



THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM
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:

Board Present David Cockrell, Pamela Denahy, Charles Garcia (Treasurer), Dan Gibbs, 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

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

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 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.*



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

The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund meeting adjourned at 2:22 pm on December 10, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jody Rogers

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Jody Rogers, Board Secretary



THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM
SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

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| Generation Wild Coalition Funding | - | - | |
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| Generation Wild Strategy Implementation | - | - | 3 |
| Minutes Approval | - | 1 | 2 |
| April 2020, Committee of the Whole Meeting | - | - | |
| June 2020, Board Meeting | - | - | |
| June 2020, Committee of the Whole Meeting | - | - | |
| August 2020, Program Committee Meeting | - | - | |
| September 2020, Program Committee Meeting | - | - | |
| Executive Session | | | |
| Commence – In | - | - | 3 |
| Adjourn – Out | - | - | 3 |



A meeting of The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund convened at 9:02 am via Zoom on September 24, 2020:

Board Present Jason Brinkley, David Cockrell, Pamela Denahy, Charles Garcia (Treasurer), Dan Gibbs, Carrie Besnette Hauser, Hollie Velasquez Horvath (Chair), Mina Liebert, Turk Montepare, Jody Rogers (Secretary), Mo Siegel (Vice-Chair), Jahi Simbai, Linda Strand, Julie Thibodeau

Board Absent Warren Dean, Karma Giulianelli, Leticia Martinez

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

Staff Absent Tess Barton

Public Present Daniel Bewley, Colorado Lottery; Melissa Daruna, Keep it Colorado; Ralph Duggins, Public; Denise Hartsock, Kaiser Permanente; Cheryl Kelly, Kaiser Permanente; Jody Kennedy, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Tim Mauck, Department of Natural Resources; Angela Myers, Thorne Nature Experience; Angela Plata, Kaiser Permanente; JT Romatzke, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Dan Zimmerer, Colorado Parks and Wildlife

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.

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

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| April 2020, GOCO Committee of the Whole Meeting | <i>(See Attachment 1.a)</i> |
| June 2020, GOCO Board Meeting | <i>(See Attachment 1.b)</i> |
| June 2020, GOCO Committee of the Whole Meeting | <i>(See Attachment 1.c)</i> |
| August 2020, GOCO Program Committee Meeting | <i>(See Attachment 1.d)</i> |
| September 2020, GOCO Program Committee Meeting | <i>(See Attachment 1.e)</i> |

*Ms. Liebert seconded. **Motion carried unanimously (13-0).** Mr. Dean, Mr. Gibbs, Ms. Giulianelli, and Ms. Martinez were not present for the vote.*

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

GOCO Finance Update Ms. Conrad presented the Finance Update, including a review of the recent successful audit.



Year in Review

Mr. Castilian provided a summary of GOCO's fiscal year 2020 – highlighting major accomplishments including the launch of GOCO's new strategic plan, the highly collaborative effort to help create Colorado's next state park at Fisher's Peak, as well as GOCO's immediate and successful response to the COVID-19 pandemic: the Resilient Communities Program.

2021 GOCO Calendar

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

**Generation Wild
Strategy
Implementation**

Ms. Miller and Ms. Dempsey lead a discussion about GOCO's continued investment in the Generation Wild movement. Conversation focused on providing the board with a better understanding of the research that informed the program and campaign, GOCO's role as a funder of community-centered work, the intent of evaluation efforts, and why staff recommends a five-year strategy as opposed to an annual strategy.

Ms. Denahy moved to endorse the 5-Year Funding Recommendations for Generation Wild as discussed with formal action by the board anticipated in December; Ms. Liebert seconded.

Motion carried unanimously (13-0). *Mr. Dean, Mr. Gibbs, Ms. Giulianelli, and Ms. Martinez were not present for the vote.*

**Enter into
Executive Session**

An executive session of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund Board was requested by Madam Chair Hollie Velasquez Horvath 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; Ms. Thibodeau seconded.

A second vote was taken to amend the motion to specifically include the additional conversation regarding an operational matter.

Ms. Denahy moved to approve the amended motion and recess into Executive Session to discuss personnel & operational matters; Ms. Thibodeau and Mr. Garcia seconded. Motion carried unanimously (12-0). *Mr. Brinkley, Mr. Dean, Mr. Gibbs, Ms. Giulianelli, and Ms. Martinez were not present for the vote.*

**Adjourn from
Executive Session**

Mr. Garcia moved to adjourn from Executive Session to return to regular session; Mr. Siegel seconded. Motion carried unanimously (13-0). *Mr. Brinkley, Mr. Dean, Ms. Giulianelli, and Ms. Martinez were not present for the vote.*

During the executive session, the Executive Committee discussed a personnel & operational matters and an operational matter as allowed under Article III, Section L of the bylaws. No formal action was taken.

**CPW Finance & User
Impact Update**

CPW NW Region Manager, JT Romatzke, provided an update about user impacts to the parks system. The parks system, already under stress with backlog of maintenance needs before the COVID-19 pandemic, is dealing with unprecedented visitor pressure that is unsustainable without additional maintenance and operation funds.



CPW Partnership Update

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.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Strand presented the recommended projects for approval included on the consent agenda. (See Attachment 2).

*Ms. Strand moved the approval of the Consent Agenda; Ms. Denahy seconded. **Motion carried unanimously (12-0).** Mr. Brinkley, Mr. Dean, Mr. Gibbs, Ms. Giulianelli, and Ms. Martinez were not present for the vote.*

Land Conservation Strategy “Tee-Up”

Ms. Castino led a conversation to gain the board’s collective insight into the GOCO’s land protection strategy and implementation plan as related to the newly adopted strategic plan.

