Greenway Canyon Segment Phase 2 – \$2,000,000.00**

On September 29, 2017, the board awarded two million in local government purpose funds to Clear Creek County to construct phase two of the Clear Creek Greenway along Highway 6, beginning on the east side of the Oxbow Parcel parking lot. This concrete pedestrian trail builds off the GOCO-funded River Corridor Initiative project and other investments along the Peaks to Plains trail – one of the 16 identified high priority trail connections under Governor Hickenlooper's Colorado the Beautiful initiative. The original completion date for the project was September 29, 2020. The county received a staff extension through March 31, 2021 to assess the project scope and cost increases due to the complexity of constructing in the canyon



coupled with challenging CDOT procurement requirements delayed the original project timeline. To date, the county has awarded a bid to Concrete Express, Inc. who began pre-construction work in fall 2020. Project completion is now estimated to be spring 2022. As such, Clear Creek County is requesting a board extension through June 30, 2022 to complete the project and submit final reporting.

Recommendation: Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

- Complete the project and submit the final report to GOCO by March 31, 2021.
- If the project is not closed by its extension date deadline, funds allocated to it may be automatically deauthorized with no further action by the board being necessary.

### **Local Parks and Outdoor Recreation Grants**

#### **#17017 South Park Baseball & Soccer Fields – \$350,000.00**

On March 23, 2017, the board awarded \$350,000.00 in local government purpose funds to South Park Park and Recreation District to construct regulation baseball and soccer fields, building off GOCO land acquisition and planning dollars previously awarded. The original completion date for the project was March 23, 2019. The recreation district received a staff and board extension through December 31, 2020 as inclement weather delayed site preparation. To date site preparation is complete but COVID-19 in 2020 shut down the factory tasked to install the turf fields. The district anticipates construction to resume this spring and finish this year. As such, South Park Park and Recreation District is requesting a board extension through March 31, 2022 to complete the project and submit final reporting.

Recommendation: Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

- Complete the project and submit the final report to GOCO by March 31, 2022.
- If the project is not closed by its extension date deadline, funds allocated to it may be automatically deauthorized with no further action by the board being necessary.

#### **#19036 Panorama Park RISES with the Community – \$350,000.00**

On March 6, 2019, the board awarded \$350,000.00 in local government purpose funds to the City of Colorado Springs in partnership with The Trust for Public Land to renovate a 13.5-acre neighborhood park in the southeast side of the city with enhanced play and gathering amenities, as well as a multi-purpose field and basketball court. The completion date for the project is March 7, 2021. After a groundswell of additional fundraising dollars were secured, this now expanded seven-million-dollar vision is currently soliciting bids and expects construction to begin in spring 2021 with a summer 2022 completion. As such, the City of Colorado Springs is requesting a board extension through September 30, 2022 to complete the project and submit final reporting.



Recommendation: Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

- Complete the project and submit the final report to GOCO by September 30, 2022.
- If the project is not closed by its extension date deadline, funds allocated to it may be automatically deauthorized with no further action by the board being necessary.

### Conservation Excellence Grants

#### **#19543 Interagency Trail Courtesy Study – \$100,000.00**

On September 28, 2018, the board awarded \$100,000.00 in open space purpose funds to Jefferson County Open Space in partnership with the City of Boulder Open Space & Mountain Parks and Colorado Parks & Wildlife to conduct a trail courtesy study at three popular parks along the front range to test whether signage and new messaging results in fewer conflicts among trail users. The original completion date for the project was September 28, 2020. The county received a staff extension through March 31, 2021. While the project deliverables are roughly 60% complete, COVID-19 drastically changed park regulations and introduced a new variable into the study which partners feel will skew results. As such, project partners have proposed to delay the project timeline for a year to collect more reliable data. Results are expected to be available by the end of 2021. Jefferson County is requesting a board extension through March 31, 2022 to complete the project and submit final reporting.

Recommendation: Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

- Complete the project and submit the final report to GOCO by March 31, 2022.
- If the project is not closed by its extension date deadline, funds allocated to it may be automatically deauthorized with no further action by the board being necessary.

### Open Space Grants

#### **#18102 Acequia Conservation Initiative – Working to Conserve Colorado’s Oldest Agricultural Communities – \$638,000.00**

On December 15, 2017, the board awarded \$638,000 in open space purpose funds to Colorado Open Lands (COL) to acquire conservation easements on three acequia ranches west of the Town of San Luis in Costilla County, including the 157-acre Quintana Ranch, 204-acre Roybal Ranch, and 517-acre Gallegos Ranch. COL’s ongoing Acequia Initiative aims to strategically protect properties irrigated by historic acequias in the Culebra watershed. The acequias are a communal system of irrigation canals and ditches and form the agricultural, social, and ecological foundation of the community and are essential to the viability of the area’s economy and culture. Acequia water rights in the Culebra watershed face an extreme risk of transfer off the properties, making conservation in the watershed critical. In addition to protecting this community asset and some of the most senior water rights in the state, this conservation



project will protect a significant stretch of Culebra Creek including habitat for several sensitive species as well as scenic views along the Los Caminos Antiguos Scenic Byway.

The original completion date for the project was December 15, 2019. COL requested and received a staff extension through June 30, 2020 and a board extension through June 2021 to address delays associated with the NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Project (RCPP) funding and the COVID-19 pandemic. COL has made significant progress on the Quintana and Roybal conservation easement transactions and expects to close both in late March or early April. Unfortunately, due to significant family turmoil the Gallegos Ranch conservation easement can no longer move forward. Considering this significant loss, COL has been in communication with several other landowners in the immediate vicinity and is working on a substitution proposal. Being a multi-property grant, the GOCO resolution specifically permits the consideration of a substitute property. COL is requesting a second board extension through June of 2022. This extension will provide ample time to work through GOCO's substitution procedures and complete the necessary due diligence required to close the substitute conservation easement transaction, if approved. The substitution proposal will most likely be presented during the May 2021 Programs Committee meeting.

Recommendation: Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

- Completion of the Acequia Initiative by June 30, 2022.
- If the project is not closed by its extension date deadline, funds allocated to it may be automatically deauthorized with no further action by the board being necessary.

### **#19102 Acequia Conservation Initiative – Protecting Colorado's Oldest Agricultural Communities Phase II – \$612,702.00**

On December 6, 2018, the board awarded \$612,702.00 in open space purpose funds to Colorado Open Lands (COL) to fund the second phase of their Acequia Conservation Initiative. Phase II of the initiative includes the protection of four ranches: the 176-acre Montoya Ranch, 248-acre Aragon Ranch, 408-acre Red Ranch, and 361-acre R&R Family Farm. The conservation values associated with these four properties are similar to those explained above and include the protection of some of the oldest agricultural settlements and water rights in the state and conservation of over three miles of the Rio Culebra and habitat for several species including the Southwestern willow flycatcher, great blue heron, bald eagle, and Rio Grande cutthroat trout.

Similar to phase I, this project has experienced delays attributable to the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Regional Partnership Program funding requirements and the COVID-19 pandemic. Given these delays, the project received a staff extension through June 2021. The Aragon Ranch and the R&R Family Farm are both moving forward and are expected to close in late April or early May. Unfortunately, the family members involved in the Red Ranch terminated the conservation easement transaction due to family issues and the Montoya family has been devastated by the loss of the matriarch and patriarch of family to the COVID-19



pandemic. Given the loss of these two properties, COL has been in communication with other potential landowners within the Culebra watershed to serve as substitute properties. Ideally, and if negotiations align, COL will bring an updated vision of the Phase II transaction for the Programs Committees' consideration in May alongside the Phase I substitution. As a multi-property grant, the GOCO resolution specifically permits the consideration of substitute properties.

COL is requesting a board extension through the end of 2022. This extension will provide ample time for COL to finalize a substitution proposal to GOCO, to work through GOCO's substitution procedures, and complete the necessary due diligence required to close the substitute conservation easement transactions, if approved.

Recommendation: Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

- Completion of Phase II of the Acequia Initiative by December 31, 2022.
- If the project is not closed by its extension date deadline, funds allocated to it may be automatically deauthorized with no further action by the board being necessary.



