

## THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND BOARD MEETING June 21, 2024

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A meeting of The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund convened at 8:45 AM on Friday, June 21, 2024

<b>Board Present</b>	In-person: Pam Denahy (CD3), Tom Lee (CD6), Turk Montepare (CD2), Carrie Curtiss (CD7),
	Charley Garcia (CD1), Patty Imhoff (CD6), Leticia Martinez (CD1), Brenda May (CD4), Krithika
	Prashant (CD5), Jahi Simbai (CD7), Jay Tutchton (CPW), Kelly Romero-Heaney (DNR), Craig
	Hughes (CD3), Mo Siegel (CD2)
	Virtual: Mina Liebert (CD5), Mara Brosy-Wiwchar (CD8), Ray Tschillard (CD8)
Board Absent	Marie Haskett (CPW)
Staff Present	In-Person: Liz Bowen, Matt Brady, Alex Castino, Rosemary Dempsey, Leah Kahler, Tilah Larson,
	Crystal Medrano, Jackie Miller, Erika Montes, Dan Omasta, Christy Reeves, Josh Tenneson,
	Mike Wight, Kylie Yang, Chris Yuan-Farrell, Dan Zimmerer
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	Virtual: Chris Aaby, Keli Cavaleri, Diane Metzger, Emily Robinson, Sammie Trotter,
Staff Absent	n/a
Public Present	In-person: Mike Sukle (Sukle Advertising), Leigh Ann Bauer (Sukle Advertising), Kathy
<u> </u>	Chandler-Henry (Eagle Valley Trail), Travis Long (CPW), Mahamoud Ahmed (Aponte-Busam),
	Ruth Aponte (Aponte-Busam), Adrian Varney (Lottery), Hannah George (KIC).
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	Virtual: Linda Lidov (Keep it Colorado), Katelyn Toigo (Keep It Colorado), Brandi Sheets
	(Canon City), Susanne Roller (RMEF), Carrie Zimmerman, Vanessa Logsdon (BRWG), Tegan
	Ebbert (Town of Hayden), Julie Knudson (PWP), Heather Hillis (Town of Le Veta), Fred Clifford
	(Teller County), Teresa Clifford (Blais & Associates), Marilyn Russell (President of La Veta
	Trails), Morgan Rossway, Jenna Harris (Denver Parks & Recreation), Karen Wolf
Welcome &	Ms. Denahy invited board members, staff, and guests to introduce themselves to the group.
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Director Updates	Ms. Miller updated the board on what the GOCO staff has been working on since March,
Director opuates	mentioning the 40 events that we have already attended and planned, the upcoming staff
	retreat, and plans to hire a new FTE in fiscal year 2025.
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Legislative Update	Ms. Aponte and Mr. Ahmed gave the board an update on what happened in the 2024 legislative
	session, presenting a summary of bills that impacted GOCO.
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March Minutes	Ms. Denahy introduced the March minutes for a vote.
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	Mr. Tutchton made a motion to approve the March minutes as presented; Ms. Martinez seconded.  Motion Carried Unanimously (17-0; 1 board member absent from the vote)
Finance Update	Ms. Reeves updated the board on GOCO's finances as of March: current balance sheet, as well as the revenue and grant expenditures, lottery proceeds and projections, operating budget versus actuals, grants by purpose, and cash versus outstanding grants ratio for FY24 and FY25.
Generation Wild Summer Campaign	Mike Sukle and Leigh-Ann Bauer from Sukle Advertising presented the summer campaign, WilderFlowers, a program to plant wildflowers across the state to help save and protect the
Strategic Plan Topics	honeybees.  Mr. Tenneson introduced three strategic plan situation analyses for discussion – Equity, Community Impact, and Stewardship - Ms. Montes and Ms. Miller presented the Equity Report; Mr. Brady presented the Community Impact situation analysis; and Mr. Omasta and Mr. Wight presented the Stewardship situation analysis.
Base, Partner Program, & Directors Innovation Fund	Mr. Zimmerer introduced the grants as part of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Director's Innovation Fund, receiving 20 applications which cover the Southwest, Southeast, Northwest regions, as well as a statewide initiative.
Recommendations	Ms. Larson introduced the 15 base program grant recommendations for approval including: Wolf Mountain VII Conservation Easement (RMEF), Prairie Ridge Addition Land Acquisition with the City of Loveland, Building Conservation Capacity in the San Luis Valley with Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust, Greater Elizabeth Parks, Trails, & Open Space Master Plan with the Town of Elizabeth, Poncha Springs Recreation Master Plan Update in the Town of Poncha Springs; Keep it Colorado's Finding their Forever Homes: Orphan Easements; Multi-Jurisdictional Stewardship in the Spanish Peaks Region in the Town of La Veta & La Veta Trails, West Slope Outdoor Volunteers: A Regional Stewardship Collaboration with CO West Land Trust & CO Canyons Association, Advancing Connections in the Purgatoire Watershed with the City of Trinidad & Purgatoire Watershed Partnership, Canon City Public Space River Access in the City of Canon City, Northwest Colorado Skate Dream: a Wheel Park for Everyone in the Town of Hayden, Center Community Park Revitalization Project in the Town of Center, Florissant Community Park Improvements Project in Teller County, Blue River Habitat Restoration Project with the Town of Silverthorne & Blue River Watershed Group; Skyline Park: Outdoors in the Heart of Denver with the City & County of Denver.
	Ms. Castino introduced the Transaction Cost Assistance Program projects funding recommendation. A total of \$840,000 was available, \$740,000 was GOCO funding with the rest coming from Ducks Unlimited and Walton. 15 projects are up for recommendation. The selected projects are located in the following counties: Larimer County, Douglas, Lincoln,