The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund meeting adjourned at 2:22 pm on September 24, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jody Rogers

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Jody Rogers, Board Secretary



THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM
OCTOBER 28, 2020

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| Commence – In | - | - | - |
| Adjourn – Out | - | - | - |



A meeting of The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund convened via Executive Session at 1:38 pm via Zoom on October 28, 2020:

Board Present David Cockrell, Warren Dean, Pamela Denahy, Charles Garcia (Treasurer), Dan Gibbs, Karma Giulianielli, 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

Board Absent Jason Brinkley

Staff Present Adrian Varney, Chris Castilian

Staff Absent Courtney Bennett, Matt Brady, Madison Brannigan, Alex Castino, Andrea Conrad, Rosemary Dempsey, Lauren Lecy, Dylan Lewan, Erika Meyer, Jackie Miller, Victoria Nava-Watson, Emily Orbanek, Josh Tenneson, Adrian Varney, Chris Yuan-Farrell

Public Present None

GOCO Board Roll Call Ms. Varney completed the roll call for the GOCO Board.

Enter into Executive Session An executive session of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund Board was requested by Madam Chair Hollie Velasquez Horvath 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 approve the motion and recess into Executive Session to discuss personnel & operational matters; Ms. Giulianielli seconded. **Motion carried unanimously (16-0).** Mr. Brinkley was not present for the vote.*

Adjourn from Executive Session *Mr. Cockrell moved to adjourn from Executive Session to return to regular session; Dr. Besnette Hauser seconded. **Motion carried unanimously (14-0).** Mr. Brinkley, Ms. Velasquez Horvath, Ms. Martinez were not present for the vote.*

During the executive session, the Executive Committee discussed personnel matters as allowed under Article III, Section L of the bylaws. No formal action was taken.

The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm on September 28, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jody Rogers
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Jody Rogers, Board Secretary



THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2020

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| Resilient Communities Grant Approvals | 2020-27 | 1 | 3 |



A joint Communications and decision-making Program Committee meeting of The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund convened at 10:15 am via Zoom on November 17, 2020:

At its June 29th Committee of the Whole, the GOCO Board granted the Programs Committee authority to award grants through the Resilient Communities Program. A quorum of the 13-member committee is required to take formal action.

Board Present Jason Brinkley David Cockrell, Warren Dean, Pamela Denahy, Charles Garcia (Treasurer), Dan Gibbs, 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 (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 None

Staff Present Tess Barton, Courtney Bennett, Matt Brady, Madison Brannigan, 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 Dylan Lewan

Public Present Lois Adams; Jenn Almstead, Larimer County DNR; Ruth Aponte, Aponte & Busam Public Affairs, Jeanne Beaudry, Mountain Area Land Trust; Martha Beavers, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, David Bell, City of Longmont; Kristine Borchers, Hinsdale County; Todd Bove, Town of Silverton; Christine Brice, Montezuma Inspire Coalition; Chip Brunk, High Line Canal Conservancy; Lynn Caligiuri, Mountain Area Land Trust; Shannon Carter, Arapahoe County Government; Travis Custer, Montezuma Land Conservancy; Jean Denious, OMNI Institute; Dave DeNovellis, Aponte & Busam Public Affairs; Ralph Duggins, Public; Brandi Fowler, City of Canon City; Patrick Gardner, Trust for Public Land; Ben Graves, The Nature Connection; Jim Guthrie, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Rick Harrman; Denise Hartsock, Kaiser; Karoline Johnson, Sukle Advertising; Carolyn Keith, Commerce City; Cheryl Kelly, Kaiser; Kate Kramer, GenWild NE Metro Coalition; Harriet Lamair, HLCC; Tilah Larson, City of Colorado Springs; Biean Liebermann, Crested Butte Land Trust; David Lucas, USFWS; Tim Mauck, Department of Natural Resources; Lynn McNitt, Hinsdale County; Meara McQuain, Headwaters Land Trust; Aaron Mitenberg; Tash Mitchell, cityWILD; Lindsay Moery, High Line Canal Conservancy; Dan Nolan, Town of Hot Sulphur Springs; Lisa Nordholt, City of Commerce City; Ana Nunes, OMNI Institute; Aterah Nusrat, City of Longmont; Patrick Ortiz, San Luis Valley Great Outdoors; Scott Partan, Garfield County Outdoors; Jennifer Peterson, Rocky Mountain Field Institute; Jim Petterson, Trust for Public Land; Joshua Phillips, High Line Canal Conservancy; Leslie Pickard, Denver Parks and Recreation; Angela Plata, KPCO; Emily Parris, State of Colorado; Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado; David Porter, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; John Ressor, City of Alamosa; Sean Reynolds, Bureau of Land Management, Cary Rhodes, Denver Parks and Recreation; Kerri Rollins; Justin Rutter, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Ashlee Sack, FAR; Ernest Saeger, Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance; Ralph Salgado, Cal-Wood Education Center; Dan Schultz, Sukle Advertising; Amy Schwarbach, City of Durango; Scott Segerstrom, Colorado Youth Corps Association; Scott Sibley, Sukle Advertising; Kate Siegel, State of Colorado; Justin Spring, The Conservation Fund; Mike Sukle, Sukle Advertising; Torrey Swift, The Nature Connection; Katherine Thompson, Wildlands Restoration Volunteers; Alex Tiscareno, Groundwork Denver; Daniel Wolford, City of Longmont; Kelly Zuniga, City of Loveland Parks and Recreations; Aspen Valley Land Trust; Catamount Institute.



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.

Resilient Communities Grant Approvals Resolution 2020-27 Staff recommended fully funding 18 proposals and partially funding 3 additional proposals as presented by staff, financing these awards with \$4,933,825.26 in Open Space purpose funding and \$2,001,684.14 in Local Government purpose funding.