MEMORANDUM

To: GOCO Board  
From: Erika Meyer, Program Officer  
Date: March 11, 2021  
Re: Generation Wild Investment Endorsement

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This memo presents the Programs Committee's recommendation to endorse continued investment in two existing Generation Wild coalitions. If interested, the coalition strategic plans that helped inform this recommendation can be viewed by accessing the link located in Attachment A: Generation Wild Grant Program Funding Summary List (Attachment A).

**Background**

In September 2020, the GOCO Board endorsed the use of its discretionary authority to invest up to \$22.8 million in local government and open space purpose funding over five years to advance GOCO's desired outcomes for the Generation Wild grant program as identified in our 2020 strategic plan.

On December 10, 2020 the GOCO Board endorsed a strategy of spending \$15,486,389, including \$9,543,194 in local government purpose and \$5,943,195 in open space purpose funds, in 10 existing Generation Wild coalitions in the amounts listed in Attachment A. At that time, up to \$2 million of total Generation Wild funding was allocated for potential investments in the two remaining coalitions who needed additional time to complete their interim strategic planning efforts and formalize a request to GOCO.

The Garfield County Outdoors (GCO) coalition needed additional time to explore options for a new fiscal agent. Garfield County is the current fiscal agent and the project coordinator works for the public health department. The county continues to be supportive of GCO, yet no longer has the capacity to serve as the fiscal agent as their time and resources are needed to manage the ongoing pandemic. The coalition elected to have Colorado State University step in as fiscal agent. CSU has been a leader in the coalition from the beginning. The second coalition, Westy Power/Poder needed additional time to meet with stakeholders as part of their interim strategic planning effort and fine tune their grant request which was delayed because of the pandemic.



## **Recommendation**

The Programs Committee recommends continued investment in the remaining two existing Generation Wild coalitions in the amounts listed in Attachment A for a total amount of \$2,000,000 including \$993,228 to the City of Westminster and \$1,006,772 to Colorado State University Extension for the purposes outlined in the following project summaries.

The Programs Committee recommends that the board use discretionary authority to finance the award to Colorado State University Extension as they are a well established entity and trusted partner of Garfield County and GOCO. GOCO Board Policy 2.11(E) establishes that, through its discretionary authority, the board may “make other expenditures which it considers necessary and proper to the accomplishments of the purposes of” Article XXVII of the Colorado Constitution (the “GOCO Amendment”). The board is being asked to use discretionary authority because the work to be completed furthers acceptable uses of the outdoor recreation purpose identified in the GOCO Amendment, yet CSU Extension is not identified as eligible to receive GOCO funds.

As a reminder, staff will not formally recommend grant funding for these coalitions until FY '22. An endorsement of funding at this time provides the coalitions with the time needed to plan for future programming and capacity investments while ensuring GOCO remains compliant with our substantially equal policy.