	Elbert, El Paso, Fremont, Rio Grrande, Conejos, Dolores, Montezuma, Rio Blanco, Mesa, Delta
	Montrose.
Consent Agenda	Mr. Garcia presented the Consent Agenda and asked for a vote on the following:
	Transaction Costs Assistance Program
	ECO Program
	Base Program Grants
	Generation Wild Program
	Generation Wild Interim Funding
	CPW DIF
	Grant Extensions
	5-year & FY25 Spending Plans
	Operating Budget
	Mr. Lee made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Ms. Imhoff seconded.
	Motion Carried Unanimously (16-0, 2 members absent)
xecutive Director's	Ms. Denahy led the board into executive session to discuss the executive director's, Jackie
nnual Review	Miller, annual review.
The State Board of tl	 he Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund meeting adjourned at <b>2:30 PM on Friday, June 21, 2024</b>

Turk Montepare
Turk Montepare, GOCO Board Secretary



#### The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund Consent Agenda June 21, 2024

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.

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	<u>Res. #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
	2024-10	A Resolution Approving Grants for the Transaction Cost Assistance	
		Program	
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	2024-11	A Resolution Approving Grants for Base Programs	
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	2024-12	A Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget	
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. Fiv		ng Plan & Fiscal Year '24 Spending Plan	
	Res. #		
	2024-13	A Resolution Amending the Five-year Spending Plan, Approving the FY	
+		25 Spending Plan, and Approving FY 25 Direct Spending Plan	
. Dir	ector's Innova	ition Fund	
	Res. #	<u>Title</u>	
	2024-14	A Resolution Approving the Director's Innovation Fund	
. Ge	neration Wild	<u>Program</u>	
	Res. #	Title	
	2024-15	A Resolution Approving an Annual Investment in the Generation Wild	
		Grant Program	
	2024-16	A Resolution Approving an Interim Investment in the Generation Wild	
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Ť	Res. #	Title	
+	2024-17	A Resolution to Approving a Discretionary Investment in an Emerging	
		Conservation Opportunities Program	
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	Grant #	Project Titles & Type	
	LG-20371	Kendall Mountain Recreation Area Master Plan	
	OS-21029	Connecting Communities to Conserved Lands	
	LG-22001	Our Water Our Future	
	LA-22106	Shawn Andrick Memorial Preserve Phase III	

#### The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund Resolution 2024-10 June 21, 2024

#### A Resolution Approving Grants for the Transaction Cost Assistance Program

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

- 1. The board awarded funding to Keep It Colorado to implement the Emerging Conservation Opportunities (ECO) program in June 2022, a two-part program organized under separate subprograms the Conservation Catalyst Fund and Conservation Community Health and Sustainability. The Conservation Catalyst Fund includes the Transaction Cost Assistance Program (TCAP);
- 2. In December 2023, the board awarded \$480,000 in additional funding to Keep It Colorado to help meet additional demand for transaction cost assistance.
- 3. TCAP supports land conservation partners in completing conservation easement transactions that protect critical natural and working lands, particularly in areas of the state with the highest climate resiliency and support landowners with more limited financial resources to close conservation easements. GOCO staff serves on the review committee and participates in making project recommendations;
- 4. In implementing the Transaction Cost Assistance Program, Keep It Colorado committed to facilitate two competitive grant cycles during the Fall of 2023 and Spring of 2024; and
- 5. Keep It Colorado received twenty applications for the Spring 2024 TCAP cycle, and upon joint review, GOCO and Keep It Colorado recommend that the board fund fifteen proposals.

#### Accordingly, the board RESOLVES to:

- 1. Award \$740,000 to the projects and applicants identified in the attached "Transaction Cost Assistance Program Funding Summary List";
- 2. Finance this award out of previously authorized open space purpose funding to Keep It Colorado;
- 3. Authorize the executive director to make minor adjustments in recommended funding levels if a project cannot proceed as anticipated. In the event significant funding changes are necessary as these projects progress, the executive director will consult with the board for additional direction.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on June 21, 2024.