*Mr. Cockrell moved the approval of Resolution 2020-27; Mr. Dean seconded. **Motion Carried Unanimously (14-0).** Mr. Brinkley, Mr. Gibbs, Ms. Velasquez Horvath, and Ms. Thibodeau were not present for the vote. See Attachment 1*

The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm on November 17, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

DocuSigned by:

Jody Rogers

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Jody Rogers, Board Secretary

**State Board of the
GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
Resolution 2020-29
December 10, 2020**

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 policy 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 and acknowledged that outdoor recreation and wildlife purpose funds would be further defined in December 2020 through discussions of the annual Investment Proposal and Colorado Parks & Wildlife (“CPW”) participation in the Centennial Program;
4. Since June 2020, GOCO staff has worked closely with CPW and other stakeholders to refine the five-year spending plan; and
5. On November 17, 2020, the committee of the whole board recommended this 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. Lottery revenue projections are slightly increased;
 - b. Outdoor recreation and wildlife purpose funds are defined, including CPW’s participation in the Centennial Program; and
 - c. Generation Wild Program allocations from local government and open space purpose funds are defined.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on December 10, 2020.

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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 | 1,112,013 | 963,312 | 900,215 | 920,320 | 6,265,861 |
| 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 | 1,112,013 | 963,312 | 900,215 | 920,320 | 6,265,861 |
| Increase in cap year over year | 1,354,067 | 896,486 | 907,692 | 1,651,321 | 1,688,410 | 6,497,975 |
| Less: Total Reserve | 5,158,444 | 3,460,805 | 3,341,464 | 4,055,023 | 4,145,985 | 20,161,721 |
| 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 |
| Total Available for Awards | 63,430,397 | 65,199,155 | 66,008,593 | 66,812,818 | 68,358,348 | 329,809,312 |
| Local Government Purpose | | | | | | |
| | 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 |
| Total Local Government | 8,570,000 | 9,299,789 | 12,002,148 | 23,703,205 | 24,089,587 | 77,664,729 |
| Open Space Purpose | | | | | | |
| | 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 | 2,500,000 | 10,500,000 |
| Centennial Program | - | 500,000 | 500,000 | 12,000,000 | 12,000,000 | 25,000,000 |
| Total Open Space | 11,620,132 | 12,633,122 | 12,002,148 | 23,703,205 | 24,089,587 | 84,048,194 |
| Outdoor Recreation Purpose | | | | | | |
| | FY 21 | FY 22 | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | TOTAL |
| Outdoor Rec Investment | 15,020,132 | 15,133,122 | 14,502,148 | 13,703,205 | 13,089,587 | 71,448,194 |
| Centennial Program | 1,600,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 3,000,000 | 4,000,000 | 12,600,000 |
| Total Outdoor Rec | 16,620,132 | 17,133,122 | 16,502,148 | 16,703,205 | 17,089,587 | 84,048,194 |
| Wildlife Purpose | | | | | | |
| | FY 21 | FY 22 | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | TOTAL |
| Wildlife Investment | 13,020,132 | 10,633,122 | 9,002,148 | 9,203,205 | 9,589,587 | 51,448,194 |
| Centennial Program | 3,600,000 | 6,500,000 | 7,500,000 | 7,500,000 | 7,500,000 | 32,600,000 |
| Total Wildlife | 16,620,132 | 17,133,122 | 16,502,148 | 16,703,205 | 17,089,587 | 84,048,194 |
| Total Awards All Four Purposes | 53,430,397 | 56,199,155 | 57,008,593 | 80,812,818 | 82,358,348 | 329,809,312 |

**The State Board of the
 Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund
 Consent Agenda
 December 10, 2020**

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. GOCO Policy Amendment – Policy 2.11.F

| <u>Res. #</u> | | <u>Abstentions</u> |
|---------------|---|--------------------|
| 2020-30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Resolution Approving an Amendment to Policy 2.11.F of the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund | None |

2. CPW Requests Resolutions

| <u>Res. #</u> | | <u>Abstentions</u> |
|---------------|--|--------------------|
| 2019-23 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Resolution Approving CPW Extension and Scope Change for Elk Falls Dam at Staunton State Park | None |
| 2019-24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Resolution Approving Outdoor Recreation and Wildlife Purpose Funds to support the Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships | None |
| 2019-25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Resolution Approving Wildlife Purpose Funds to support the RESTORE Program | None |

3. Generation Wild Grants

| <u>Res. #</u> | <u>Project Titles & IDs</u> | <u>Abstentions</u> |
|---------------|---|--------------------|
| 2020-26 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My Outdoor Colorado - Cole & Westwood; CD 1, City and County of Denver • Nature Kids/ Jovenes de la Naturaleza; CD 2, City of Lafayette • Eagle Valley Outdoor Movement; CD 3, Eagle County • Get Outdoors Leadville!; CD 3, Lake County • Montezuma Inspire Coalition; CD 3, Montezuma Land Conservancy • The Nature Connection; CD 3, Delta County • Out the Door Pikes Peak; CD 5, City of Colorado Springs • Recreation Inspires Opportunity/San Luis Valley; CD 5, City of Alamosa • Sheridan Inspire; CD 5, City of Sheridan • GoWild Northeast Metro Coalition; CD 1 & 6, City of Commerce City • Garfield County /City of Westminster (TBD) • New Generation Wild Coalitions (TBD) | None |

4. City of Lamar Generation Wild Grant Modification and Extension Memo

Abstentions
None

5. Conservation Corps Grants

| <u>Res. #</u> | <u>Project Titles & IDs</u> | <u>Abstentions</u> |
|---------------|--|--------------------|
| 2020-28 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To exercise its discretionary authority and invest \$1,000,000 to the projects identified in the attached "Youth Corps List of Projects Recommended for Funding," allocating \$500,000 from the local government purpose and \$500,000 from the open space purpose. • To allocate \$60,000 of the total as a direct expenditure to CYCA made retroactive to August 1, to reimburse CYCA for administrative costs associated with the application process for the FY 21 cycle. | None |