## **Attachments**

Map of Recommended Coalitions

A: Generation Wild Grant Program Funding Summary List

B: Generation Wild Projects Recommended for Funding

# Generation Wild Grant Recommendations Spring 2021

## Projects

### A. Eagle Valley Outdoor Movement

- Eagle County

### B. Garfield County Outdoors

- Garfield County

### C. GenWild NEMC

- City of Commerce City

### D. Get Outdoors Leadville!

- Lake County

### E. Montezuma Inspire Coalition

- Montezuma Land Conservancy

### F. My Outdoor Colorado - Cole and Westwood

- City and County of Denver

### G. Nature Kids/ Jovenes de la Naturaleza

- City of Lafayette

### H. Out the Door Pikes Peak

- City of Colorado Springs

### I. Recreation Inspires Opportunity/SLV

- City of Alamosa

### J. Sheridan Inspire

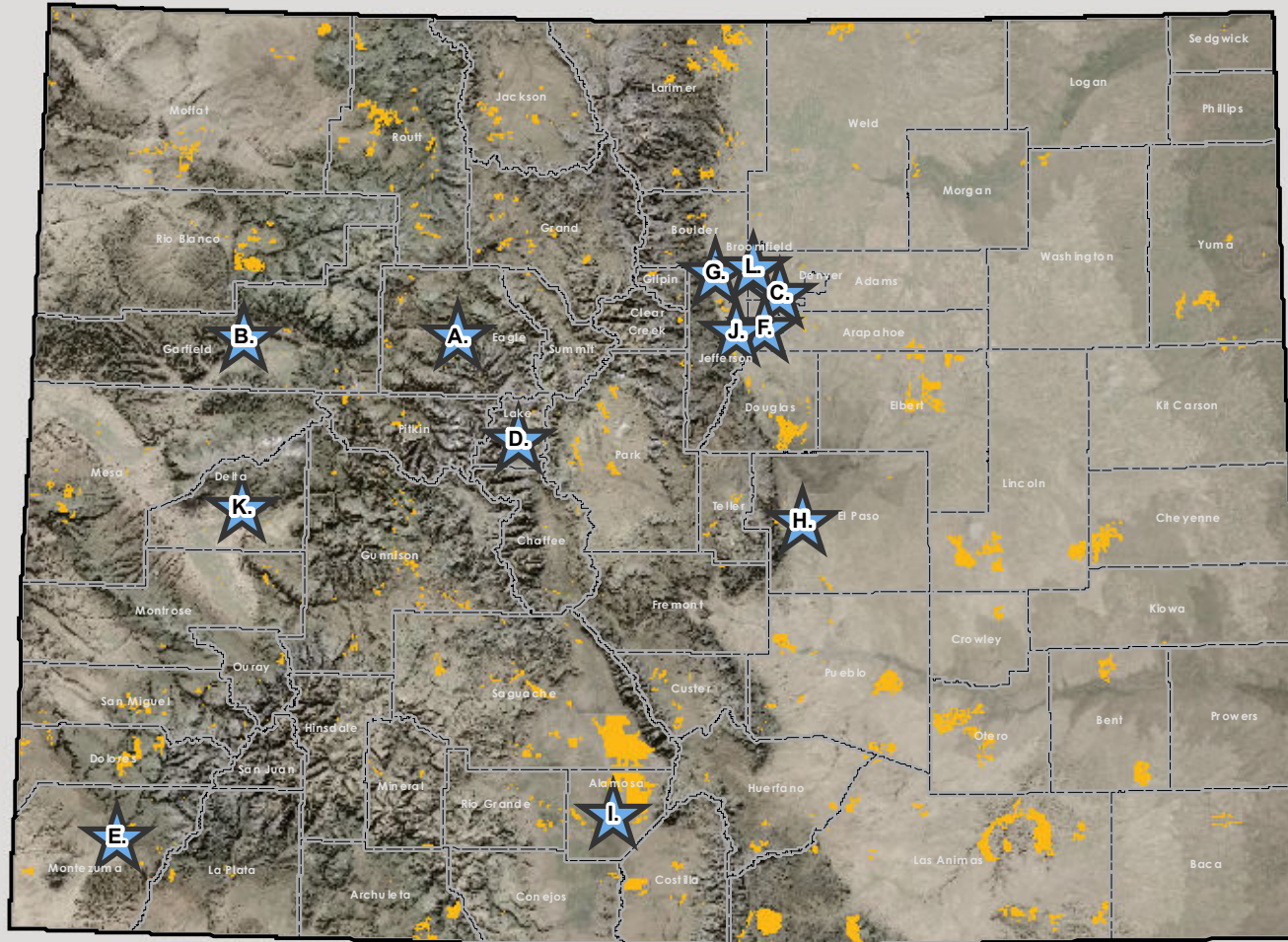
- City of Sheridan

### K. The Nature Connection

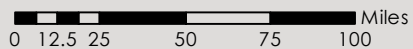
- Delta County

### L. Westy Power/Poder

- City of Westminster



Generation Wild Recommendations





## **Attachment A**

# **Generation Wild Funding Summary List- Recommended for Funding**

Generation Wild Grant Program Funding Summary List  
February 10, 2021

Applicants	Project Title	Log Number	Congressional District	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	FY '21 Grant Awards	FY '22 Grant Awards	FY '23 Grant Awards	FY '24 Grant Awards	FY '25 Grant Awards	Total Awarded
City and County of Denver	My Outdoor Colorado - Cole & Westwood	21880	1	\$5,266,396	\$3,000,000	\$500,000	\$560,000.00	\$834,291	\$1,105,708		\$3,000,000
City of Lafayette	Nature Kids/ Jovenes de la Naturaleza	17882	2	\$1,797,015	\$1,000,000	\$599,055	\$400,945.00				\$1,000,000
Eagle County	Eagle Valley Outdoor Movement	18894	3	\$929,631	\$310,000		\$310,000.00				\$310,000
Lake County	Get Outdoors Leadville!	17881	3	\$1,800,000	\$1,500,000	\$532,750	\$531,625.00	\$435,625			\$1,500,000
Montezuma Land Conservancy	Montezuma Inspire Coalition	18897	3	\$5,650,637	\$2,250,000	\$500,000	\$447,319.33	\$370,955	\$931,726		\$2,250,000
Delta County	The Nature Connection	18893	3	\$1,283,909	\$1,000,000		\$333,333.00	\$333,333	\$333,334		\$1,000,000
City of Colorado Springs	Out the Door Pikes Peak	18885	5	\$1,010,850	\$1,000,000		\$400,000.00	\$300,000	\$300,000		\$1,000,000
City of Alamosa	Recreation Inspires Opportunity/San Luis Valley	18884	5	\$3,094,781	\$1,934,500	\$134,500	\$565,000.00	\$549,914	\$685,086		\$1,934,500
City of Sheridan	Sheridan Inspire	18891	6	\$1,710,734	\$1,500,000		\$498,528.30	\$500,000	\$501,472		\$1,500,000
City of Commerce City	GoWild Northeast Metro Coalition	17883	1,6	\$1,991,889	\$1,991,889	\$533,695	\$662,809.99	\$795,384			\$1,991,889
Garfield County	Garfield County Outdoors	18895	3	\$1,714,500	\$1,006,772		\$151,992.00	\$300,288	\$277,246	\$277,246	\$1,006,772
City of Westminster	Westy Power/Poder	18892	7	\$993,228	\$993,228		\$138,448.00	\$300,288	\$277,246	\$277,246	\$993,228
New Generation Wild Coalitions (TBD)								\$279,922	\$588,182	\$4,445,508	\$5,313,611
				<b>Total Requested</b>	<b>Total Recommended</b>	<b>Total FY '21 Grant Awards</b>	<b>Total FY '22 Grant Awards</b>	<b>Total FY '23 Grant Awards</b>	<b>Total FY '24 Grant Awards</b>	<b>Total FY '25 Grant Awards</b>	<b>Total Awarded</b>
				\$27,243,570	\$17,486,389	\$2,800,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$22,800,000

SPENDING PLAN	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	TOTAL
LG Funds	\$2,300,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$12,300,000
OS Funds	\$500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	2,500,000*	\$10,500,000
TOTAL	\$2,800,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	5,000,000*	\$22,800,000

\* Staff will recommend advancing \$600,000 of FY '25 Generation Wild open space purpose funding to the Fellowship Program in FY '21. Fiscal Year '25 funding and total awarded for Generation Wild will adjust accordingly should that recommendation be approved by the Programs and Finance committees in February.

**Attachment B**  
**Generation Wild Project Summaries -  
Recommended for Funding**



**Applicant:** City of Westminster  
**Project Title:** Westy Power/Poder  
**Counties:** Adams, Jefferson

<b><u>Funding Summary:</u></b>	Amount Requested	\$993,228.00
	Amount Recommended	\$993,228.00

### **Vision Summary**

In partnership with the City of Westminster’s Open Space department, the Westy Power/Poder (POWER - “Promoting Outdoor Wellness, Education & Recreation” and PODER- “Promoviendo Oportunidades de Education Recreativas”) coalition has been committed to connecting youth in the Historic Westminster neighborhood to nature education, recreation and skill-building opportunities since 2017. Westy’s vision is to provide outdoor exposure and nature career opportunities, sparking interest and stewardship in youth to ensure their passion and commitment to the importance of nature and conservation in their lives.

The City of Westminster is committed to sustaining programs and pathways in their Open Space Department and ensuring marginalized youth and families in Westminster have opportunity to participate. The experienced coalition partners are equally dedicated to their Generation Wild vision.

### **Strategic Priorities**

Since April 2020 the coalition worked with Purpose Aligned Consulting to conduct research, convene partners and create their Sustainability Report and Plan. Westy’s strategic planning process presented coalition partners with an opportunity to rediscover their shared goals, identify partners capacity to continue to support programs and evaluate the success and benefits of the past three years of work.

The coalition outlined three goals associated with their strategic plan. One goal is to broaden the target population to serve students and families from low-income backgrounds across Westminster. When the coalition launched in 2016, the group wanted to serve those in Historic Westminster. Over the grant term, the project informally moved beyond this small geographic area. Students from low-income backgrounds live throughout the City and attend any school in Westminster Public Schools. The district has a free and reduced lunch rate of 81%, and almost 40% of students are English learners. By broadening the project’s focus, the coalition can serve more schools and explore new partnerships while serving low-income Westminster families. The second goal is to improve strategies for working within schools and improved partnership with Westminster Public Schools. The final goal is focused on improving strategies to engage the target population, including hiring more Spanish-speaking staff. These goals will help the coalition to build the internal infrastructure needed to make this work more efficient and sustainable in the future.

### **Programs and Pathways Overview**

Funds awarded will help the coalition achieve their goals and allow the four community-based organizations to continue to provide program and pathway opportunities to the community. Programs will continue to be offered during and after school and during summer breaks. Activities include environmental programs and outdoor recreation opportunities through field trips. Pathway opportunities are provided by The City of Westminster and the Butterfly Pavilion. Funds will also be used toward sustaining the youth

council as well as other indirect costs associated with programs and for the necessary backbone capacity positions and systems.



**Reviewer Comments**

Westy Power/Poder from the beginning of the Generation Wild Initiative, has put community priorities and interests first. Programs are thoughtfully designed to be culturally relevant, and to engage families, youth and young adults in outdoor activities that meet varying needs and interests while keeping the capacity of the partner organizations in mind. The coalition is hitting their stride and additional funding from GOCO will enable even deeper work with youth and families.

The City of Westminster's commitment to make this work more efficient is compelling. It is understood that it has taken time to build trust and a shared vision among coalition partners. There have been bumps along the way, yet the coalition's commitment to continue to work through challenges in an effort to provide equitable access to the outdoors for all Westminster families speaks volumes to the strong partnerships among the coalition.

To be more inclusive of the neighborhoods served the coalition partners are working to diversify their staff to be more representative of the community and ensure bilingual outreach strategies are in place.

Westy POWER-PODER Generation Wild Community  
Phase 2 Funding

**2021-2026**

Program	GOCO Funding Request Per Year					Total Funding Request	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 Per Program	
Summer Camp	\$54,600.00	\$54,600.00	\$56,100.00	\$56,100.00	\$57,600.00	\$57,600.00	\$336,600.00
Youth Council	\$7,800.00	\$16,080.00	\$16,584.00	\$17,113.20	\$17,668.86	\$9,126.15	\$84,372.21
Gear Library	\$0.00	\$2,550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$4,750.00
Nature Clubs**	\$52,060.32	\$96,578.64	\$99,460.60	\$101,112.92	\$102,192.24	\$48,594.76	\$499,999.48
Junior Ranger	\$0.00	\$12,614.69	\$13,234.61	\$13,885.56	\$13,885.56	\$13,885.56	\$67,505.98
						<b>Total Request</b>	<b>\$993,228</b>

	Match Per Year (City of Westminster)						Total Match Westminster	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026		
Summer Camp*	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Youth Council	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Gear Library	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Nature Clubs	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Junior Ranger	\$3,445.00	\$3,445.00	\$3,445.00	\$3,445.00	\$3,445.00	\$3,445.00	\$3,445.00	\$20,670.00
Pathways*	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Administration (staff time)	\$7,680.00	\$7,680.00	\$7,680.00	\$7,680.00	\$7,680.00	\$7,680.00	\$7,680.00	\$46,080.00

	Match Per Year (Butterfly Pavilion)						Total Match BP	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026		
Summer Camp	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Youth Council	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Gear Library	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Nature Clubs	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Junior Ranger	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Pathways	\$6,240.00	\$6,240.00	\$6,240.00	\$6,240.00	\$6,240.00	\$6,240.00	\$6,240.00	\$37,440.00
							<b>Total Match</b>	<b>\$104,190.00</b>

