



THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
BOARD MEETING – CORTEZ, COLORADO
SEPTEMBER 26-27, 2019

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A meeting of The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund convened at 8:16 am on September 26, 2019 in The Cortez City Hall, City Council Chambers; 123 Roger Smith Ave, Cortez, CO 81321:

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

Board Absent Thursday, 9.26: Jason Brinkley, Dan Gibbs, Hollie Velasquez Horvath
Friday, 9.27: Jason Brinkley; Dan Gibbs, Doug Vilsack (Deputy for Gibbs)

Staff Present Courtney Bennett, Matt Brady, Chris Castilian, Alex Castino, Andrea Conrad, Rosemary Dempsey, Dylan Lewan, Erika Meyer (Thursday via Zoom), Jackie Miller, Victoria Nava-Watson (Friday via Zoom), Emily Orbanek, Adrian Varney, Chris Yuan-Farrell

Staff Absent Tess Barton, Madison Brannigan, Lauren Lecy

Public Present Brett Ackerman, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Ansel, Southwest Conservation Corps/Montezuma School to Farm participant; Laura Brown, Montezuma School to Farm Project; Travis Custer, Montezuma Land Conservancy; Kevin Heiner, Southwest Conservation Corps; Jay Loschert, Montezuma Land Conservancy; Marissa Moore, Montezuma Land Conservancy/Southwest Open School High School Intern Mary Jo Standard, School Community Youth Collaborative; David Thurow, Prosono Consulting; Doug Vilsack; Department of Natural Resources; Jacklyn Ward, Prosono Consulting

GOCO 2020 Strategic Planning Workshop Prosono consultant Mr. Thurow led a workshop and discussion on the strategic planning process for GOCO's 2020 Strategic Plan. Prosono provided a project overview including defining the project outcomes, identifying the established governing approach, reviewing the strategy moving forward into the next steps. The Board discussed the role and structure of Strategic Planning Committee.

Highlight Reel of Closed Projects Ms. Bennet and Mr. Brady presented a Highlight Reel of closed projects since the last board meeting.

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

Executive Director's Report Mr. Castilian provided a report summarizing GOCO's major areas of staff activity since the last board meeting, upcoming strategic and tactical engagement opportunities, and key operational and management issues and decisions relevant to the board.

Approval of the June 2019 Minutes *Mr. Garcia moved to approve the minutes from the June 2019 board meeting; Mr. Cockrell seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously (15-0). Mr. Brinkley and Mr. Gibbs were not present for the vote.*



Update to the Board Bylaws

Mr. Garcia moved to approve the changes to Section III.B.1 of the Board Bylaws updating the definition of a “Board Meeting” as any gathering of three or more board members; Dr. Besnette Hauser seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously (15-0). Mr. Brinkley and Mr. Gibbs were not present for the vote.

2020 GOCO Calendar

Ms. Varney presented the proposal for the 2020 GOCO calendar of dates and locations. The board endorsed the proposals.

Financial Update & FY20 Spending Plan Amendment

Ms. Conrad presented the financial update and requested an amendment to the FY20 spending plan as outlined in the materials. [\(See Attachment 1\).](#)

Mr. Garcia moved to adopt Resolution 2019-21 updating the Fiscal Year 2020 Spending Plan as proposed by staff and endorsed by the Finance Committee; Ms. Martinez seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously (15-0). Mr. Brinkley and Mr. Gibbs were not present for the vote.

Marketing Campaign Update

Ms. Dempsey and the Suple Advertising (Suple) team provided an update on the third phase of Generation Wild, the communications program that GOCO Board and staff have developed with partner Suple for the past three years. The third phase of the campaign launched in June and is currently in progress.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Castilian presented the recommended projects for approval included on the consent agenda. [\(See Attachment 2\).](#)

Mr. Garcia moved the approval of the Consent Agenda; Dr. Besnette Hauser seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously (14-0). Mr. Brinkley, Mr. Gibbs, Ms. Giulianelli were not present for the vote.