6. Grants Extensions

| | <u>Grant #</u> | <u>Project Titles & Type</u> | <u>Abstentions</u> |
|----|----------------|---|--------------------|
| a. | 17054 - LG | Westminster Station Park - Phase 1 (Local Parks and Outdoor Recreation Grant) | None |
| b. | 17886 - LG | SLV Inspire / Town of Antonito (Generation Wild Grant) | |
| c. | 18107 - OS | Arkansas River and Riparian Protection (Open Space Grant) | |
| d. | 18660 - OS | Sandstone Ranch Open Space (Open Space Grant) | |

7. GOCO Executive Director 2019/2020 Annual Performance Review Approval

**State Board of the
GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
Resolution 2020-30
December 10, 2019**

**A Resolution Approving an Amendment to Policy 2.11.F
of the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund**

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. Article XXVII, Section 6(2)(b) grants the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund (the Board) the power “To promulgate rules and regulations as are necessary or expedient for the conduct of its affairs[...].”
2. As a result of the 2017 *Investments in Colorado’s Great Outdoors* performance audit conducted by the Office of the State Auditor, the Board agreed to develop and adopt modifications to its policies or procedures related to the following recommendations (among others):
 - A. “Specify how the GOCO Board and its staff should determine when it is appropriate to categorize funding to the four purposes when the grant recipient is not specifically listed in the Constitution under the applicable purpose.”
 - B. “Clearly define acceptable uses of grant funds and how specific uses will be categorized under each funding purpose.”
 - C. “Establish guidelines for the categorization of its discretionary spending authorized by Article XXVII, Section 5(1)(b) of the Colorado Constitution.”
3. Via Resolution 2018-08, on March 15, 2018 the Board resolved to: “Update and adopt the *Policies & Procedures of the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund*,” including adopting Policy 2.11.F.
4. The Board regularly considers changes to its policies and procedures that it considers necessary or expedient to the conduct of its affairs.
5. The Board has determined that it is appropriate to amend Policy 2.11.F to better reflect GOCO’s practices.

Accordingly, the board resolves to:

1. Update and adopt the *Policies & Procedures of the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund*, as reviewed at its meeting on December 10, 2020, by amending Policy 2.11.F (Policy Implementation & Management).

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on December 10, 2020.

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Jody Rogers, GOCO Board Secretary

**The State Board of the
Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund
Resolution 2020-23
December 10, 2020**

**A Resolution Approving CPW Extension and Scope Change for Elk Falls Dam
at Staunton State Park**

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. On March 15, 2018 the GOCO Board approved Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) annual investment proposal, which included \$450,000 for the Elk Falls Dam Alternative Report and Design project at Staunton State Park (GOCO log 18209);
2. On November 5, 2020 CPW requested an extension and scope change for GOCO log 18209 set to expire on June 30, 2021;
3. Since the original award, the rehabilitation needs of the dam prove to be more substantial than estimated. CPW requests the scope of log 18209 be reduced, eliminating the design work and focusing exclusively on engineering and alternative analysis;
4. Given the complexities of the project, CPW also requests log 18209 be extended to June 30, 2022.

Accordingly, the Board RESOLVES:

1. To approve CPW's extension and scope change request for log 18209;
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;
 - c. Reimburse Parks and Wildlife for expenditures incurred for the investments approved by the GOCO Board; and
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 December 10, 2020.

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**The State Board of the
Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund
Resolution 2020-24
December 10, 2020**

**A Resolution Approving Outdoor Recreation and Wildlife Purpose Funds to support the
Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships**

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. On October 30, 2020, Governor Jared Polis signed Executive Order B 2020-008 establishing the Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships Initiatives;
2. On November 5, 2020 CPW requested \$160,000 in outdoor recreation and \$160,000 in wildlife purpose funds from FY20-21 to support the initiative, expiring June 30, 2024;
3. In June of 2020, the GOCO Board adopted a new strategic plan elevating community-driven visions;
4. Since 2016, GOCO has invested over \$1.8 million in regional collaborations and projects identified through collaboratives.

Accordingly, the Board RESOLVES:

1. To approve CPW's \$320,000 request, between the outdoor recreation and wildlife purposes, to support the Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships, expiring June 30, 2024;
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;
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**The State Board of the
Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund
Resolution 2020-25
December 10, 2020**

A Resolution Approving Wildlife Purpose Funds to support the RESTORE Program

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), the Gates Family Foundation and Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) worked collaboratively over the past two years to co-create a Colorado-focused habitat restoration program;
2. On November 5, 2020 Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) requested \$250,000 in wildlife purpose funds from FY20-21 to support the RESTORE program, expiring June 30, 2024.

Accordingly, the Board RESOLVES:

1. To approve CPW's \$250,000 request of wildlife purpose funds to support the RESTORE program, expiring June 30, 2024;
2. Staff is authorized and directed to take the following actions:
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**The State Board of the
Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund
Resolution 2020-26
December 10, 2020**

A Resolution Concerning a Discretionary Investment in the Generation Wild Grant Program

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. On September 24, 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 the 2020 strategic plan.
2. The board allocated \$2,800,000 for Generation Wild grants in its FY 21 spending plan.
3. 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 (GOCO Amendment).
4. The outcomes of Generation Wild are most closely reflected in the outdoor recreation funding quadrant of the GOCO Amendment yet the projects are sponsored by entities identified as eligible in the local government and open space funding quadrants. The Discretionary Authority Policy allows the board to categorize Generation Wild grants by the eligible entity in the amendment, in this case local governments and land trusts, and not by the purpose achieved by the grants.