# Programs - Westminster



## Target Area of Coalition

## Estimated # of Youth Reached in Each Quarter

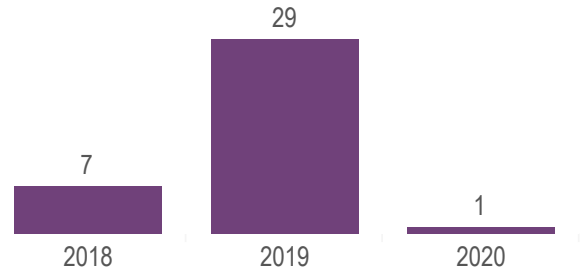
## The Number of Programs Over The Years

\*2020 includes only one quarter of data due to COVID-19

Westminster School District

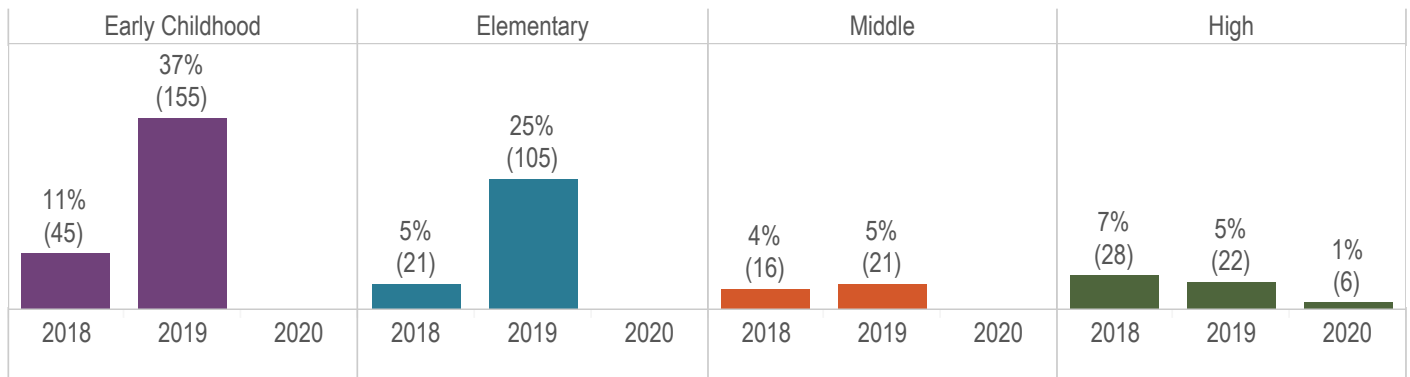
## 59 - 69 Youth

This is an estimate because coalitions are not able to report individual-level data.



## The Number of Program Participants Reached Across the Age Continuum

\*Then number of participants includes youth who participated in multiple programs and were counted each time they participated.



## Number of Hours of Program Activities Offered

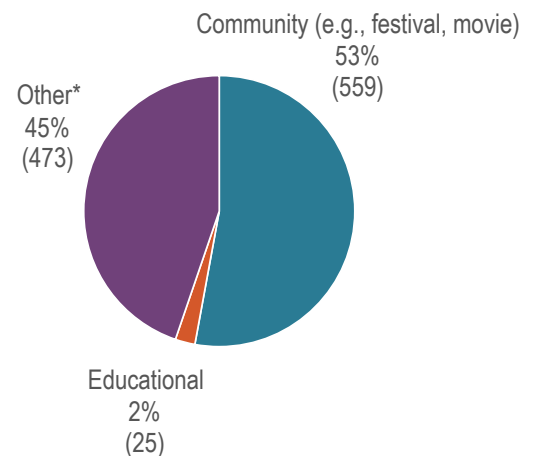


"Education/Leadership" activities may include environmental education, team-building courses, geocaching, skills development (e.g. leave no trace, map reading), and wilderness emergency skills (e.g., first aid/CPR), depending on the coalition.

"Other" activities may include academic lessons taught through/in the outdoors, animal science, disc golf, indoor skydiving, outdoor equipment training, outdoor science education, paintball, sailing, singing, social emotional learning for educators, storytelling, and yoga, depending on the coalition.

## Type of Events Based on Number of Participants

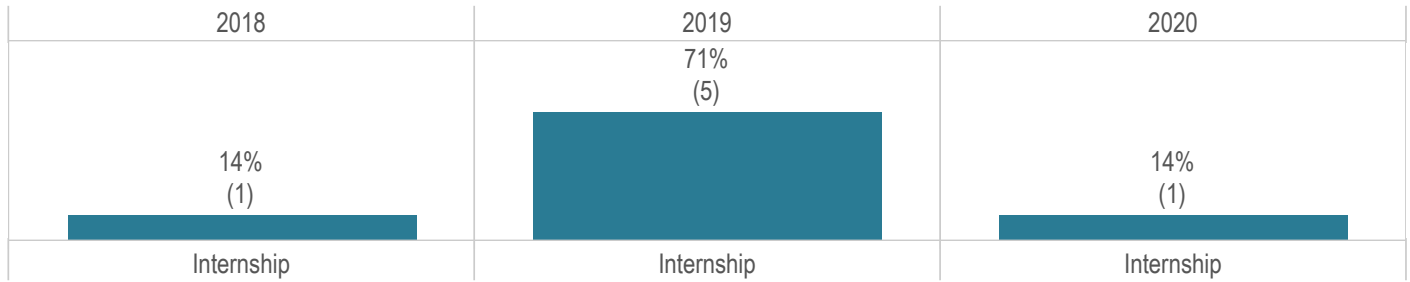
Events are activities that happen at a certain time and place but do not require sign up.



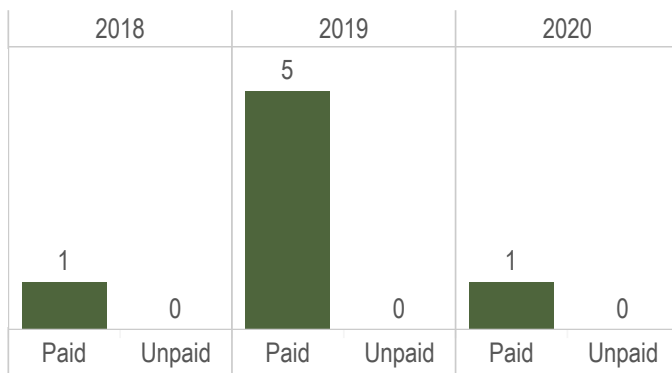


# Pathways - Westminster

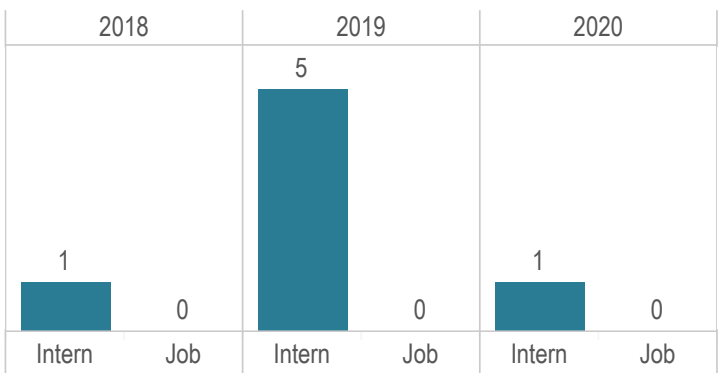
The Number of Pathways and Type of Pathways Over the Years



The Number of Paid vs. Unpaid Pathways

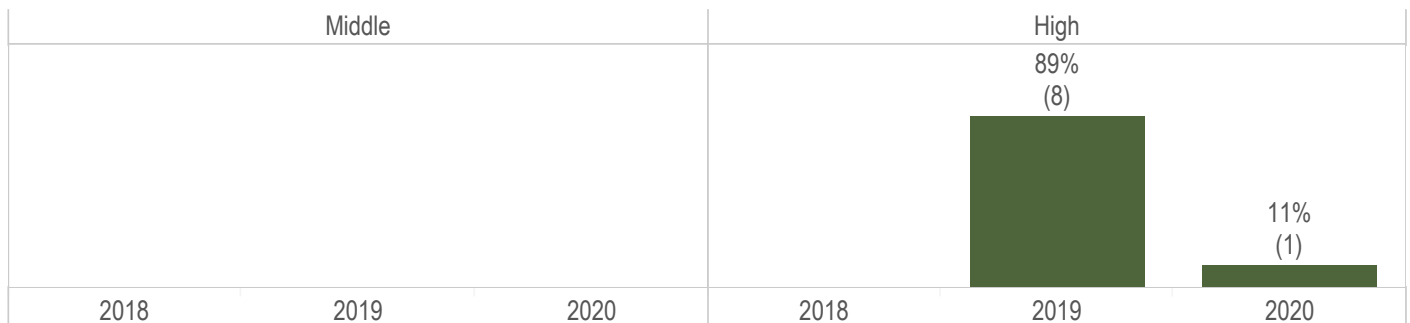


The Number of Paid Pathways Over Time



The Number of Pathway Participants Reached in Both Middle and High School

\*Then number of participants includes youth who participated in multiple pathways and were counted each time they participated.