Grantee Recognition

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.

Enter into Executive Session

An executive session of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund Board was requested by Vice-Chair Mo Siegel pursuant to Colorado Open Meeting Law; Article III, Section L of the GOCO bylaws; C.R.S. §§ 24-6-402(3)(a)(I) and (II).

Mr. Garcia moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and other confidential information; Mr. Cockrell seconded. Motion carried unanimously (14-0). Mr. Brinkley, Mr. Gibbs, Ms. Giulianelli were not present for the vote.

Adjourn from Executive Session

Dr. Besnette Hauser moved to adjourn from Executive Session to return to regular session; Ms. Liebert seconded. Motion carried unanimously (14-0). Mr. Brinkley, Mr. Gibbs, Ms. Giulianelli were not present for the vote.



Personnel Matter 1

Upon returning to regular session, Mr. Cockrell moved to accept the FY 2018-2019 performance review with the corrections as discussed in executive session; Ms. Rogers seconded. Motion Carried (12-0-1). Mr. Brinkley, Mr. Gibbs, Ms. Giulianelli, and Ms. Thibideau were not present for the vote, although it was noted that Ms. Giulianelli and Ms. Thibideau were supportive of the motion. Mr. Simbai abstained.

Personnel Matter 2

Dr. Besnette Hauser moved that, reflective of the accepted performance review, GOCO Executive Director receives a 2.7% COLA effective retroactively to July 1, 2019 and a 5% one-time non-base building bonus also retroactive to July 1, 2019 for the 2019-2020 fiscal year; Mr. Garcia seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously (13-0). Mr. Brinkley, Mr. Gibbs, Ms. Giulianelli, and Ms. Thibideau were not present for the vote.

The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund meeting adjourned at 12:32 pm on September 27, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jody Rogers, Board Secretary

State Board of the GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
Resolution #2019-21
September 27, 2019

A Resolution Updating the 2016-2020 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; and
2. The GOCO Board has adopted and duly considered the policy 2.10 *Mutiyear and Annual Spending Plans* which details all factors that must be considered regarding board authorized spending;
3. In June 2019, the board approved Resolution #2019-09 to award funds to CPW for certain capital projects in the amount of \$3.9 million for outdoor recreation and \$300,000 for wildlife. Also, Resolution #2019-11 was approved to award wildlife funds of \$373,000 for a shooting range program.
4. On September 10, 2019, the Finance Committees recommended this amendment be forwarded to the full board for action.

Accordingly, the board RESOLVES:

1. Decrease the FY 2020 spending plan and increase the FY 2019 spending plan retroactively, as follows:
 - a. \$3,942,000 in the Outdoor Recreation category should be transferred from FY 2020 to FY 2019;
 - b. \$673,000 in the Wildlife category should be transferred from FY 2020 to FY 2019.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on September 27, 2019.

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**The State Board of the
Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund
Consent Agenda
September 27, 2019**

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. Conservation Excellence Resolutions

| <u>Res. #</u> | <u>Project Titles & IDs</u> | <u>Abstentions</u> |
|---------------|---|--------------------|
| 2019-18 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colorado Advancing Conservation Excellence Initiative; Statewide / Grant # 20542 • Eastern Slope & Plains Wildlife Prioritization Study; Statewide / Grant # 20544 | None |
| 2019-19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elevate the Peak: Community Visioning around Iconic Pikes Peak; Multi-County: CD 5 / Grant # 20543 | Mina Liebert |
| 2019-20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCALT and Land Trust Merger; Statewide / Grant # 20541 | Jody Rogers |