Accordingly, the board RESOLVES to:

1. Exercise its discretionary authority to endorse the investment of \$15,486,389 in 10 existing Generation Wild coalitions in the amounts listed in Attachment A. The total recommended amount includes \$9,543,194 in local government purpose and \$5,943,195 in open space purpose funds.
2. Exercise its discretionary authority to award \$2,165,000 including \$1,665,000 in local government purpose funds to the City and County of Denver, Lake County, City of Alamosa and City of Commerce City and \$500,000 to the Montezuma Land Conservancy in the individual amounts indicated in Attachment A.
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Generation Wild Grant Program Funding Summary List
 December 3, 2020

| Applicants | Project Title | 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 | 1 | \$5,266,396 | \$3,000,000 | \$500,000 | \$560,000 | \$834,291 | \$1,105,708 | | \$3,000,000 |
| City of Lafayette | Nature Kids/ Jovenes de la Naturaleza | 2 | \$1,797,015 | \$1,000,000 | \$599,055 | \$400,945 | | | | \$1,000,000 |
| Eagle County | Eagle Valley Outdoor Movement | 3 | \$929,631 | \$310,000 | | \$310,000 | | | | \$310,000 |
| Lake County | Get Outdoors Leadville! | 3 | \$1,800,000 | \$1,500,000 | \$532,750 | \$531,625 | \$435,625 | | | \$1,500,000 |
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| Delta County | The Nature Connection | 3 | \$1,283,909 | \$1,000,000 | | \$333,333 | \$333,333 | \$333,334 | | \$1,000,000 |
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| City of Alamosa | Recreation Inspires Opportunity/San Luis Valley | 5 | \$3,094,781 | \$1,934,500 | \$134,500 | \$565,000 | \$549,914 | \$685,086 | | \$1,934,500 |
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| Garfield County /City of Westminster (TBD) | | | | | | \$290,439 | \$600,576 | \$554,492 | \$554,492 | \$2,000,000 |
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| SPENDING PLAN | FY 21 | FY 22 | FY 23 | FY 24 | FY 25 | TOTAL |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
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MEMORANDUM

To: GOCO Board Members
From: Erika Meyer, Program Officer
Date: December 10, 2020
Re: City of Lamar Generation Wild Grant Modification and Extension

GOCO staff has worked closely with the City of Lamar to implement their Generation Wild vision yet, there remain significant barriers preventing progress as envisioned in 2015. This memo presents staff's recommendation for a project modification and extension that responds to community need and provides the Generation Wild partnership between The City of Lamar and GOCO with a thoughtful offramp.

Background

The City of Lamar was selected as a Generation Wild pilot coalition in 2015. The community was well-positioned to move forward with Generation Wild as they had been working collaboratively as LiveWell Prowers County and on implementing community goals associated with their Colorado Health Foundation Healthy Places grant. This community showed progress in improving the quality of life for its youth and possessed the tools to implement a new, community led design and implementation strategy.

In 2016, after a one-year planning period, The City of Lamar received a \$1.3 million Generation Wild implementation grant. Of that, \$445,000 would be invested in capital projects and remaining funds would be invested in programs, pathways, and capacity.

To date, GOCO has invested \$395,843 to launch the city's vision for programs, pathways and capacity. Staff is currently working with the city to reconcile these funds. The city was also able to make progress on their proposed capital improvement projects including:

- Wheels Skate Park was funded with \$300,000 and completed in December 2018
- Willow Creek Park Playground was funded with \$80,000 and completed November 2019

While capital projects moved on mostly as expected, the coalition experienced unique challenges with program and pathway implementation stemming from the departure of the local LiveWell Coordinator.

Following that loss of leadership, and with extensive support from GOCO, the city worked to embed their program and pathway vision within the school district. While school district leadership and staff were willing to try, it proved overwhelming to add Generation Wild to their already full plates, understandably. The city was also experiencing ongoing staff turnover in their Generation Wild coordinator position.

City staff has done their very best to bridge community and city council over alignment on the Generation Wild vision and to lead the coalition in the absence of a community-based leader.

When GOCO released the opportunity for coalitions to apply for strategic planning funds in October 2019, the City of Lamar elected not to participate in the effort and therefore, did not apply for continued Generation Wild funding.

Through our partnership with the City of Lamar and through the city's steadfast participation in the Generation Wild network, we have had opportunities to learn and reflect on how the Generation Wild process and framework may have created barriers and challenges to success for this rural community. GOCO anticipated challenges within the Generation Wild framework; all coalitions have experienced them in their own way. However, the challenges with the City of Lamar's program and pathways vision have, understandably, proven too big to overcome. There are many successes from our Generation Wild investment in the City of Lamar and, moving forward, we look forward to continued partnership with the city through other GOCO grant opportunities.

Modification Request

GOCO staff has worked collaboratively with the City of Lamar over the years, offering flexibility and providing assistance and resources to support their success in Generation Wild. Together, we've done the best we can and, at this stage, are forwarding this modification and extension request as the next right step.

The City of Lamar is requesting a modification to their Generation Wild vision to redirect \$524,127 in remaining funding from places, programs, pathways, capacity to solely capital improvements prioritized in the city's 2015 master plan (QUESTION – is this a community-led master plan?). Projects include:

- Addition of a picnic and camping area at North Gateway Park. This investment will expand on the \$65,000 awarded as part of the original 2016 vision;

- Adding a new playground structure at the Lamar Sports Complex, which is a central, community gathering place;
- Expand the soccer field and lighting at Escondido Park; and,
- Tennis court resurfacing.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the board approve the City of Lamar's modification request to reallocate the remaining \$524,157 in funding to complete the capital projects as identified in this memo and the attached budget.

Staff also recommends that the board extend the City of Lamar's project to June 30, 2022 to provide the city time to complete the capital projects as proposed. If the project is not completed by this deadline, funds allocated to it may be automatically deauthorized with no further action by the board being necessary.

It is staff's opinion that this modification is the best opportunity for GOCO to ensure that our investments in this community is accessible for its citizens and by provides amenities of value to them.

| Project Budget | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| | Source of Funds | Date Secured | | GOCO Grant Request | Applicant Match (\$) | Partner Match (\$) | Total Funding (\$) |
| CASH | | | | | | | |
| | GOCO Grant Request | Nov-20 | | 524,157.00 | | | \$524,157.00 |
| | City of Lamar | Nov-20 | | | 200,000.00 | | \$200,000.00 |
| | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| IN-KIND | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS | | | | \$524,157.00 | \$200,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$724,157.00 |
| | Use of Funds | Number of Units | Cost Per Unit | GOCO Funds | Applicant Funds | Partner Funds | Total Funding (\$) |
| CASH | | | | | | | |
| CATEGORY 1 | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| <i>North Gate Park</i> | | | | 79,027.00 | | | \$79,027.00 |
| <i>North Gate Park</i> | Building 40'x40' | | 58,383.00 | | 58,383.00 | | \$58,383.00 |
| | Kayak | 15.00 | 98.00 | | 1,470.00 | | 1,470.00 |
| | Paddle Board | 15.00 | 80.00 | | 1,440.00 | | 1,440.00 |
| | Life Jackets | 30.00 | 81.50 | | 2,445.00 | | 2,445.00 |
| | Paddles | 40.00 | 29.95 | | 1,198.00 | | 1,198.00 |
| | Rack | 2.00 | 3,558.00 | | 1,779.00 | | 1,779.00 |
| CATEGORY 2 | | | | | | | |
| <i>Sports Complex PlayGround</i> | | | | 213,969.00 | | | \$213,969.00 |
| | Edge to Macro Spacement Play | | 64,220.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| | Bloqx 1 Baseball | | 8,750.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| | 2 Bay Swing 2 Belts/Basket | | 4,370.00 | | | | |
| | Trend Setter Play Structure | | 29,100.00 | | | | |
| | Freight | | 42,000.00 | | | | |
| | Poured in Place Surfacing | | 83,899.00 | | | | |
| CATEGORY 3 | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| <i>Tennis Court Update</i> | | | | 11,380.00 | | | \$11,380.00 |
| | Preperation/Equipment | | 404.00 | | | | |
| | Court Material | | 5,494.00 | | | | |
| | Net | | 320.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| | Installation | | 5,162.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| CATEGORY 4 | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| <i>Escondido Update</i> | | | | 82,683.00 | | | \$82,683.00 |
| | Add 115 cu yds of compost. Rip Till Grade. New irrigation for soccer field. 6 rotor zones. Fine grade/blade area smooth for new sod, install 37,500 sf of Kentucky Bluegrass sod. New Field to be approx 125 ft wide by 300 ft long. Timberline to furnish all materials and labor in complete accordance. | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| CATEGORY 5 | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| <i>Escondido Lighting</i> | 50 Footcandles | | | 137,098.00 | \$133,285 | | \$270,383.00 |
| | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| USE OF FUNDS - CASH SUBTOTAL | | | | \$524,157.00 | \$200,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$724,157.00 |
| | Use of Funds | No. of Units / Hours / Acres | Cost Per Unit / Hour / Acre | GOCO Funds | Applicant Funds | Partner Funds | Total Funding (\$) |
| IN-KIND | | | | | | | |
| Professional Services | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| <i>vendor/service provider</i> | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| Materials | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| <i>vendor/service provider</i> | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| Equipment | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| <i>vendor/service provider</i> | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| Land | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| <i>contributor</i> | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL | | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | <i>Contingency 10% (not required, cannot be GOCO funds)</i> | | | | | \$0 | \$0 |
| | TOTAL PROJECT COST | | | \$0.00 | \$200,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

Remember: the Total Project Cost row must equal the Total Source of Funds row above

**The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund
Resolution 2020-28
December 10, 2020**

A Resolution Concerning a Discretionary Investment in the Youth Corps Initiative

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. The board established the Youth Corps Initiative in 2011 to support projects that employ young adults on projects that further GOCO's constitutional mission. The purpose of the funding partnership was to both complete conservation service projects of interest to GOCO and provide employment, training, and education opportunities to youth and young adults in 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 Colorado Youth Corps Association (CYCA) as an entity eligible to receive GOCO funding under any funding category.
4. The board allocated \$1,000,000 for the Youth Corps Initiative in its FY 21 spending plan.
5. CYCA is a statewide coalition of 8 youth conservation corps that employ and train youth and young adults on land, water, and energy conservation projects. Youth corps are a proven strategy for engaging young people in service to their communities and stewardship of their environment. CYCA oversees a comprehensive accreditation process and has extensive experience administering grants. As a result, CYCA represents the partner organization most capable of administering the Youth Corps Initiative on behalf of GOCO.
6. GOCO and CYCA jointly reviewed 71 proposals and recommended that board fund 27 of them.

Accordingly, the board RESOLVES to:

1. To exercise its discretionary authority and invest \$1,000,000 to the projects identified in the attached "Youth Corps List of Projects Recommended for Funding," allocating \$500,000 from the local government purpose and \$500,000 from the open space purpose.
2. To allocate \$60,000 of the total as a direct expenditure to CYCA made retroactive to August 1, to reimburse CYCA for administrative costs associated with the application process for the FY 21 cycle.

3. Authorize GOCO to make payment directly to CYCA based upon each applicant's authorization to do so.
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 further direction.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on December 10, 2020.

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Jody Rogers
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Jody Rogers, Board Secretary

| Colorado Youth Corps Association Funding Summary List | | | | | | | | | |
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| Local Government & Open Space Projects Recommended for Funding | | | | | | | | | |
| December 10, 2020 | | | | | | | | | |
| Applicant | Project Title | Youth Corps | County | Congressional District | Request Amount | Recommended OS Amount | Recommended LG Amount | Total Project Cost | |
| City of Alamosa Parks & Rec | Alamosa Trails Stewardship Project | SCC-LV | Alamosa | 3 | \$27,150.00 | \$0.00 | \$27,150.00 | \$27,150.00 | |
| Southern Plains Land Trust | Prairie Stream Restoration on SPLT | MHYC-SFR | Bent | 4 | \$31,350.00 | \$31,350.00 | \$0.00 | \$31,350.00 | |
| Boulder County | Wildfire Partners: Youth Corps Helping Seniors Adapt to Wildfire Risk | MHYC | Boulder | 2 | \$41,800.00 | \$41,800.00 | \$0.00 | \$41,800.00 | |
| City of Boulder Parks & Rec | Back to the Basics - Passive Recreation and Wildlife Enhancements | MHYC | Boulder | 2 | \$18,800.00 | \$0.00 | \$18,800.00 | \$18,800.00 | |
| Town of Poncha Springs | Methodist Front Wildland Urban Interface Forest and Watershed Health Restoration Project | SCC-LV | Chaffee | 5 | \$20,900.00 | \$20,900.00 | \$0.00 | \$20,900.00 | |
| City of Salida | Methodist Front Wildland Urban Interface Forest and Watershed Health Restoration Project | SCC-LV | Chaffee | 5 | \$20,900.00 | \$20,900.00 | \$0.00 | \$20,900.00 | |
| Delta County | Paonia River Park Expansion Project | WCCC | Delta | 3 | \$55,350.00 | \$0.00 | \$55,350.00 | \$55,350.00 | |
| Eagle County Open Space | Brush Creek Valley Ranch & Open Space Western Trail Connection Project | RMYC | Eagle | 3 | \$17,960.00 | \$0.00 | \$17,960.00 | \$17,960.00 | |
| City of Colorado Springs | Garden of the Gods & Rock Ledge Ranch - Noxious Weed Treatment Program | MHYC-SFR | El Paso | 5 | \$20,900.00 | \$0.00 | \$20,900.00 | \$20,900.00 | |
| City of Manitou Springs | Intemann Trail Sustainability Project 2021 | MHYC-SFR | El Paso | 5 | \$25,050.00 | \$0.00 | \$25,050.00 | \$25,050.00 | |
| Canon City Area Metropolitan Recreation & Park District | John Griffin Regional Park Fire Mitigation Project | MHYC-SFR | Fremont | 5 | \$41,800.00 | \$30,000.00 | \$11,800.00 | \$41,800.00 | |
| Town of Winter Park | Hazard Tree and Forest Fuel Mitigation Project in Eastern Grand County | RMYC | Grand | 2 | \$41,800.00 | \$41,800.00 | \$0.00 | \$41,800.00 | |
| City of Gunnison | West Gunnison Park & Open Space Trail | WCCC | Gunnison | 3 | \$17,960.00 | \$0.00 | \$17,960.00 | \$17,960.00 | |
| Huerfano County Government | Spring Creek Forest Fuels Reduction Project | MHYC-SFR | Huerfano | 3 | \$31,350.00 | \$31,350.00 | \$0.00 | \$31,350.00 | |
| City of Westminster Open Space | Standley Lake Loop Trail Segment Construction | MHYC | Jefferson | 7 | \$50,100.00 | \$0.00 | \$50,100.00 | \$50,100.00 | |
| City of Wheat Ridge Parks & Rec | Emerald Ash Borer Mitigation in Wheat Ridge | MHYC | Jefferson | 7 | \$41,800.00 | \$41,800.00 | \$0.00 | \$41,800.00 | |
| Foothills Parks & Rec District | Russian Olive Tree Removal | MHYC | Jefferson | 7 | \$31,350.00 | \$31,350.00 | \$0.00 | \$31,350.00 | |
| City & County of Denver Parks & Rec | Fire and Noxious Weed Mitigation Bell Park | MHYC | Jefferson | 2 | \$62,700.00 | \$62,700.00 | \$0.00 | \$62,700.00 | |
| City of Durango Parks & Rec | Durango Area Trails Alliance Stewardship Collaboration | SCC-FC | La Plata | 3 | \$35,920.00 | \$0.00 | \$35,920.00 | \$35,920.00 | |
| Lake County | North Mt. Elbert Maintenance | RMYC | Lake | 3 | \$53,880.00 | \$0.00 | \$53,880.00 | \$53,880.00 | |
| Larimer County Department of Natural Resources | Elkhorn Creek Forest Health | LCCC | Larimer | 2 | \$62,700.00 | \$62,700.00 | \$0.00 | \$62,700.00 | |
| City of Trinidad | Purgatoire River Trails, Trees & Wildlife Project | MHYC-SFR | Las Animas | 4 | \$40,330.00 | \$0.00 | \$40,330.00 | \$40,330.00 | |
| Town of Palisade | Riverbend Park Riparian Restoration | WCCC | Mesa | 3 | \$20,900.00 | \$0.00 | \$20,900.00 | \$20,900.00 | |
| Mountain Area Land Trust | Resource Protection at Sacramento Creek Ranch | SCC-LV | Park | 5 | \$28,410.00 | \$28,410.00 | \$0.00 | \$28,410.00 | |
| City of Pueblo Parks & Rec | Arkansas River Trail, Invasive Plant & Tree Removal Project | MHYC-SFR | Pueblo | 3 | \$41,800.00 | \$0.00 | \$41,800.00 | \$41,800.00 | |
| Summit County Open Space and Trails | Settler's Creek Hazardous Fuels Reduction | RMYC | Summit | 2 | \$20,900.00 | \$20,900.00 | \$0.00 | \$20,900.00 | |
| City of Cripple Creek Parks & Rec | Cripple Creek Parks & Trails Restoration and Development Project | MHYC-SFR | Teller | 5 | \$26,940.00 | \$0.00 | \$26,940.00 | \$26,940.00 | |
| Colorado Youth Corps Association Administration Fee | | | | | | \$30,000.00 | \$30,000.00 | \$60,000.00 | |
| | | | | | | \$930,800.00 | \$495,960.00 | \$494,840.00 | \$990,800.00 |

Key:
MHYC-SFR - Mile High Youth Corps - Southern Front Range
MHYC - Mile High Youth Corps
SCC-LV - Southwest Conservation Corps - Los Valles
WCCC - Western Colorado Conservation Corps
RMYC - Rocky Mountain Youth Corps
SCC-FC - Southwest Conservation Corps- Four Corners
LCCC - Larimer County Conservation Corps
WCYCC - Weld County Youth Conservation Corps



MEMORANDUM

To: GOCO Board
From: Courtney Bennett & Matt Brady - Grants Officer
Date: December 10, 2020
Re: Grant Extensions

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.