## The Place Improvements Completed

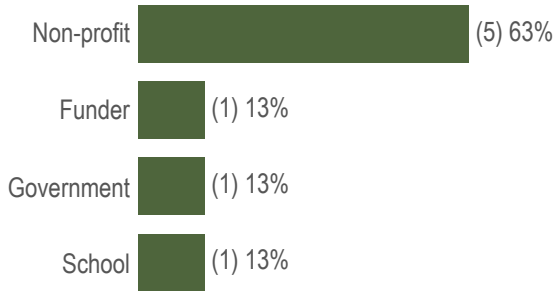
No place projects were entered into the reporting system.





# Social Network Data - Westminster

## Partners Represent a Variety of Sectors



## Which is/are the Central Organization/s?

City of Westminster  
Butterfly Pavilion

## Level of Trust Among Partners

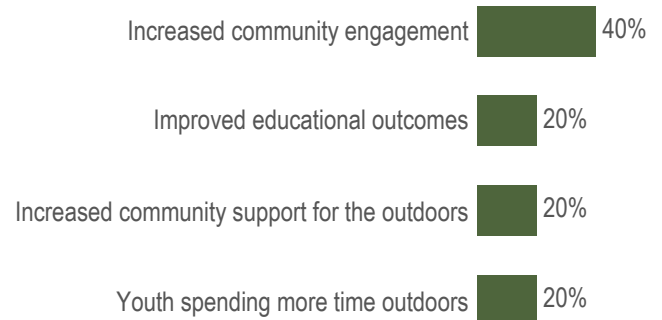
83%

of partners in this coalition **trust** each other

## Most Important Contributions of Partners



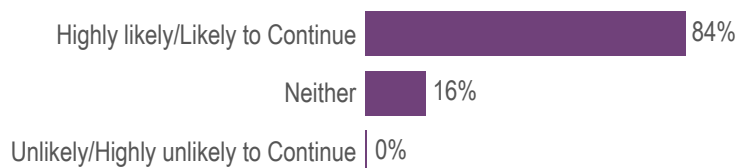
## Most Important Outcomes Identified by Partners



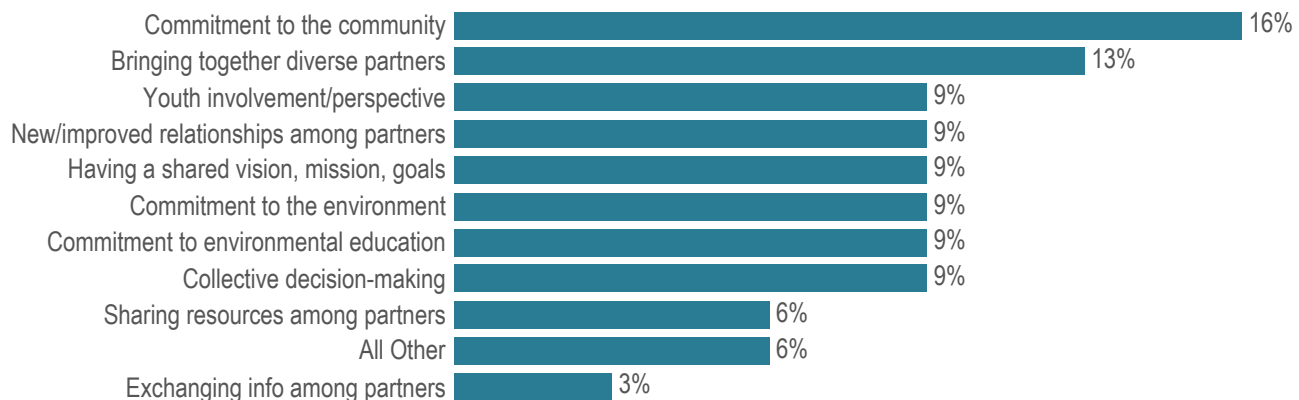
## Level of Success Partners Selected



## Partners' Likelihood of Continuing to Work Together



## Contributors to Success of the Coalition Selected by Partners



# Westy Power/Poder Social Network Data

## Partners Included in the Social Network Survey List

	Organization Name
Non-profit	Butterfly Pavilion  cityWILD - Westy Power/Poder  Denver Botanic Gardens  Growing Home  Mile High Youth Corps - Westy Power/Poder
Funder	Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO)
Government	City of Westminster
School	Westminster Public Schools



**Applicant:** Colorado State University Extension  
**Project Title:** Garfield County Outdoors  
**County:** Garfield

<b><u>Funding Summary:</u></b>	Amount Requested	\$1,714,500.00
	Amount Recommended	\$1,006,772.00

### **Vision Summary**

The Garfield County Outdoors (GCO) coalition, previously in partnership with Garfield County, and now Colorado State University Extension works with four communities in western Garfield County: Parachute/Battlement Mesa, Rifle, Silt, and New Castle. These communities have a great quality of life yet face challenges including long commutes to job centers, disconnected neighborhoods, poverty, and funding shortfalls for basic programs. Partners work together to provide outdoor recreation and experiential education programming and pathways toward internships and employment in outdoor recreation, wildlands, and conservation.

GCO is committed to collaborative partnerships so that western Garfield County youth and families will have meaningful outdoor experiences that enable personal growth and confidence from the backyard to the backcountry.

### **Strategic Priorities**

Throughout 2020, the GCO Planning Team developed and distributed a digital community assessment in English and Spanish to understand continued interest and commitment to getting kids outside. They received 2,576 survey responses and used the responses to assess successes and challenges of GCO's work up to this point and to better inform their work moving forward. Three goals were established from the feedback received and through the planning process which include: 1) Garfield Re-2 and Garfield 16 School Districts will continue to act as the hub of the coalition and provide engaging outdoors experiences to connect youth to the outdoors. 2) Garfield Re-2 School District, Garfield 16 School District and committed community partners will provide ongoing career exploration opportunities for youth through outdoor education. 3) Garfield Re-2 School District, Garfield 16 School District and committed community partners will utilize existing and new resources and local places in the communities (New Castle, Silt, Rifle, Parachute and Battlement Mesa) to continue to break down barriers to outdoor access. Each goal is informed by stakeholder input, partner discussion and other analysis.

### **Programs and Pathways Overview**

The coalition and its partners prioritize programs and pathways that meet their goals of reaching underresourced youth and are offered through organizations in which youth already have a trusted relationship, like the local school districts. The school districts will continue to utilize its partners and create new partnerships to enhance this collaborative initiative and reach more youth. Grant funding will enable the two school districts to continue providing outdoor education programs relevant to its students and communities. Programs focus on agriculture, hunting, fishing, paddling, archery, camping, snow sports, and climbing. Programming will occur during school and non-school hours (weekends/breaks) and through community classes and events. Garfield Re-2 School District will continue providing pathway

opportunities such as the Outdoor Careers Internship hosted by the following GCO partners: Aspen Center for Environmental Studies, Central Rocky Mountain Permaculture Institute, and Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers. The Outdoor Careers Internship provides a 10-week, paid internship to Rifle High School and Coal Ridge High School students. The internship focuses on environmental education, gardening, agriculture, and trail and land stewardship. Funds will also be used toward indirect costs associated with programs like transportation and gear and for the necessary backbone positions.

### **Reviewer Comments**

The need for continued funding for this coalition is compelling as they are working hard to advance equitable access for this rural community through thoughtful partnership with the school district, which serves as the heart of the community.

The coalition has a good understanding of improvements to be made based on what has worked in the last few years and what has not worked. Their commitment to advancing what they have learned to create a more intentional coalition with the sole purpose of connecting their youth and families to the outdoors is compelling.