2. Planning Grants Resolutions

| <u>Res. #</u> | <u>Project Titles & Reviewer Scores (out of 100)</u> | <u>Abstentions</u> |
|---------------|--|--------------------|
| 2019-15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fisher's Peak Ranch Master Plan; Las Animas County: CD4 / Grant # 20367 • Grand Junction Parks and Open Space Master Plan; Mesa County: CD 3/ Grant # 20369 • City of La Junta Parks, Recreation & Trails Master Plan; Otero County: CD 4/ Grant # 20363 • Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan; Delta County: CD 3/ Grant # 20376 • Ignite Interest in Natural Resource Careers; Statewide / Grant # 20370 • Kendall Mountain Recreation Area Master Plan; San Juan County: CD 3 / Grant # 20371 • Central City Trails Master Plan; Clear Creek & Gilpin Counties: CD 2 / Grant # 20362 • Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway Master Plan; El Paso & Pueblo Counties: CD 3 & 5 / Grant # 20368 | None |
| 2019-16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of La Junta Parks, Recreation & Trails Master Plan; Otero County: CD 4/ Grant # 20363 | Pamela Denahy |

3. Connect Grants Resolutions

| <u>Res. #</u> | <u>Project Titles & Reviewer Scores (out of 100)</u> | <u>Abstentions</u> |
|---------------|--|--------------------|
| 2019-17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colorado Front Range/Poudre River Regional Trail Initiative; Larimer County: CD 2 / Grant # 20805 • Colorado Front Range Trail Project in Castle Rock; Douglas County: CD 4/ Grant # 20803 • High Plains Trail/Cherry Creek Regional Trail Connection Project; Arapahoe & Douglas Counties: CD 4 & 6 / Grant # 20801 • Palisade Plunge Phase II Construction; Mesa County: CD 3 / Grant # 20804 • Pueblo Arkansas River Levee Trail Project; Pueblo County, CD 3 / Grant # 20802 | None |

4. Grant Extensions Memo

| | <u>Grant #</u> | <u>Project Titles & Type</u> | <u>Abstentions</u> |
|----|----------------|---|--------------------|
| a. | 15381 - OS | Redwing Ranch; Huerfano County, CD 3 (Open Space) | None |
| b. | 17017 - LG | South Park Baseball & Soccer Fields; Park County, CD 5 (LPOR) | |
| c. | 17054 - LG | Westminster Station Park Phase; Adams County, CD 4 I (LPOR) | |
| d. | 17061 - LG | CharMar Park Renovation; Gunnison County, Cd 3 (LPOR) | |
| e. | 17308 - LG | Surface Creek Trail Improvement, Connection, and Extension Phase I; Delta County, CD 3 (Mini) | |
| f. | 17380 - LG | Colorado River Access and Recreation Improvement Planning; Garfield County, CD 3 (Planning) | |
| g. | 17451 - LG | Edison Park at Venetian Village; El Paso County, CD 5 (School Yard Initiative) | |

**The State Board of the
Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund
Resolution 2019-18
September 27, 2019**

A Resolution Awarding a Grant to a Conservation Excellence Project

This resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. For fiscal year 2020, the board authorized funding of up to \$300,000 from the open space purpose for the conservation excellence program.
2. In the fiscal year 2020 conservation excellence grant cycle, GOCO received eight applications requesting \$531,240 in funding.
3. On September 10, 2018, the Programs Committee recommended to award total funding in the amount of \$300,000 to fully fund three projects and partially fund one project.

Accordingly, the board RESOLVES to:

1. Award \$154,000 to fully fund the second-ranked project and partially fund the fourth-ranked project as described in the attached "Conservation Excellence Funding Summary List." Finance this award with an allocation of \$154,000 from the open space purpose.
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 a project progresses, the executive director will consult with the board for further direction.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on September 27, 2019.