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### **Base Programs Funding Summary List**

Projects Recommended for Funding June 21, 2024

Annlicant	Applicant Project Title Program County		County	Request	Recommended	Recommended	Total Droject Cost	Congressional	
Аррисанс	Project ritte	Program	county	Togram	Amount	LG Amount	OS Amount	Total Project Cost	District
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	Wolf Mounain VII Conservation Easment	LA	Routt	\$569,000.00		\$569,000.00	\$4,126,730	2	
City of Loveland	Prairie Ridge Addition Land Acquisition	LA	Larimer	\$1,100,000.00		\$1,100,000.00	\$6,784,630	2	
			Saguache, Alamosa, Rio						
		PC	Grande, Conejos, Costilla,	\$294,375.00		\$294,375.00	\$412,000	3	
Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust	Building Conservation Capacity in the San Luis Valley		Mineral						
Town of Elizabeth	Greater Elizabeth Parks, Trails and Open Space Master Plan	PC	Elbert	\$125,000.00	\$62,500.00	\$62,500.00	\$250,000	4	
Town of Poncha Springs	Poncha Springs Recreation Master Plan Update	PC	Chaffee	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00		\$130,000	7	
Keep It Colorado	Finding Their Forever Homes: Finally Tackling the Orphan Easement Issue	PC	Statewide	\$937,845.00		\$937,845.00	\$1,100,000	Statewide	
Town of LaVeta/La Veta Trails	Multi-jurisdictional Stewardship in the Spanish Peaks Region	SI	Huerfano, Las Animas	\$100,468.00	\$50,234.00	\$50,234.00	\$284,699	3	
Colorado West Land Trust/Colorado		CI	Balla Martana Mara	¢54.002.00		¢54.002.00	¢70.500	2	
Canyons Association	West Slope Outdoor Volunteers: A Regional Stewardship Collaborative	SI	Delta, Montrose, Mesa	\$54,983.00		\$54,983.00	\$78,583	3	
City of Trinadad/Purgatoire Watershed	Advancing Connections in the Purgatorie Watershed	SI	Las Animas	\$282,670.00		\$282,670.00	\$610,795.66	3	
Canon City	Canon City Public Space River Access	CI	Fremont	\$544,150.00	\$544,150.00		\$812,800	7	
Town of Hayden	Northwest Colorado Skate Dream, a Wheel Park for Everyone	CI	Routt	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00		\$1,200,000	2	
Town of Center	Center Community Park Revitalization	CI	Saguache, Rio Grande	\$536,466.00	\$536,466.00		\$1,368,198.64	3	
Teller County	Florissant Community Park Improvements Project	CI	Teller	\$371,819.00	\$371,819.00		\$455,918.49	7	
Town of Silverthorne/Blue River Watershed		CI	6	¢200 000 00	Ć150 000 00	Ć150 000 00	¢2.002.005	2	
Group	Blue River Habitat Restoration Project	CI	Summit	\$300,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$2,882,685	2	
City and County of Denver	Skyline Park: Outdoors in the Heart of Denver	CI	Denver	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00		\$24,500,000	1	
			TOTAL	\$6,806,776.00	\$3,305,169.00	\$3,501,607.00			

#### State Board of the GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND Resolution 2024-11 June 21, 2024

#### A Resolution Approving Grants for Base Programs

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

- 1. GOCO's competitive grants include four base programs: Community Impact, Land Acquisition, Stewardship Impact, and Planning & Capacity;
- 2. As provided by Article XXVII of the Colorado Constitution and further articulated in GOCO Board Policy 2.11(E), the board may award funding to ineligible entities for expenditures that accomplish one or more eligible constitutional purposes;
- 3. GOCO does not currently recognize Keep It Colorado as an entity eligible to receive funding as identified in Article XXVII of the Colorado Constitution;
- 4. Keep It Colorado is a well-established organization that convenes and supports the land trust community;
- 5. In the FY24 spending plan, the board allocated up to \$10,615,849.00 in local government purpose funding and up to \$7,784,708.00 in open space purpose funding for base programs across all three funding cycles;
- 6. On May 16, 2024, the Programs Committee recommended funding 15 projects in the amount of \$6,806,776.00.

#### Accordingly, the board resolves:

- 1. Award \$6,806,776.00 to fund 15 of the projects identified in the attached "Base Programs Funding Summary List";
- 2. Exercise its discretionary authority to award funding to Keep It Colorado;
- 3. Finance this award with \$3,305,169.00 in local government purpose funding and \$3,501,607.00 in open space purpose funding; and
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Turk Montepare, GOCO Board Secretary

#### State Board of the GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND Resolution 2025-12 June 21, 2024

#### A Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget

This resolution is made in view of the following facts:

- 1. GOCO endeavors to maximize funds available for grant programs and investments, demanding efficient and fiscally prudent operating budgets on an ongoing basis;
- 2. The GOCO Board has reviewed the proposed strategic plan and high-level 5-year spending plan identifying programmatic business priorities and anticipated spending levels for grant programs and investments on a multi-year basis; and
- 3. Achievement of GOCO's strategic priorities is in large part a function of having sufficient operating resources available for GOCO staff to implement the various plans.