The school district buy-in and engagement is undeniable, including their ability to provide matching funds, however it would be nice to see stronger unity and cohesion amongst the other coalition partners.



# GENERATION WILD INTERIM STRATEGIC PLANNING Garfield County Outdoors

## 4-Year Budget | Garfield Re-2 & Garfield 16 School Districts Outdoor Education Programming **COMBINED BUDGET**

	Notes	2021-22 Total Needed	2021-22 District Support	2021-22 GOCO	2022-23 Total Needed	2022-23 District Support	2022-23 GOCO
Garfield Re-2 School District		\$253,500	\$1,000	\$252,500	\$249,000.00	\$1,000	\$248,000
Garfield County School District 16		\$161,449	\$69,449	\$92,000	\$139,548	\$70,548	\$69,000
Capacity		\$193,000		\$193,000	\$194,000.00		\$194,000
Capacity Benefits		\$42,000		\$42,000	\$42,500.00		\$42,500
Coalition Administrative needs		\$5,000		\$5,000	\$5,000.00		\$5,000
<b>Yearly Total</b>	No in-kind added	<b>\$654,949</b>	<b>\$70,449</b>	<b>\$584,500</b>	<b>\$630,048</b>	<b>\$71,548</b>	<b>\$558,500</b>

	Notes	2023-24 Total Needed	2023-24 District Support	2023-24 GOCO	2024-25 Total Needed	2024-25 District Support	2024-25 GOCO
Garfield Re-2 School District		\$116,000	\$35,000	\$81,000	\$110,000	\$52,000	\$58,000
Garfield County School District 16		\$138,148	\$72,148	\$66,000	\$136,248	\$73,248	\$63,000
Capacity		\$145,000		\$145,000	\$96,000		\$96,000
Capacity Benefits		\$31,500		\$31,500	\$21,000		\$21,000
Coalition Administrative needs		\$5,000		\$5,000	\$5,000		\$5,000
<b>Yearly total</b>	No in-kind added	<b>\$435,648</b>	<b>\$107,148</b>	<b>\$328,500</b>	<b>\$368,248</b>	<b>\$125,248</b>	<b>\$243,000</b>

**2025-26: 100% sustainable**



Garfield County Outdoors

# GENERATION WILD INTERIM STRATEGIC PLANNING

*Garfield County Outdoors*

<b>4 year total project</b>	<b>\$4,177,786</b>
<b>2021-22 GOCO grant support</b>	<b>\$584,500</b>
<b>2022-23 GOCO grant support</b>	<b>\$558,500</b>
<b>2023-24 GOCO grant support</b>	<b>\$328,500</b>
<b>2024-25 GOCO grant support</b>	<b>\$243,000</b>
<b>Total GOCO grant support</b>	<b>\$1,714,500</b>

### 4-Year Budget | Garfield Re-2 School District Outdoor Education Programming

	Notes	2021-22 Total Needed	2021-22 District Support	2021-22 Fundraised	2022-23 Total Needed	2022-23 District Support	2022-23 Fundraised
<b>Programs</b>	10 buildings	\$80,000	\$0	\$0	\$80,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Transportation</b>	\$800/building (10 buildings)	\$8,000	\$0	\$0	\$8,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Trailer</b>		\$4,500	\$0				
<b>Supplies/consumables</b>	\$3,000/building (10 buildings)	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Professional Development</b>	10 buildings	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Gear, storage, maintenance</b>		\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$100,000		\$0
<b>Insurance/Legal</b>			\$1,000			\$1,000	
<b>Yearly total</b>	No in-kind added	<b>\$252,500</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$248,000</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

	Notes	2023-24 Total Needed	2023-24 District Support	2023-24 Fundraised	2024-25 Total Needed	2024-25 District Support	2024-25 Fundraised
<b>Programs</b>	10 buildings	\$40,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$0
<b>Transportation</b>	\$800/building (10 building)	\$6,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
<b>Trailer</b>							



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<b>Supplies/consumables</b>	\$3,000/building (10 buildings)	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$0
<b>Professional Development</b>	10 buildings	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$0
<b>Gear, storage, maintenance</b>		\$5,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$0
<b>Insurance/Legal</b>			\$1,000			\$1,000	
<b>Yearly total</b>	<i>No in-kind added</i>	<b>\$81,000</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$58,000</b>	<b>\$52,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### 2025-26: 100% sustainable

2021-22 GOCO support	\$252,500
2022-23 GOCO support	\$248,000
2023-24 GOCO support	\$81,000
2024-25 GOCO support	\$58,000
<b>Total 4 Year GOCO support</b>	<b>\$639,500</b>
2021-22 Re-2 District support	\$1,000
2022-23 Re-2 District support	\$1,000
2023-24 Re-2 District support	\$35,000
2024-25 Re-2 District support	\$52,000
<b>Total 4 Year District support</b>	<b>\$89,000</b>
<b>Total 4 Year Project</b>	<b>\$728,500</b>

### 4-Year Budget | Garfield 16 School District Outdoor Education Programming

	Notes	2021-22 Total Needed	2021-22 District Support	2021-22 Fundraised	2022-23 Total Needed	2022-23 District Support	2022-23 Fundraised
Lead Outdoor Ed Coordinator/Director - Responsible for high school,		\$56,449	\$56,449	\$0	\$57,548	\$57,548	\$0



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# GENERATION WILD INTERIM STRATEGIC PLANNING

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community, GVCC management and administrative responsibilities							
Lead Outdoor Ed Coordinator/Director or Benefits		\$12,000	\$12,000	\$0	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$0
Garden Supplies	3 gardens	\$1,000			\$1,000		\$200
Facility maintenance	Trail, Dome and Classroom	\$8,000			\$8,000		\$1,600
Programs	4 buildings	\$35,000			\$35,000		\$7,000
Student Transportation		\$7,000			\$7,000		\$1,400
General Supplies		\$2,000			\$1,500		\$300
Administrative needs		\$20,000			\$0		\$0
Professional development and staff travel		\$4,000			\$3,500		\$700
Gear maintenance and replacement		\$10,000			\$8,000		\$1,600
Insurance/legal	All absorbed by the school district	\$1,000	\$1,000		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$200
Teacher Stipends	Outside of contract hours outdoor instruction	\$5,000			\$5,000		\$1,000
<b>Yearly total</b>	No in-kind added	<b>\$161,449</b>	<b>\$69,449</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$139,548</b>	<b>\$70,548</b>	<b>\$14,000</b>

	Notes	2023-24 Total Needed	2023-24 District Support	2023-24 Fundraised	2024-25 Total Needed	2024-25 District Support	2024-25 Fundraised
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Lead Outdoor Ed Coordinator/Director		\$58,648	\$58,648	\$0	\$59,748	\$59,748	\$0
Lead Outdoor Ed Coordinator/Director Benefits		\$12,500	\$12,500	\$0	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$0
Garden Supplies	3 gardens	\$1,000		\$400	\$1,000		\$750
Facility maintenance	Trail, Dome and Classroom	\$8,000		\$3,200	\$8,000		\$6,000
Programs	4 buildings	\$35,000		\$14,000	\$35,000		\$26,250
Student Transportation		\$7,000		\$2,800	\$7,000		\$5,250
General Supplies		\$1,000		\$400	\$500		\$375
Administrative needs		\$0		\$0	\$0		
Professional development and staff travel		\$3,000		\$1,200	\$2,500		\$1,875
Gear maintenance and replacement		\$6,000		\$2,400	\$4,000		\$3,000
Insurance/legal	All absorbed by the school district	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$400	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Teacher Stipends	Outside of contract hours outdoor instruction	\$5,000		\$2,000	\$5,000		\$3,750
<b>Yearly total</b>	No in-kind added	<b>\$138,148</b>	<b>\$72,148</b>	<b>\$26,800</b>	<b>\$136,248</b>	<b>\$73,248</b>	<b>\$47,250</b>

## 2025-26: 100% sustainable

Total 4 Year Project	\$948,836
Total 4 year Garfield 16 District Match	\$285,393



February 10, 2021

Great Outdoors Colorado  
Board of Trustees  
1900 Grant Street, Suite 725  
Denver, CO 80203

Board of Trustees,

On behalf of Garfield County Public Health, we enthusiastically support Colorado State University Extension (CSU Extension) acting as the fiscal agent for the Garfield County Outdoors coalition moving forward. Over the past five years Garfield County Public Health has been the fiscal agent for the project, but over the last year our response and resources to the ongoing pandemic has taken priority and we no longer have the internal capacity to act as the fiscal agent for the project.