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Conservation Excellence Funding Summary List[Projects Recommended for Funding](#)

September 10, 2019

| Rank | Overall Score | GOCO Score | Reviewer Average | Applicant | Third Party Beneficiary | Project Title | County | Congressional District | Request Amount | Recommended Amount | Total Project Cost |
|------|---------------|------------|------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 88.92 | 87.50 | 90.33 | Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust | | CCALT and Land Trust A Merger | Statewide | 1;2;3;4;5;6;7 | \$50,000.00 | \$50,000.00 | \$145,000.00 |
| 2 | 88.09 | 84.50 | 91.67 | Colorado Open Lands | Land Trust Alliance | Colorado Advancing Conservation Excellence Initiative | Statewide | 1;2;3;4;5;6;7 | \$100,000.00 | \$100,000.00 | \$200,000.00 |
| 3 | 84.84 | 87.00 | 82.67 | Palmer Land Trust | | Elevate the Peak: Community Visioning around Iconic Pikes Peak | Multi-County | 5 | \$96,000.00 | \$96,000.00 | \$195,500.00 |
| 4 | 84.75 | 83.50 | 86.00 | Colorado Parks & Wildlife | | Eastern Slope & Plains Wildlife Prioritization Study | Statewide | 1;2;3;4;5;6;7 | \$65,000.00 | \$54,000.00 | \$218,500.00 |
| | | | | | | | | | \$311,000.00 | \$300,000.00 | \$759,000.00 |

**The State Board of the
Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund
Resolution 2019-19
September 27, 2019**

A Resolution Awarding a Grant to a Conservation Excellence Project

This resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. For fiscal year 2020, the board authorized funding of up to \$300,000 from the open space purpose for the conservation excellence program.
2. In the fiscal year 2020 conservation excellence grant cycle, GOCO received eight applications requesting \$531,240 in funding.
3. On September 10, 2018, the Programs Committee recommended to award total funding in the amount of \$300,000 to fully fund three projects and partially fund one project.

Accordingly, the board RESOLVES to:

1. Award \$96,000 to fully fund the third-ranked project as described in the attached "Conservation Excellence Funding Summary List." Finance this award with an allocation of \$96,000 from the open space purpose.
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 a project progresses, the executive director will consult with the board for further direction.

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Conservation Excellence Funding Summary List

[Projects Recommended for Funding](#)

September 10, 2019

| Rank | Overall Score | GOCO Score | Reviewer Average | Applicant | Third Party Beneficiary | Project Title | County | Congressional District | Request Amount | Recommended Amount | Total Project Cost |
|------|---------------|------------|------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 88.92 | 87.50 | 90.33 | Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust | | CCALT and Land Trust A Merger | Statewide | 1;2;3;4;5;6;7 | \$50,000.00 | \$50,000.00 | \$145,000.00 |
| 2 | 88.09 | 84.50 | 91.67 | Colorado Open Lands | Land Trust Alliance | Colorado Advancing Conservation Excellence Initiative | Statewide | 1;2;3;4;5;6;7 | \$100,000.00 | \$100,000.00 | \$200,000.00 |
| 3 | 84.84 | 87.00 | 82.67 | Palmer Land Trust | | Elevate the Peak: Community Visioning around Iconic Pikes Peak | Multi-County | 5 | \$96,000.00 | \$96,000.00 | \$195,500.00 |
| 4 | 84.75 | 83.50 | 86.00 | Colorado Parks & Wildlife | | Eastern Slope & Plains Wildlife Prioritization Study | Statewide | 1;2;3;4;5;6;7 | \$65,000.00 | \$54,000.00 | \$218,500.00 |
| | | | | | | | | | \$311,000.00 | \$300,000.00 | \$759,000.00 |

**The State Board of the
Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund
Resolution 2019-20
September 27, 2019**

A Resolution Awarding a Grant to a Conservation Excellence Project

This resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. For fiscal year 2020, the board authorized funding of up to \$300,000 from the open space purpose for the conservation excellence program.
2. In the fiscal year 2020 conservation excellence grant cycle, GOCO received eight applications requesting \$531,240 in funding.
3. On September 10, 2018, the Programs Committee recommended to award total funding in the amount of \$300,000 to fully fund three projects and partially fund one project.

Accordingly, the board RESOLVES to:

1. Award \$50,000 to fully fund the first-ranked project as described in the attached "Conservation Excellence Funding Summary List." Finance this award with an allocation of \$50,000 from the open space purpose.
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 a project progresses, the executive director will consult with the board for further direction.