Local Parks and Outdoor Recreation Grant

#17054 Westminster Station Park - Phase 1 – \$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 and board extension through December 31, 2020 as there were delays in fundraising, land acquisition from the county, and final design work. While stalled by COVID-19, construction began in October 2020 and is set to be completed by fall 2021. As such, the City of Westminster is requesting a board extension through December 9, 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 9, 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.

Generation Wild Grant

#17886 SLV Inspire / Town of Antonito – \$221,873.76

On December 8, 2016, the board awarded \$1 million in local government purpose funds to the Towns of Antonito and Saguache, the City of Creede, and Mineral County to work as a coalition to address the unique challenges young people face in the San Luis Valley connecting with nature and getting outside. The original completion date for the project was June 30, 2020. While the SLV Inspire vision is progressing, the Town of Antonito's capital development project is taking longer than expected.



Of the \$1 million SLV Inspire grant, the Town of Antonito in partnership with Conejos Clean Water received \$421,874.00 to administer both programming and capital development projects. Specifically, \$221,873.76 was awarded to construct an outdoor education center and other site amenities to serve as a year-round outfitting hub and much needed venue to host educational classes and local meetings. Staff awarded an extension to the town through December 10, 2020 due to delays with contracting, land acquisition, and final design documents. Construction did not begin until fall 2019. To-date construction is still underway with many of the outdoor site amenities complete. Project completion is expected by summer 2021. As such, the Town of Antonito is requesting a board extension through September 23, 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 September 23, 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.

Open Space Grants

#18107 Arkansas River and Riparian Protection – \$505,500.00

On December 15, 2017, the board awarded \$505,500 in open space purpose funds to the Central Colorado Conservancy (CCC / Conservancy) to purchase eight properties owned by the Andrik family totaling 90 acres along the Arkansas River between Leadville and Granite. The plan is to open the properties for public fishing access to be jointly managed with the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area. The acquisitions will expand CCC's existing Arkansas River Preserve and continue to maintain habitat for bighorn sheep, elk, mule deer, bobcat, mountain lion, and various bird species. The properties follow the Top of the Rockies National Scenic Byway, the Collegiate Peaks Scenic Byway and the future Stage and Rail Trail.

The original project completion date was December 15, 2019. CCC received a staff extension through June 30, 2020 and a board extension through December 31, 2020. While the project has experienced a significant number of setbacks, hurdles, and challenges, CCC is making significant progress toward bringing this exceptional conservation and public access project to completion. The previous staff and board extensions were critical and provided CCC the necessary time to work through issues with replacing matching funds, due diligence reporting requirements, and a death in the Andrick family. While CCC's goal was to close the transaction by the end of the year, they are requesting additional time to finalize the public access easement with Colorado Parks and Wildlife and receive the necessary CPW approvals.

The project will be presented to the CPW Wildlife Commission in mid-November and then to the State's Capital Development Committee in early December. CCC explained that it took longer than expected to get the state's approval of the public access easement because there



were several court decrees and historical surveys that were needed to demonstrate public access points on the property. The project has since received the necessary approvals from the CPW Real Estate Team and the AG and DNR Director have demonstrated support for funding the project.

The plan is to close on the property acquisitions, conservation easement, and access easements at one closing during the first part of the year, either January or February 2021. The landowner has agreed to extend the purchase contract through April 1, 2021.

Recommendation: Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

- Completion of the Arkansas River and Riparian Protection transaction by April 1, 2021, the purchase contract deadline.
- 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.

#18660 – Sandstone Ranch Open Space - \$3,500,000.00

On June 14, 2018, the board awarded Douglas County, through the Protect Initiative, \$3,500,000 in open space purpose funds to purchase the 2,038-acre Sandstone Ranch near Larkspur, CO to provide public open space. GOCO's funds will be used to reimburse the county for part of the \$18M purchase price. The project was ranked number one in the grant cycle and identified as a once in a life-time opportunity. The property shares a 3.5-mile border with the Pike National Forest and is easily accessible from I-25. Natural habitat on the property includes riparian and wetland areas along Gove and West Plum Creeks, hay meadows, shrublands, and steep forested slopes. These habitats provide food, shelter, breeding ground, and migration corridors for many wildlife species including but not limited to black bear, mountain lion, elk, mule deer, and coyote. The property also provides critical habitat for the Preble's meadow jumping mouse, a species listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. Recently opened to the public, the County is developing soft-surface non-motorized trails for the public in an area of the County with limited public trails. Low impact uses of the property will include hiking, biking, equestrian, wildlife viewing, photography and other passive recreational activities along with nature based public educational opportunities.

The original project completion date was June 14, 2020. The county received a staff extension through December 14, 2020 to address delays associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and so the county could negotiate a purchase contract agreement, Declaration of Restrictions, and Mitigation Property Management Plan with the Chatfield Reservoir Mitigation Company. The purchase of the property was possible in part because a portion of the property is being protected to provide mitigation credits for expansion of the Chatfield Reservoir. The county will receive \$6M for this part of the transaction. Work on the conservation easement could not be completed until the agreements and management plan were finalized and approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The necessary Army Corps approvals have been obtained and the



conservation easement due diligence documents have been submitted to GOCO. Upon submittal to GOCO, it was discovered that there are a few outstanding due diligence items that need to be addressed that will require additional time past the staff extension. In addition to completing GOCO's due diligence requirements, the conservation easement will need to be approved by the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners and Douglas Land Conservancy. To finish these few remaining transactional requirements, the county is requesting a board extension through June of 2021. It is very likely that the project will close well before this deadline. The county's goal is to close in the first quarter of 2021.

Recommendation: Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

- Completion of the Sandstone Ranch Open Space transaction by June 30, 2021
- If for any reason the project encounters any additional unforeseen delays, staff and the County would like to reserve the opportunity to seek a second board extension.