We strongly support CSU Extension to be the fiscal agent for Garfield County Outdoors moving forward. CSU Extension has been a trusted and engaged partner since the beginning of this project. CSU Extension has the time, resources, background knowledge and experience to shepherd this project successfully now and into the future.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me at 970-665-6373 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Yvonne Long', is written in a cursive style.

Yvonne Long  
Executive Director  
Garfield County Public Health

# Programs - Garfield County



## Target Area of Coalition

Garfield RE-2 School District  
Garfield 16 School District

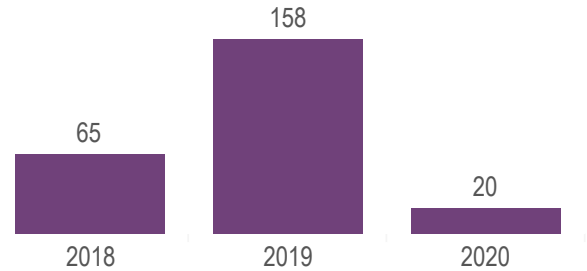
## Estimated # of Youth Reached in Each Quarter

# 857 - 1041 Youth

This is an estimate because coalitions are not able to report individual-level data.

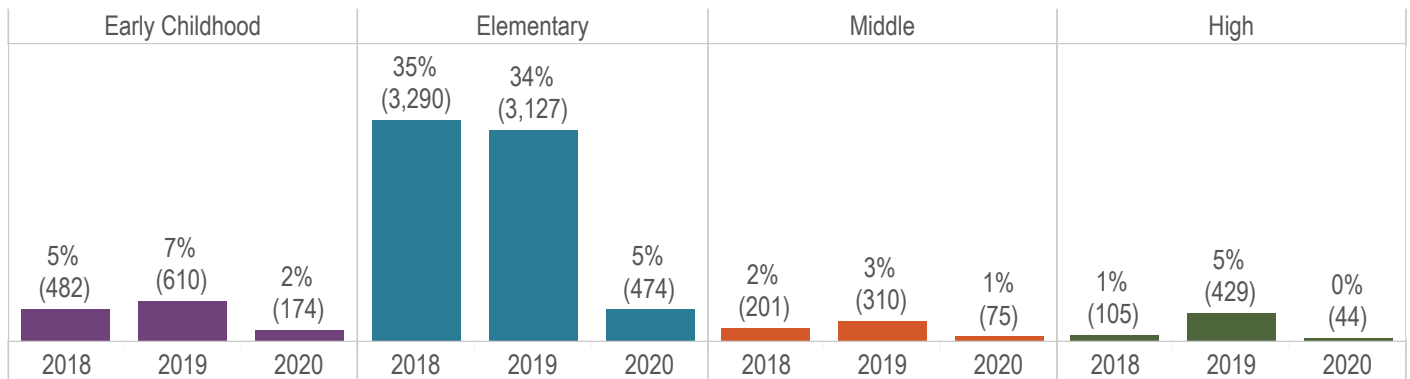
## The Number of Programs Over The Years

\*2020 includes only one quarter of data due to COVID-19

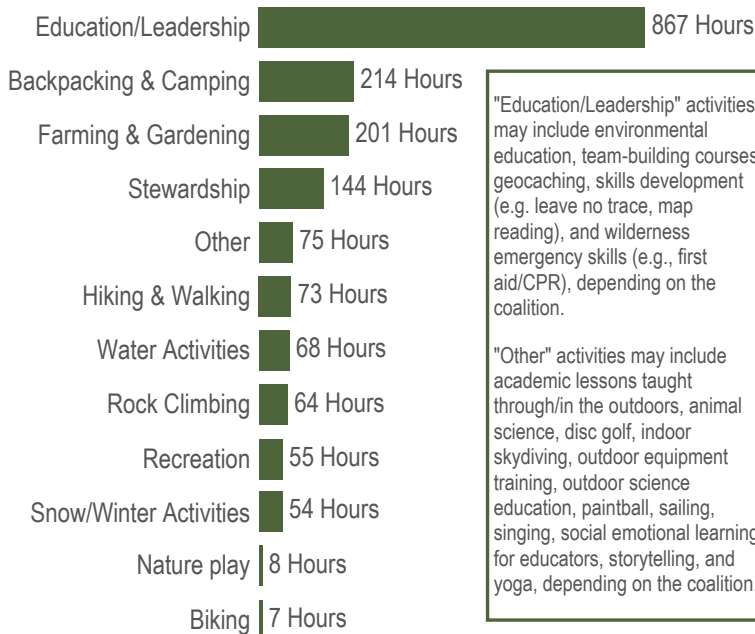


## The Number of Program Participants Reached Across the Age Continuum

\*Then number of participants includes youth who participated in multiple programs and were counted each time they participated.



## Number of Hours of Program Activities Offered

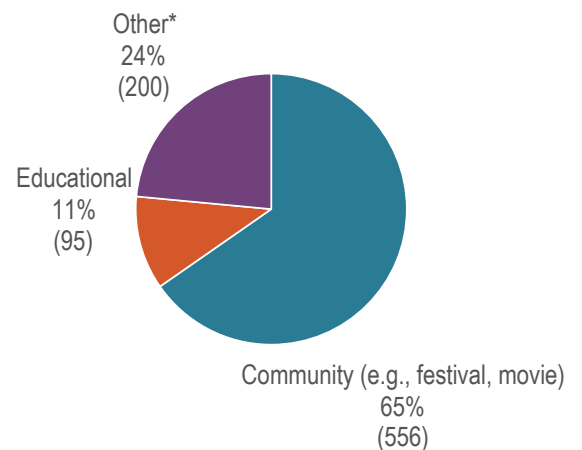


"Education/Leadership" activities may include environmental education, team-building courses, geocaching, skills development (e.g. leave no trace, map reading), and wilderness emergency skills (e.g., first aid/CPR), depending on the coalition.

"Other" activities may include academic lessons taught through/in the outdoors, animal science, disc golf, indoor skydiving, outdoor equipment training, outdoor science education, paintball, sailing, singing, social emotional learning for educators, storytelling, and yoga, depending on the coalition.

## Type of Events Based on Number of Participants

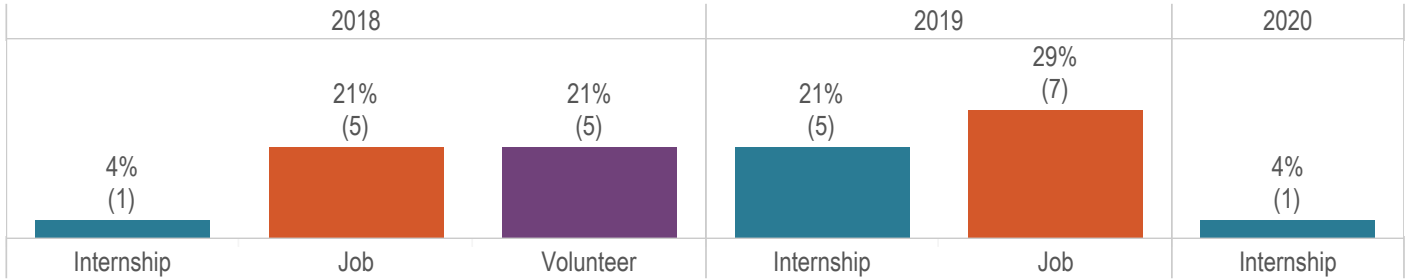
Events are activities that happen at a certain time and place but do not require sign up.