#### Accordingly, the board RESOLVES:

1. To adopt an operating budget for fiscal year 2025 that includes the following expenses:

Budget Category	FY 2025 Budget
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 3,091,788
Professional Services	285,175
Other Communication	212,000
Administrative Services	759,189
Capital and Non-Capital Purchases	145,400
Generation Wild Campaign	2,000,000
Total	\$ 6,493,552

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on June 21, 2024.

Turk Montepare, GOCO Board Secretary

Annual reserve balance:

#### **Attachment 1: Current Approved Spending Plan**

#### 2021 - 2025 Spending Plan (Approved through Mar 2024 Board Meeting)

2021 - 2025 Spending Plan	`				<u> </u>	
	FY 21*	FY 22*	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	TOTAL
GOCO Constitutional Cap	71,718,841	73,117,767	75,706,639	81,771,604	85,147,438	387,462,289
Add: Deauthorizations from prior year	3,433,809	391,538	225,585	1,674,075	3,484,647	9,209,654
Less: Net amount to Reserve Fund (See detail below)	6,222,253	(2,539,230)	1,439,718	(2,890,493)	5,687,596	7,919,844
Less: Operating Expenses	3,000,000	3,067,380	3,830,003	3,938,848	4,057,013	17,893,244
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	70,981,155	68,662,503	80,397,324	76,887,476	360,358,855
Local Government Purpose	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	TOTAL
Base Programs	6,270,000	6,225,205	9,621,492	11,343,049	10,721,865	44,181,611
Generation Wild	2,300,000	2,500,000	2,360,039	2,633,426	2,506,535	12,300,000
Centennial Program	-	1,476,550	523,450	23,000,000		25,000,000
Community Impact Grant (from Reserve)	-	570,500	-	-	-	570,500
Regional Partnerships & Outdoors Strategy (from Reserve)*	-	875,000	200,000	175,000		1,250,000
Total Local Government	8,570,000	11,647,255	12,704,981	37,151,475	13,228,400	83,302,111
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Open Space Purpose	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	TOTAL
Base Programs	11,680,587	9,579,347	11,356,383	10,866,908	11,494,748	54,977,973
Generation Wild	500,000	2,553,775	2,360,039	2,645,117	2,494,844	10,553,775
Centennial Program	-	6,673,500	886,500	15,492,920	1,947,080	25,000,000
Community Impact Grant (from Reserve)	-	570,500	-	-	-	570,500
Regional Partnerships & Outdoors Strategy (from Reserve)*	-	875,000	200,000	175,000	-	1,250,000
Total Open Space	12,180,587	20,252,122	14,802,922	29,179,945	15,936,672	92,352,248
Outdoor Recreation Purpose	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	TOTAL
Outdoor Rec Investment	15,720,132	15,133,122	14,965,626	17,257,665	15,555,203	78,631,748
Centennial Program	-	-	-	11,900,000		11,900,000
Community Impact Grant (from Reserve)	_	570,500	_	-	_	570,500
Regional Partnerships & Outdoors Strategy (from Reserve)*	_	875,000	200,000	175,000	_	1,250,000
Total Outdoor Rec	15,720,132	16,578,622	15,165,626	29,332,665	15,555,203	92,352,248
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Wildlife Purpose	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	TOTAL
Wildlife Investment	14,320,132	10,633,122	9,465,626	12,757,665	12,055,203	59,231,748
Centennial Program	-	1,564,500	6,250,000	23,485,500		31,300,000
Community Impact Grant (from Reserve)	-	570,500	-	-	-	570,500
Regional Partnerships & Outdoors Strategy (from Reserve)*	-	875,000	200,000	175,000	-	1,250,000
Total Wildlife	14,320,132	13,643,122	15,915,626	36,418,165	12,055,203	92,352,248
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Total Awards All Four Purposes	50,790,851	62,121,121	58,589,155	132,082,250	56,775,478	360,358,855
Reserve Calculation:	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	TOTAL
Flexibility Fund - Cap Contingency	1,434,377	1,462,355	1,514,133	1,635,432	1,702,949	7,749,246
Flex Fund - Competitive Program Expected Deauthorizations	3,433,809	391,538	225,585	1,674,075	3,484,647	9,209,654
Tiex rand competitive riogram expected beautifulizations	1,354,067	1,398,926	223,303	1,074,073	3,404,047	2,752,993
Increase in can year over year		1,00,020	-	-	-	
Increase in cap year over year	1,001,007	(10.040)	l I			
Consistency Adjustment	-	(10,049)	-	-	-	
Consistency Adjustment Cap Reserve Flat Amount	-	-	500,000	500,000	500,000	1,500,000
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#### **Attachment 2: Proposed Spending Plan Amendment**