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Conservation Excellence Funding Summary List[Projects Recommended for Funding](#)

September 10, 2019

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|------|---------------|------------|------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 88.92 | 87.50 | 90.33 | Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust | | CCALT and Land Trust A Merger | Statewide | 1;2;3;4;5;6;7 | \$50,000.00 | \$50,000.00 | \$145,000.00 |
| 2 | 88.09 | 84.50 | 91.67 | Colorado Open Lands | Land Trust Alliance | Colorado Advancing Conservation Excellence Initiative | Statewide | 1;2;3;4;5;6;7 | \$100,000.00 | \$100,000.00 | \$200,000.00 |
| 3 | 84.84 | 87.00 | 82.67 | Palmer Land Trust | | Elevate the Peak: Community Visioning around Iconic Pikes Peak | Multi-County | 5 | \$96,000.00 | \$96,000.00 | \$195,500.00 |
| 4 | 84.75 | 83.50 | 86.00 | Colorado Parks & Wildlife | | Eastern Slope & Plains Wildlife Prioritization Study | Statewide | 1;2;3;4;5;6;7 | \$65,000.00 | \$54,000.00 | \$218,500.00 |
| | | | | | | | | | \$311,000.00 | \$300,000.00 | \$759,000.00 |

**Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund
Resolution 2019-15
September 27, 2019**

A Resolution Awarding Grants to Planning Projects

This resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. GOCO staff evaluated 20 planning grant applications requesting a total of \$1,206,550
2. The board's spending plan for fiscal year 2020 and the five-year funding proposal allocated up to \$500,000 for this year's spending in the planning grant program.
3. On September 10, 2019, the Programs Committee forwarded the staff's recommendation to award full funding for the top-ranking eight projects in the amount of \$498,550

Accordingly, the Board RESOLVES to:

1. Award \$423,550 to fully fund the first and second ranked projects and fully fund the fourth through eighth ranked projects as described in the attached "Planning Funding Summary List." Finance these awards with an allocation of \$423,550 from local government purpose funds.
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 further direction.

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Planning Funding Summary List[Projects Recommended for Funding](#)

September 27, 2019

| Rank | Overall Score | GOCO Score | Reviewer Average | Applicant | Third Party Beneficiary | Project Title | County | Congressional District | Request Amount | Recommended Amount | Total Project Cost |
|------|---------------|------------|------------------|--|--|---|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 94.00 | 94.00 | 94.00 | City of Trinidad | The Trust for Public Land & The Nature Conservancy | Fisher's Peak Ranch Master Plan | Las Animas | 4 | \$75,000.00 | \$75,000.00 | \$110,000.00 |
| 2 | 89.50 | 91.50 | 87.50 | City of Grand Junction | | Grand Junction Parks and Open Space Master Plan | Mesa | 3 | \$56,250.00 | \$56,250.00 | \$75,000.00 |
| 3 | 87.92 | 89.50 | 86.33 | City of La Junta | | City of La Junta Parks, Recreation & Trails Master Plan | Otero | 4 | \$75,000.00 | \$75,000.00 | \$100,000.00 |
| 4 | 87.09 | 89.50 | 84.67 | Town of Paonia | | Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan | Delta | 3 | \$57,000.00 | \$57,000.00 | \$76,000.00 |
| 5 | 87.00 | 91.50 | 82.50 | Town of Oak Creek | Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education & Colorado Youth Corps Association | Ignite Interest in Natural Resource Careers | Statewide | Statewide | \$75,000.00 | \$75,000.00 | \$159,545.00 |
| 6 | 87.00 | 89.00 | 85.00 | Town of Silverton | | Kendall Mountain Recreation Area Master Plan | San Juan | 3 | \$37,500.00 | \$37,500.00 | \$50,000.00 |
| 7 | 86.25 | 86.50 | 86.00 | Central City | | Central City Trails Master Plan | Clear Creek; Gilpin | 2 | \$47,800.00 | \$47,800.00 | \$66,800.00 |
| 8 | 86.00 | 88.00 | 84.00 | Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District | | Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway Master Plan | El Paso; Pueblo | 3;5 | \$75,000.00 | \$75,000.00 | \$206,000.00 |
| | | | | | | | | | \$498,550.00 | \$498,550.00 | \$843,345.00 |

**Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund
Resolution 2019-16
September 27, 2019**

A Resolution Awarding Grants to Planning Projects

This resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. GOCO staff evaluated 20 planning grant applications requesting a total of \$1,206,550
2. The board's spending plan for fiscal year 2020 and the five-year funding proposal allocated up to \$500,000 for this year's spending in the planning grant program.
3. On September 10, 2019, the Programs Committee forwarded the staff's recommendation to award full funding for the top-ranking eight projects in the amount of \$498,550

Accordingly, the Board RESOLVES to:

1. Award \$75,000 to fully fund the third-ranked project as described in the attached "Planning Funding Summary List." Finance this award with an allocation of \$75,000 from the local government purpose.
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 further direction.

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Planning Funding Summary List[Projects Recommended for Funding](#)

September 27, 2019

| Rank | Overall Score | GOCO Score | Reviewer Average | Applicant | Third Party Beneficiary | Project Title | County | Congressional District | Request Amount | Recommended Amount | Total Project Cost |
|------|---------------|------------|------------------|--|--|---|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 94.00 | 94.00 | 94.00 | City of Trinidad | The Trust for Public Land & The Nature Conservancy | Fisher's Peak Ranch Master Plan | Las Animas | 4 | \$75,000.00 | \$75,000.00 | \$110,000.00 |
| 2 | 89.50 | 91.50 | 87.50 | City of Grand Junction | | Grand Junction Parks and Open Space Master Plan | Mesa | 3 | \$56,250.00 | \$56,250.00 | \$75,000.00 |
| 3 | 87.92 | 89.50 | 86.33 | City of La Junta | | City of La Junta Parks, Recreation & Trails Master Plan | Otero | 4 | \$75,000.00 | \$75,000.00 | \$100,000.00 |
| 4 | 87.09 | 89.50 | 84.67 | Town of Paonia | | Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan | Delta | 3 | \$57,000.00 | \$57,000.00 | \$76,000.00 |
| 5 | 87.00 | 91.50 | 82.50 | Town of Oak Creek | Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education & Colorado Youth Corps Association | Ignite Interest in Natural Resource Careers | Statewide | Statewide | \$75,000.00 | \$75,000.00 | \$159,545.00 |
| 6 | 87.00 | 89.00 | 85.00 | Town of Silverton | | Kendall Mountain Recreation Area Master Plan | San Juan | 3 | \$37,500.00 | \$37,500.00 | \$50,000.00 |
| 7 | 86.25 | 86.50 | 86.00 | Central City | | Central City Trails Master Plan | Clear Creek; Gilpin | 2 | \$47,800.00 | \$47,800.00 | \$66,800.00 |
| 8 | 86.00 | 88.00 | 84.00 | Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District | | Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway Master Plan | El Paso; Pueblo | 3;5 | \$75,000.00 | \$75,000.00 | \$206,000.00 |
| | | | | | | | | | \$498,550.00 | \$498,550.00 | \$843,345.00 |

**The State Board of the
Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund
Resolution 2019-17
September 27, 2019**

A Resolution Awarding Grants to Connect Initiative Projects

This resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. GOCO staff evaluated six Connect Initiative applications requesting a total of \$12,032,980.
2. The board's spending plan for fiscal year 2020 allocated up to \$8,500,000 for the Connect Initiative.
3. On September 10, 2019, the Programs Committee forwarded the staff's recommendation to award a total of \$8,500,000 to fully fund to the three top-ranking projects and to split the remaining funds between the next two projects which tied for fourth.

Accordingly, the Board RESOLVES to:

1. Award \$8,500,000 to fully fund top three recommended projects and partially fund the next two projects that tied for fourth, as identified in the attached "Connect Initiative Summary List – Projects Recommended for Funding". Finance these awards with an allocation of \$8,500,000 from the local government purpose.
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 further direction.

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Connect Initiative Funding Summary ListProjects Recommended for Funding

September 10, 2019

| Rank | Overall Score | GOCO Score | Rev. Avg. | Applicant | Project Title | County | Congressional District | Request Amount | Recommended Amount | Total Project Cost |
|------|---------------|------------|-----------|---------------------|--|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | 90.25 | 93.00 | 87.50 | Larimer County | Colorado Front Range/Poudre River Regional Trail Initiative | Larimer | 2 | \$ 2,000,000.00 | \$ 2,000,000.00 | \$ 3,740,402.86 |
| 2 | 89.25 | 94.00 | 84.50 | Town of Castle Rock | Colorado Front Range Trail Project in Castle Rock | Douglas | 4 | \$ 2,000,000.00 | \$ 2,000,000.00 | \$ 5,000,000.00 |
| 3 | 88.42 | 91.33 | 85.50 | Arapahoe County | High Plains Trail/Cherry Creek Regional Trail Connection Project | Arapahoe; Douglas | 4;6 | \$ 2,000,000.00 | \$ 2,000,000.00 | \$ 7,001,865.00 |
| 4 | 87.50 | 89.50 | 85.50 | Mesa County | Palisade Plunge Phase II Construction | Mesa | 3 | \$ 1,999,980.00 | \$ 1,250,000.00 | \$ 2,832,630.00 |
| 4 | 87.50 | 87.50 | 87.50 | City of Pueblo | Pueblo Arkansas River Levee Trail Project | Pueblo | 3 | \$ 2,000,000.00 | \$ 1,250,000.00 | \$ 5,700,100.00 |
| | | | | | | | | \$9,999,980.00 | \$8,500,000.00 | \$24,274,997.86 |

Projects Not Recommended for Funding

September 10, 2019

| Rank | Overall Score | GOCO Score | Rev. Avg. | Applicant | Project Title | County | Congressional District | Request Amount | Recommended Amount | Total Project Cost |
|------|---------------|------------|-----------|--------------------|------------------|---------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 6 | 82.09 | 83.67 | 80.50 | Town of Estes Park | Fall River Trail | Larimer | 2 | \$ 2,000,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 3,046,380.00 |
| | | | | | | | | \$2,000,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,046,380.00 |



MEMORANDUM

To: GOCO Board
From: Courtney Bennett & Matt Brady - Grants Officers
Date: September 27, 2019
Re: Action on Overdue Grants

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.

Open Space Grant

#15381 Redwing Ranch – \$382,700.00

On June 18, 2015, the board awarded \$382,700.00 in open space purpose funds to San Isabel Land Protection Trust (SILPT) to acquire a conservation easement on 1,665 acres of the Redwing Ranch. The original completion date for the project was December 18, 2016. SILPT received a staff extension through March 23, 2017 and two board extensions, one through December 31, 2018 and the second through June 30, 2019. As evident by the number of extensions, the project has faced numerous challenges. The first two extensions were due to challenges in securing matching funds for the project. Once funding was secured, SILPT requested additional time to work through the project due diligence and transaction details. SILPT intended to close the transaction by the June 30, 2019 deadline but encountered additional roadblocks. The title company requested a revision to the legal description which prompted the need for a survey and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) continues to delay closings with their extended due diligence review times and internal processes.

A considerable amount of time and effort has gone into this transaction and GOCO has reviewed and approved all project due diligence. The NRCS is currently reviewing the project due diligence and has granted a project extension through July 1, 2020. SILPT is extremely motivated to close the transaction and they see no reason why the transaction should not close by the end of 2019. Given the NRCS project extension and their extensive and cumbersome review, SILPT is requesting a third board extension through July 1, 2020 to follow with the NRCS' permitted timeline. Again, SILPT's goal is to complete the project by the end of 2019 but given the nature of the transaction and out of an abundance of caution they are requesting a board extension through July 1, 2020.