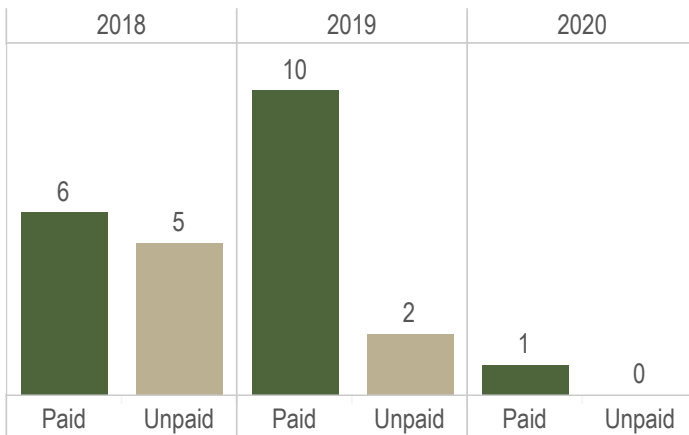
# Pathways - Garfield County



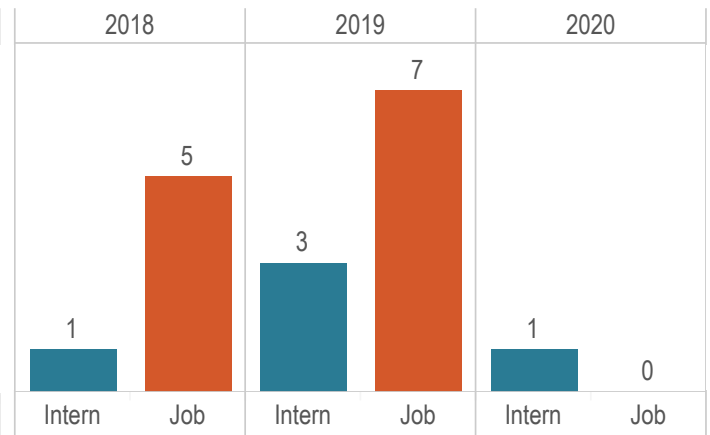
### The Number of Pathways and Type of Pathways Over the Years



### The Number of Paid vs. Unpaid Pathways

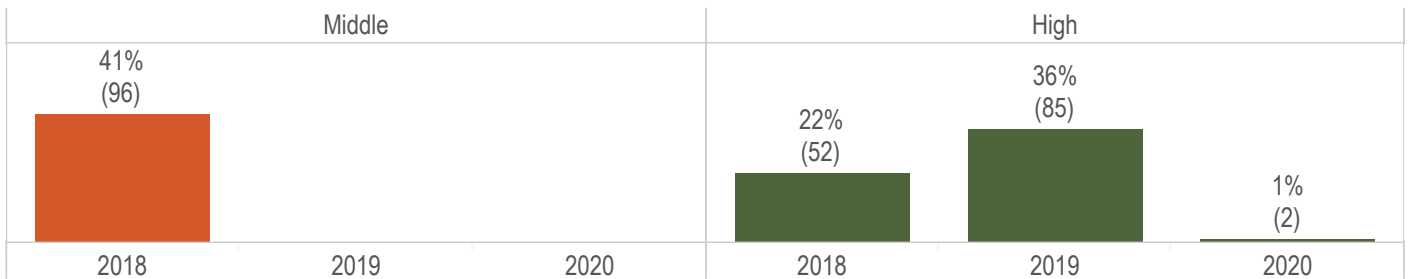


### The Number of Paid Pathways Over Time



### The Number of Pathway Participants Reached in Both Middle and High School

\*Then number of participants includes youth who participated in multiple pathways and were counted each time they participated.



### The Place Improvements Completed

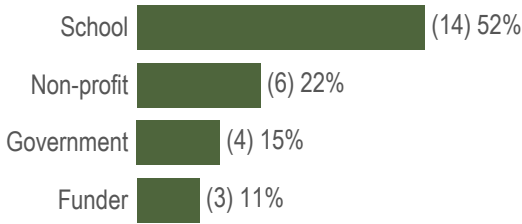
1 = that type of change occurred for that place  
0 = that type of change did not occur for that place

Place Name	New/Existing	Place Type	Type of Change	Count
Growing Dome	Developing a completely new Place	Other	Garden	1
			Greenhouse	1
			Outdoor classroom/educational space	0
Outdoor Classroom	Developing a completely new Place	Outdoor Classroom	Garden	0
			Greenhouse	0
			Outdoor classroom/educational space	1

# Social Network Data - Garfield County



## Partners Represent a Variety of Sectors



## Which is/are the Central Organization/s?

Garfield County Public Health  
Garfield 16 School District

## Level of Trust Among Partners

**87%**

of partners in this coalition **trust** each other

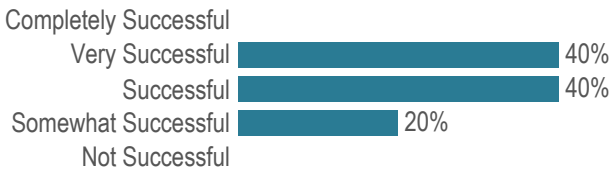
## Most Important Contributions of Partners to the Coalition



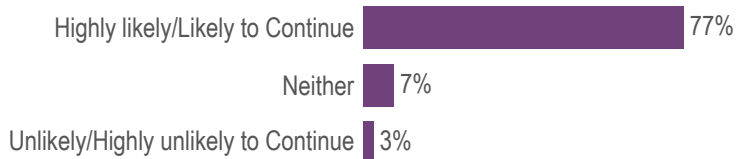
## Most Important Outcomes Identified by Partners



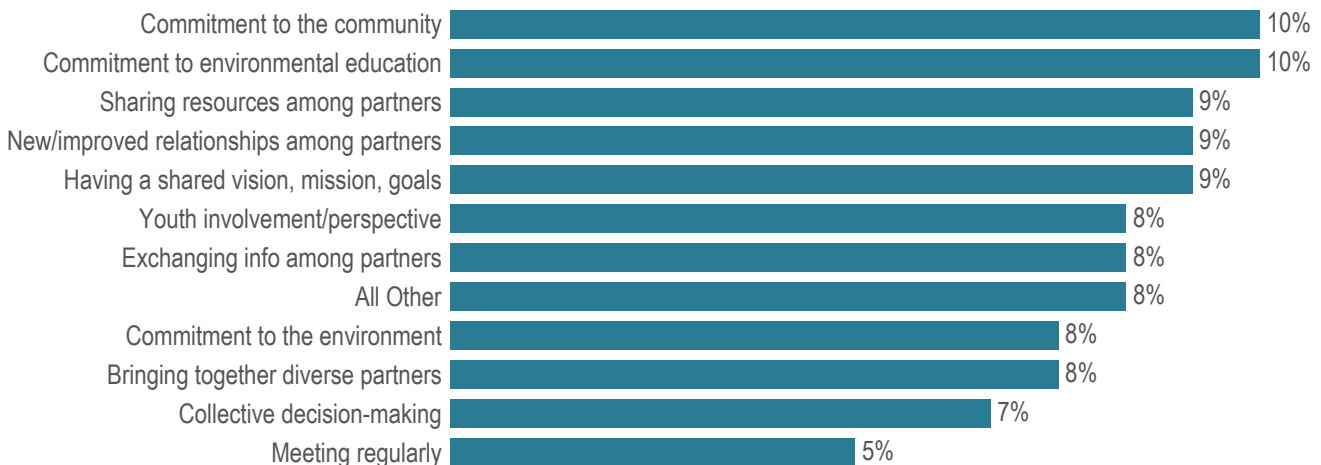
## Level of Success Partners Selected



## Partners' Likelihood of Continuing to Work Together



## Contributors to Success of the Coalition Selected by Partners



# Garfield County Outdoors Social Network Data

## Partners Included in the Social Network Survey List

	Organization Name
School	Bea Underwood Elementary
	Cactus Valley Elementary
	Coal Ridge High School
	Colorado Mountain College Spring Valley Campus
	Elk Creek Elementary
	Garfield Re-2 School District
	Garfield School District 16 - Hub Coordinator
	Garfield School District 16 - Outdoor Ed Coordinator
	Graham Mesa Elementary
	Grand Valley High School
	Grand Valley Middle School
	Highland Elementary
	Kathryn Senior Elementary
	Wamsley Elementary
Non-profit	Aspend Center for Environmental Studies
	Fat City Farmers
	Gus the Bus and the Sunshine Bus
	Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers
	Rocky Mountain Youth Corps - Garfield County Outdoors
	The Buddy Program
Government	Colorado Parks and Wildlife - Garfield County Outdoors
	Colorado State University Extension - Garfield County Outdoors
	Garfield County Public Health
	New Castle Recreation
Funder	Alpine Bank
	Garfield County
	Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO)