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*A meeting of The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund convened at **10:35 AM on Thursday, September 18, 2025***

<b><u>Board Present</u></b>	<p>In-person: Jess Beaulieu, Tim Brass, Pam Denahy, Charley Garcia, Craig Hughes, Tom Lee, Mina Liebert, Leticia Martinez, Brenda May, Gabriel Otero, Turk Montepare, Krithika Prashant, Jahi Simbai, Ray Tschillard</p> <p>Virtual: Patty Imhoff, Bobby Massie, Mo Siegel</p>
<b><u>Board Absent</u></b>	Mara Brosy-Wiwchar
<b><u>Staff Present</u></b>	<p>In-Person: Chris Aaby, Liz Bowen, Leah Kahler-Read, Tilah Larson, Diane Metzger, Jackie Miller, Christi Reeves, Josh Tenneson, Sammie Trotter, Kylie Yang, Chris Yuan-Farrell, Dan Zimmerer</p> <p>Virtual: Sofia Blanco, Matt Brady, Alex Castino, Rosemary Dempsey, Payton Lockhart, Dan Omasta, Emily Robinson, Amber Shanklin, Katie Smith, Mike Wight</p>
<b><u>Staff Absent</u></b>	
<b><u>Public Present</u></b>	<p>In-person: Adrian Varney (Lottery), Tom Seaver (Lottery), Martha Beavers (CPW), Amy Brandenburg (CPW)</p> <p>Virtual: Matt Samelson (Western Environmental Law Partners), Emily Ritchey (Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of Pueblo County), Mike Sukle (Sukle Advertising), Leigh Ann Bauer (Sukle Advertising), Justin Rutter (CPW), Fletcher Jacobs (CPW), Tarn Udall (Western Resource Advocates), Sam Hinkle (Rocky Mountain Field Institute), Jena Sanchez (Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of Pueblo County), Gabi Morey (Montezuma Inspire Coalition), Mary Wilson (Outreach Coordinator for Fountain Creek Watershed District – Gen Wild of PPR), Jennifer Pierceall Herman (City of the Colorado Springs, Generation Wild of the Pikes Peak Region), Brian Dauenhauer (UNC Active Schools Institute), Joyce Salazar (RISE Southeast, Colorado Springs), Alli Schuch (Fountain Creek Watershed District, Gen Wild of PPR), Phillip “PJ” Ponce (MHYC, Southern Front Range, Colorado Springs), Daniela Young (Civic Canopy, Gen Wild Greeley), Anita Evans (Friends of Youth and Nature, Gen Wild Uncompahgre Community), Corinne Koehler (Pueblo Conservancy District &amp; Pueblo Friends of the Arkansas River), Rosa Esparza (Community Health Worker, Health Department at Weld County), Jessie Finau (Generation Wild Pikes Peak Region), Greeley Coalition: Kristen, Russ, Kelly, Arafa, Gloria, Fardowsa, Susan, and Khadija; Robyn Paulekas and Hannah George (Keep It Colorado), Emily Holmes (MHYC), Scott Partan (Garfield County Outdoors), Brayhan Reveles (Get Outdoors Leadville!), Courtney Strouse (Colorado Youth Outdoors), Ruby Martinez, Seth Barber, Taylor Driver (Nature Discovery &amp; Wildlife Center of Pueblo County), Abby Crouse (Pueblo Zoo), Ruby Martinez (D. Vince Connections Pueblo County), Angela Giron (Executive Director of Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of Pueblo County), Jolene Collins (Community Engagement Manager Palmer Land Conservancy), Astro (Montrose Recreation District, Gen Wild Uncompahgre)</p>
<b><u>Welcome &amp; Introductions</u></b>	Ms. Liebert invited board members, staff, and guests to introduce themselves to the group.
<b><u>Regional Update</u></b>	Ms. Trotter welcomed the board, staff, and guests with a land acknowledgement recognizing the ancestral lands of the Ute, Jicarilla Apache, and Comanche, Cheyenne, Arapaho, and other Indigenous peoples of the Great Plains. Ms. Trotter presented the seventeen counties and the



	key challenges and opportunities of the southeast region. She highlighted land acquisitions, community impact, and stewardship grants, totally over \$185 million, and the work Generation Wild is doing within four groups in the town of Pueblo. She talked about the expansion of 5 Outdoor Regional Partnerships – Southeast Colorado Recreation Outdoor Alliance Movement, Spanish Peaks Outdoor Coalition, Wet Mountain Valley Coalition, Eastern Grassland Coalition, and Pikes Peak Outdoor Recreation Alliance.
<b><u>Executive Director Update</u></b>	<p>Jackie Miller welcomed our new board members from Colorado Parks and Wildlife and thanked Carrie Curtis, from District 7, for her time on the GOCO board. She reflected on the summer staff retreat in the Southwest and at the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Park, with Ernest House Jr. and Travis Custer from Montezuma Land Trust. The Regional Officers are conducting 24 statewide Road Show events with our partners and stakeholders. Ms. Miller, with Mr. Tenneson and Mr. Yuan-Farrell are also doing a statewide tour to meet with stakeholders, across 14 locations, to share the Strategic Plan and Colorado’s Outdoor Strategy. Colorado’s Outdoors Strategy meetings continue with OREC, DNR, CPW and GOCO meeting frequently to create workplans for the 33 agency actions that have been identified in the strategy.</p> <p>Generation Wild’s second Wilderflowers™ campaign gained 41.7 million impressions, distributed over 125,000 seed packets with the help of 650 partners representing public libraries, schools, and recreation districts.</p> <p>We were 1.1 million dollars shy of the cap in FY25, and our cap for FY26 is \$88 million, an increase of \$3 million dollars.</p>
<b><u>Finance Update</u></b>	Ms. Reeves presented the current financial dashboard, substantially equal metrics, and cash v. outstanding grants ratio. She noted that the annual audit went well, which will be released in October.
<b><u>Colorado Lottery</u></b>	<p>Mr. Seaver, Director of Colorado Lottery, presented an update on what is going on at the Lottery –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sales Forecast – FY25 down year on jackpot sales, but FY26 already looks better.</li> <li>• He discussed Lottery’s optimization effort and spending authority approval by the legislature.</li> <li>• He reflected on Colorado’s lead on responsible gaming, one of nine US lotteries with this success; responsibility is considered before introducing anything new and they were able to hire a full-time player health manager position</li> </ul>
<b><u>June Minutes</u></b>	<p>Ms. Liebert introduced the June board meeting minutes for a vote:</p> <p>Mr. Lee made a motion to approve the June board meeting minutes; Ms. Martinez seconded.  <b>Motion Carried (Votes: 17-0; 1 member absent).</b></p>
<b><u>2026 Meeting Locations and Dates</u></b>	<p>Ms. Bowen presented the 2026 dates and locations for committee and board meetings.</p> <p>Board agreed on the 2026 dates and locations.</p>