#### 2021 - 2025 Spending Plan (Proposed Amendment for FY 2025)

2021 - 2025 Spending	Piali (Piop	oseu Ame	nument it	) F1 2023)		
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Less: Net amount to Reserve Fund (See detail below)	6,222,253	(2,539,230)	1,439,718	(3,564,568)	3,720,721	5,278,894
Less: Operating Expenses	3,000,000	3,067,380	3,830,003	3,938,848	4,493,552	18,329,783
Less: Generation Wild Communications Program	2,500,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	10,500,000
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Total Open Space	12,180,587	20,252,122	14,802,922	28,370,842	16,854,355	92,460,828
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Outdoor Rec Investment	15,720,132	15,133,122	14,965,626	17,257,665	15,663,783	78,740,328
Centennial Program	-	-	-	11,900,000		11,900,000
Community Impact Grant (from Reserve)	-	570,500	-	-	-	570,500
Regional Partnerships & Outdoors Strategy (from Reserve)*	-	875,000	200,000	175,000	-	1,250,000
Total Outdoor Rec	15,720,132	16,578,622	15,165,626	29,332,665	15,663,783	92,460,828
Wildlife Purpose	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	TOTAL
Wildlife Investment	14,320,132	10,633,122	9,465,626	12,757,665	12,163,783	59,340,328
Centennial Program	-	1,564,500	6,250,000	23,485,500		31,300,000
Community Impact Grant (from Reserve)	_	570,500	-	-	_	570,500
Regional Partnerships & Outdoors Strategy (from Reserve)*	-	875,000	200,000	175,000	-	1,250,000
Total Wildlife	14,320,132	13,643,122	15,915,626	36,418,165	12,163,783	92,460,828
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Total Awards All Four Purposes	50,790,851	62,121,121	58,589,155	131,040,947	58,251,103	360,793,177
Reserve Calculation:	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	TOTAL
Flexiblity Fund - Cap Contingency	1,434,377	1,462,355	1,514,133	1,635,432	1,720,721	7,767,018
Flex Fund - Competitive Program Expected Deauthorizations	3,433,809	391,538	225,585	1,000,000	1,500,000	6,550,932
Increase in cap year over year	1,354,067	1,398,926	-	-	-	2,752,993
Consistency Adjustment	-	(10,049)	-	-	-	(10,049)
Cap Reserve Flat Amount	-	-	500,000	500,000	500,000	1,500,000
Reserve Used	-	(5,782,000)	(800,000)	(6,700,000)	-	(13,282,000)
Less: Net Change to Total Reserve	6,222,253	(2,539,230)	1,439,718	(3,564,568)	3,720,721	5,278,894
Annual reserve balance:	6,222,253	3,683,023	5,122,741	1,558,173	5,278,894	5,278,894

#### **Attachment 3: Draft FY 25 Spending Plan (Competitive Purposes)**

FY 2025 Spending Plan (Proposed)  Local Government Purpose				
Youth Corps	600,000			
Direct Expenditures	125,775			
Base Programs	10,336,872			
Total Local Government	13,569,182			
Open Space Purpose				
Generation Wild	2,494,844			
Youth Corps	600,000			
RESTORE	1,400,000			
Emerging Conservation Opportunities / Transaction Cost Assistance Program	1,350,000			
Centennial Program	1,947,080			
Direct Expenditures	380,775			
Base Programs	8,681,656			
Total Open Space	16,854,355			

Note: Board will approve final FY 25 Outdoor Recreation and Wildlife purpose funding allocations in March 2025.

#### **Attachment 4: FY 25 Direct Expenditure Summary**

DIRECT EXPENDITURES FY 2025					
PURPOSE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL			
OS	OS Transaction Costs	\$60,000			
OS	Generation Wild	\$58,075			
OS	CYCA, RESTORE, & Emerging Conservation Admin	\$250,000			
OS	Fellowship Training	\$12,700			
	OPEN SPACE TOTAL	\$380,775			
LG	LG Transaction Costs	\$5,000			
LG	Generation Wild	\$58,075			
LG	CYCA Admin	\$50,000			
LG	Fellowship Training	\$12,700			
	LOCAL GOVERNMENT TOTAL	\$125,775			
	GRAND TOTAL	\$506,550			



#### The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund Resolution 2024-13 June 21, 2024

### A Resolution Amending the Five-year Spending Plan, Approving the FY 25 Spending Plan, and Approving FY 25 Direct Expenditures

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

- 1. Per Article XXVII(6)(2)(e) of the Colorado Constitution, the board shall determine what portion of moneys allocated to the trust fund shall remain in an interest-bearing account;
- 2. The GOCO Board has adopted policy 2.10 Multiyear and Annual Spending Plans, which details all factors that must be considered regarding board authorized spending;
- 3. On June 11, 2020, via Resolution 2020-16, the GOCO board approved a five-year spending plan for fiscal years 2021-2025;
- 4. Since June 2020, the board has approved important amendments to the five-year spending plan;
- 5. Due to a higher than anticipated increase to the consumer price index (CPI), which impacts GOCO's lottery cap and reserve fund, the board desires to amend the five-year spending plan;
- 6. As part of the flexible approach to the spending plan, the board agreed to set program allocations on an annual basis and now desires to approve the FY 25 spending plan and associated FY 25 direct expenditures; and
- 7. On May 16, 2024, the Finance Committee recommended that a five-year spending plan amendment and FY 25 spending plan be forwarded to the full board for approval.

#### Accordingly, the Board RESOLVES:

- 1. Amend the five-year spending plan as follows and as attached:
  - a. Adjust the constitutional lottery cap based on real CPI increases;
  - b. Adjust operating costs to match proposed FY 25 operating costs; and
  - c. Carry forward into FY 25 unauthorized FY 24 Local Government and Open Space purpose funds;
- 2. Approve the attached FY 25 spending plan; and
- 3. Approve the attached FY 25 direct expenditures using the board's discretionary authority in accordance with GOCO Policy 2.11.E.2 and authorize GOCO's expenditure of such funds to directly administer board approved grants and grant programs.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on June 21, 2024.

Turk Montepare, GOCO Board Secretary

# State Board of the GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND Resolution 2024-14 June 21, 2024

#### A Resolution Approving funding for the 2024 CPW Director's Innovation Fund Projects.

This resolution is made in view of the following facts:

- Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) requested \$150,000 for the 2024 round of the Director's Innovation Fund at the March 2024 GOCO Board meeting through the FY24-25 Investment Proposal.
- 2. A review committee comprised of both GOCO and CPW staff reviewed and evaluated 20 applications requesting a total of \$443,337.65.
- 3. CPW Director Jeff Davis was presented with and subsequently approved the review committee's recommendations to fund 7 of the 20 projects.

#### Accordingly, the board resolves:

- 1. To provide funding for the seven projects as outlined below for a total of \$150,000.
- 2. Per resolution 2024-06, these capital funds are available through June 30, 2027.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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 June 21, 2024.

Turk Montepare
Turk Montepare, GOCO Board Secretary

#### State Board of the GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND Resolution 2024-15 June 21, 2024

#### A Resolution Approving an Annual Investment in the Generation Wild Grant Program

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

- 1. In December 2020, the GOCO Board endorsed funding in the amount of \$17,486,389 over five years into 12 existing Generation Wild coalitions and an additional \$4,753,157 for the future of Generation Wild;
- 2. The board endorsed a strategy where each coalition is eligible to receive a portion of their total endorsed funding on an annual basis through a formal grant award made by the GOCO Board;
- 3. The board allocated \$554,492 for the Generation Wild Grant Program (existing coalitions) in its FY 2025 spending plan effective July 1, 2024;
- 4. On May 16, 2024, the Programs Committee recommended investing \$554,492 to support existing Generation Wild coalitions;
- 5. 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); and
- 6. 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, rather than the purpose achieved by the grants.

#### Accordingly, the board RESOLVES to:

- 1. Exercise its discretionary authority and invest \$554,492 in the projects identified in the attached "GenWild Annual Budget 2025";
- 2. Make grants effective July 1, 2024;
- 3. Finance this award with \$277,246 in local government purpose funds and \$277,246 in open space purpose funds; and
- 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 June 21, 2024.

— Docusigned by:

Turk Montepare

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Turk Montepare, GOCO Board Secretary

#### State Board of the GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND Resolution 2024-16 June 21, 2024

#### A Resolution Approving an Investment in the Generation Wild Grant Program

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

- 1. In December 2020, the GOCO Board endorsed funding in the amount of \$17,486,389 over five years into 12 existing Generation Wild coalitions and an additional \$4,753,157 for the future of Generation Wild;
- 2. In Fall 2023, the board approved \$4,000,000 in interim funding for 11 existing Generation Wild communities, with a portion of funding allocated for FY 2024 and a portion allocated for FY 2025.
- 3. The board endorsed a strategy where each coalition is eligible to receive a portion of their total endorsed funding on an annual basis through a formal grant award made by the GOCO Board;
- 4. The board allocated \$3,117,000 for the Generation Wild Grant Program (interim funding) in its FY 2025 spending plan effective July 1, 2024;
- 5. On May 16, 2024, the Programs Committee recommended investing \$3,117,000 to support existing Generation Wild coalitions as the second year of interim funding recommended in 2023;
- 6. 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); and
- 7. 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, rather than the purpose achieved by the grants.

#### Accordingly, the board RESOLVES to:

- 1. Exercise its discretionary authority and invest \$3,117,000 in the projects identified in the attached "GenWild Interim Funding Summary";
- 2. Make grants effective July 1, 2024;
- 3. Finance this award with \$1,830,600 in local government purpose funds and \$1,286,400 in open space purpose funds; and

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 June 21, 2024.

Turk Montepare, GOCO Board Secretary

# State Board of the GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND Resolution 2024-17 June 21, 2024

#### A Resolution Approving a Discretionary Investment in an Emerging Conservation Opportunities Program

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

- 1. GOCO recognizes the importance of renewing a collaborative program with Keep it Colorado to support the vitality of land trusts and Colorado's broader land conservation community by addressing planning, capacity, and transaction support to advance strategies that optimize statewide conservation efforts;
- 2. As provided by Article XXVII of the Colorado Constitution and further articulated in GOCO Board Policy 2.11(E), the board may award funding to ineligible entities for expenditures that accomplish one or more eligible constitutional purposes;
- 3. GOCO does not currently recognize Keep It Colorado as an entity eligible to receive GOCO funding under any funding category; and
- 4. As a long-standing partner organization that directly supports eligible land trusts and governments, Keep It Colorado works in service of these organizations and is the most efficient entity to administer the program on GOCO's behalf.