Recommendation: Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

- The transaction will be completed no later than July 1, 2020.



- 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 Outdoors Recreation Grant

#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 extension through September 27, 2019 as heavy winter snowfall delayed site preparation. To-date the recreation district is still working through site preparation after deciding to switch contractors. They anticipate hardscaping to begin in early 2020 with an early fall project completion. As such, South Park Park and Recreation District is requesting a board extension through December 31, 2020 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, 2020.
- 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.

#17054 Westminster Station Park Phase I – \$350,000.00

On March 23, 2017, the board awarded \$350,000.00 in local government purpose funds to the City of Westminster to construct Phase I of Station Park, an eventual 33-acre park adjacent to the newly opened Westminster Station along the RTD B-Line with connections to the Little Dry Creek Trail. The original completion date for the project was March 23, 2019. The city received a staff extension through September 27, 2019 as there were delays in raising additional dollars towards the project and the city needed more time to work with Adams County to annex a portion of the property to the city. To-date the city has met its fundraising goal, completed the annexation process, and is now working towards finalizing designs and project bidding. They anticipate construction to begin in early 2020 with a fall completion. As such, the City of Westminster is requesting a board extension through December 31, 2020 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, 2020.
- 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.



#17061 CharMar Park Renovation – \$319,760.00

On March 23, 2017 the board awarded \$319,760.00 in local government purpose funds to the City of Gunnison for improvements at CharMar Park, a neighborhood park in the north end of the city. The original completion date for the project was March 23, 2019. The city received a staff extension through September 27, 2019 to allow additional time to go out for bid on a couple outstanding scope items – the picnic pavilion and park storage shed. To-date the city continues to have trouble securing a contractor for these projects but notes they're in a good position now to lay concrete and are committed to erect the shelters in-house if needed. As such, the City of Gunnison is requesting a board extension through March 31, 2020 to complete final scope elements 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, 2020.
- 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.

Mini Grant

#17308 Surface Creek Trail Improvement, Connection, and Extension Phase I – \$28,000.00

On March 23, 2017, the board awarded \$28,000.00 in local government purpose funds to the Town of Cedaredge for improvements on the Surface Creek Trail, a heavily accessed pedestrian trail in the center of town. The original completion date for the project was March 23, 2019. The town received a staff extension through September 27, 2019 as there were delays in the local HOA conveying land over to the town. It wasn't until April 2019 that much of the planned improvements could begin. To-date the town has completed 30% of the project and has bids secured for the ladder scope of work. The project is slated to be complete by end of year. As such, the Town of Cedaredge is requesting a board extension through March 31, 2020 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, 2020.
- 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.

Planning Grant

#17380 Colorado River Access and Recreation Improvement Planning – \$75,000.00

On March 23, 2017, the board awarded \$75,000.00 in local government purpose funds to the Town of Parachute to explore recreation opportunities in and along the Colorado River, an



untapped community asset and possible future economic driver. The original completion date for the project was March 23, 2019. The town decided to switch engineering firms midway which resulted in mobilization delays. Staff accommodated this change by approving a staff extension through September 27, 2019. To-date the town has a new firm on board, but heavy snow and rains have kept the river high and rapid longer than normal, delaying the collection of key wetland impact data. The project is now slated to be complete by July 2020. As such, the Town of Parachute is requesting a board extension through September 30, 2020 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, 2020.
- 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.

School Yard Initiative Grant

#17451 Edison Park at Venetian Village – \$110,000.00

On March 23, 2017 the board awarded \$110,000.00 in local government purpose funds to the City of Colorado Springs in partnership with Thomas Edison Elementary for improvements on its 60-year-old playground. The original completion date for Phase I of the project was March 23, 2019. The city received a staff extension through September 27, 2019 to incorporate Phase II of the project after a Colorado Health Foundation grant was secured. To-date the project is 98% complete with a single concrete element slated to be poured this fall. As such, the City of Colorado Springs is requesting a board extension through March 30, 2020 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 30, 2020.
- 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.