#### Accordingly, the board resolves:

- 1. To exercise its discretionary authority to invest \$1,450,000 in open space purpose funds (\$100,000 as a direct expenditure) to accomplish conservation outcomes envisioned through the Emerging Conservation Opportunities Program and to categorize this investment as open space purpose funding; and
- 2. To authorize staff to determine the specific terms and conditions of a contract with KIC and authorize the executive direct to execute such contract. The contract shall include a provision for final reporting on the community conservation outcomes of sub-programs in addition to the aggregate accomplishments of the program.
- 3. To make the grant effective July 1, 2024; thus, authorizing it in fiscal year 2025.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on June 21, 2024.

Turk Montepare

Turk Montepare, GOCO Board Secretary



## THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND BOARD MEETING March 15, 2024

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A meeting of The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund convened at 8:35 AM on Friday, March 15, 2024

<b>Board Present</b>	In-person: Pam Denahy (CD3), Tom Lee (CD6), Mina Liebert (CD5), Turk Montepare (CD2)
	Virtual: Tim Brass (DNR), Mara Brosy-Wiwchar (CD8), Carrie Curtiss (CD7), Charley Garcia (CD1), Marie Haskett (CPW), Patty Imhoff (CD6), Leticia Martinez (CD1), Brenda May (CD4), Krithika
	Prashant (CD5), Jahi Simbai (CD7), Ray Tschillard (CD8), Jay Tutchton (CPW)
<b>Board Absent</b>	Craig Hughes (CD3), Mo Siegel (CD2)
Staff Present	In-Person: Chris Aaby, Liz Bowen, Matt Brady, Rosemary Dempsey, Leah Kahler, Tilah Larson, Diane Metzger, Jackie Miller, Katie Smith, Josh Tenneson, Chris Yuan-Farrell, Dan Zimmerer
	Virtual: Madison Brannigan, Alex Castino, Keli Cavaleri, Erika Montes, Dan Omasta Christy Reeves, Emily Robinson, Sammie Trotter, Mike Wight
Staff Absent	Crystal Medrano
Public Present	In-person: n/a
Walcome &	Virtual: Martha Beavers (CPW), Robert Evans (City of Lamar), Mike Sukle (Sukle Advertising), Leigh Ann Bauer (Sukle Advertising), Tess Camp, Adrian Varney (Lottery), Andrew de Sugny, Cody Smith, Debbie Phillips (Town of Cheraw, Henry Pollock (Southern Plains Land Trust), Jim Petterson (Trust for Public Land), Christine Fischer (Town of Rico), Anthony LaTour (Lamar Parks and Rec), Kevin Sharkey (Eagle Valley Trail Project), Stacey Milenski (City of Rocky Ford), Cindy Keating (City of Woodland), Karen O'Donnell (City of Wheat Ridge), Jennifer Fenwick (National Forest Foundation), Joe Lavorini (National Forest Foundation), Josh Voorhis (14ers, National Forest Foundation), Adam Beh (Lake County), Brian Green (High Line Canal Conservancy), Cynthia Abramson (14ers Project), Dale Will (Pitkin County Open Space), David Anderson (CNHP), Daylan Figgs (Heaven's Door, Larimer County), Dirk McDermott (14ers Project), Harriet LaMair (High Lince Canal Conservancy), Jenn Almstead (Heaven's Door), Larry Pardee (Town of Eagle), M. Danielle Young (), Melissa Daruna (Town of Eagle), Michael Menefee (CNHP), Rachel Hutchens (Bluff Lake Nature Center), Matt Robbins (JeffCo Open Space), Robin Thompson (Eagle Valley Trail Project), Scot Grossman (Peaks to Plains Project), Scott Schlosser (Eagle Valley Trail Project), Sherri-Jo Stowell, Suzanne White (High Line Canal Project), Steve Coffin (High Line Canal Conservancy), Tom Hoby (JeffCo Open Space), Paula Herzmark, Randall Wheelock (CNHP), Sam Wilber, Suzanna Fry Jones (HLCC), Kathy Chandler-Henry (Eagle County), Jeff Hoge (JeffCo Open Space), Jim Lochhead, Hillary Merrit (JeffCo Open Space), Gemara Gifford (CNHP), Elisabeth Lawrence (High Line Canal Conservancy), Breana Winters (High Line Canal Conservancy), Alonsa Aguirre (CNHP),
Welcome & Introductions	Ms. Denahy invited board members, staff, and guests to introduce themselves to the group.
<u>December Minutes</u>	Ms. Denahy introduced the December board meeting minutes for a vote:



	Mr. Lee made a motion to approve the December board minutes; Ms. Liebert seconded. <b>Motion</b> Carried Unanimously (16-0; two members absent)
Generation Wild Update	Ms. Dempsey introduced the Sukle Advertising team who presented on the results of the winter Say Hi with a Snowman campaign and on the upcoming summer season campaign called Wilderflowers. Wilderflowers involves distributing wildflower seeds to encourage Coloradans and Generation Wild children to spread seeds to help make the state more diverse and beautiful to pollinators; the campaign will create billboards for promotion and distribute the Wilderflower packets at partner locations and local libraries.
Finance Update	Ms. Reeves updated the board on GOCO's finances as of December: current balance sheet, as well as the revenue and grant expenditures, lottery proceeds and projections, operating budget versus actuals, grants by purpose, and cash versus outstanding grants ratio for FY24 and FY25.
CPW Committee	Ms. Miller introduced the proposal to create a CPW Committee to be able to discuss CPW business and strategic planning.
	Ms. Brosy-Wiwchar made a motion to approve the CPW Committee as presented; Mr. Lee seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously (16-0; two members absent)
Strategic Plan Topics: Trails, Urban & Rural Investments	Mr. Tenneson introduced two strategic plan situation analyses for discussion – Trails and Urban & Rural Investments. He showed the timeline of the strategic plan update process. GOCO has hired Collaborative Decision Resources (CDR) and Consensus Building Institute (CBI) to guide us through conversations and surveys with stakeholders. An additional request for proposals is currently outstanding for brand awareness.
	Ms. Kahler presented the Trails situation assessment, needs and future investments through the strategic plan. Mr. Yuan-Farrell discussed a partnership with Outside 285 Initiative, and how we can come together to protect trails for recreation and wildlife.
	Mr. Yuan-Farrell presented the situation assessment on urban versus rural investments: funding by geography, allocations between local government, open space, and parks & wildlife, and the key takeaways.
Grant & Investment Recommendations	Mr. Yuan-Farrell introduced the 17 grant recommendations of base programs: Colorado Native Land Trust Research & Planning with First Nations Development Institute, Recreation Master Plan in the City of Lamar, Charting a New Course for Water Smart Land Conservation with Colorado Open Lands, Accelerating & Expanding Conservation Impact in Pueblo County with Palmer Land Conservancy, Climate Resiliency & Watershed Health in Upper Arkansas Basis with Central Colorado Conservancy, Watershed Stewards Program Manager in Lake County, CCLTA's Enabling More Conservation & Greater Community Engagement in Southern Colorado in Alamosa Valley, Cheraw Community Complex in the Town of Cheraw, Making Nature Universally Accessible through a New Nature Center at Bluff Lake with the City & County of Denver, The Green at 38th in the City of Wheat Ridge, Community Park Renovation Project in



the Town of Silt, Rico Town Park & Outdoor Recreation Hub in the Town of Rico, Haymaker Recreation Hub Enhancement in the Town of Eagle, Las Animas-Purgatoire River Project with the Southern Plains Land Trust, Snowmass Falls Ranch in Pitkin County, Phase 4 of the Arkansas River Community Preserve with Central Colorado Conservancy, Avenger Open Space in the City of Woodland Park.

Mr. Omasta presented RESTORE investment projects over the last five years, results through collaborations, future plans, and the twelve RESTORE Colorado project recommendations.

Mr. Zimmerer presented the CPW Investment Plan and Centennial program recommendations. The CPW Investment Plan highlights include outdoor recreation and wildlife purpose funds for Parks Capital Program, Education & Youth Programs, State Trails Program, and Acquisition of High Priority Habitat.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Garcia presented the Consent Agenda and asked for a vote on the following:

- Spending Plan Amendment
- Base Programs
- RESTORE
- CPW Investment Proposal
- CPW Extensions
- CPW Centennial

Mr. Lee made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Ms. Liebert seconded.

Jay Tutchton abstains from SPLT within the Base Programs and RESTORE; Motion Carried Unanimously (15-0, 2 members absent)

## Centennial Program Recommendations

Mr. Yuan-Farrell introduced the regional officers and the partners of the Centennial program projects being recommended in their regions: Jefferson County's Peaks to Plains Trail; City of Rocky Ford's Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds & Crystal Lake; High Line Canal Conservancy, Arapahoe County, City & County of Denver, City & County of Aurora's High Line Canal Community-Centered Improvements; Eagle County's Eagle Valley Trail; Statewide Natural Heritage Survey with Colorado State University; National Forest Foundation & Chaffee County's Colorado 14ers Centennial Project; and Larimer County's Heaven's Door Ranch Acquisition.

The presentation also highlighted previously awarded Centennial projects: The Conservation Fund & Jefferson County's Mt. Tom Conservation Corridor; City of Colorado Springs' Wild Horse Ranch; and The Conservation Fund's Lost Canyon Ranch.

Ms. Denahy asked for a vote on the Centennial program projects as presented:

Mr. Lee made a motion to approve the Centennial program projects as presented; Ms. Curtiss seconded. **Motion Carried Unanimously (16-0, 2 members absent).** 



The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund meeting adjourned at 12:38 PM on Friday, March 15, 2024

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