<b><u>Impact Reporting</u></b>	Mr. Yuan-Farrell presented a five-year review of measuring GOCO's impact reporting through the strategic plan and Colorado's Outdoors Strategy (COS).
<b><u>CPW Funding Request</u></b>	<p>Mr. Zimmerer presented two requests from Colorado Parks and Wildlife – Outdoor Equity Grant Program and Full-time Staff Position - to pull from GOCO's reserve fund.</p> <p>Ms. Denahy made a motion to approve the CPW funding request to move funds from the GOCO reserve to support the Outdoor Equity Program; Mr. Lee seconded.  <b>Motion Carried (Votes: 17-0; 1 member absent)</b></p> <p>Ms. May made a motion to approve the CPW request to move funds from the GOCO reserve to support a full-time employee to further Colorado's Outdoors Strategy; Mr. Montepare seconded.  <b>Motion Carried (Votes: 17-0; 1 member absent).</b></p>
<b><u>Generation Wild Grant Recommendations Presentation</u></b>	Ms. Dempsey introduce the Generation Wild Wilderflowers™ advertising team, Sukle Advertising – Mike Sukle and Leigh Ann Bauer. Ms. Bauer presented the results of the spring campaign of Wilderflowers™. Mr. Sukle presented the winter campaign strategy, encouraging parents to give the gift of outdoors.
<b><u>Generation Wild Campaign Update</u></b>	Mr. Aaby introduced the recommended current and new Generation Wild coalitions for \$24.4 million dollars. The current communities include Garfield County Outdoors; My Outdoor Colorado in the City of Denver; Nature Kids Boulder County (prev. known as Nature Kids Lafayette); Exploremos in Eagle County; Generation Wild of the Pikes Peak Region in Colorado Springs; Get Outdoors Leadville! in Lake County; Generation Wild Northeast Metro Coalition in the City of Commerce City; Sheriden Inspire in the City of Sheriden; The Nature Connection in Delta County, San Luis Valley Generation Wild in the City of Alamosa and with SLVGO; Montezuma Inspire Coalition with Montezuma Land Conservancy; and four new Generation Wild communities: Generation Wild of Greeley; Generation Wild of the Uncompahgre Valley in Montrose Parks and Recreation; Generation Wild of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe with Montezuma Inspire Coalition; Generation Wild of Pueblo with Palmer Land Conservancy.
<b><u>Consent Agenda</u></b>	<p>Ms. Liebert introduced the consent agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generation Wild Grants</li> <li>• Transaction Cost Assistance Program Annual Allocation</li> <li>• Finance Policy Amendments</li> <li>• Grant Extensions</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Mr. Siegel seconded.  <b>Motion Carried (Votes: 17-0; 1 member absent).</b></p>
The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund meeting adjourned at <b>2:58 PM on Thursday, September 18, 2025</b>	

Signed by:

Jali Simbai

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Jali Simbai, GOCO Board Secretary

**State Board of the  
GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND  
Resolution 2025-14  
September 18, 2025**

**A Resolution Approving a Funding Request from CPW for a Colorado's Outdoors Strategy and Partnership Staff Leadership Position and to Amend the Five-year Spending Plan and FY26 Spending Plan**

This resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. GOCO, CPW, DNR, and the Governor's office have collaborated to develop Colorado's Outdoors Strategy (the Strategy), a collaborative vision uniting public and private partners and stakeholders to advance conservation, outdoor recreation, and climate resilience across the state;
2. The Strategy is of statewide significance, and it is imperative that necessary resources are provided to ensure successful implementation;
3. The board established the Reserve Fund as part of the previous strategic plan and spending plan to provide GOCO with the opportunity to address urgent and/or emergent needs consistent with the GOCO amendment;
4. On August 28, 2025, CPW requested \$168,090 from the Reserve Fund in the Five-year Spending Plan to support the creation of a new position within the agency dedicated to advancing Colorado's Outdoors Strategy (COS) and overseeing CPW's growing Partnership Program;
5. CPW will administer the investment according to this resolution and the conditions of the MOA;
6. 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;
7. 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;
8. On March 14, 2025, via Resolution 2025-03, the GOCO board approved a five-year spending plan for fiscal years 2026-2030;
9. On June 12, 2025, via Resolution 2025-13, the GOCO board approved an amended five-year spending plan for fiscal years 2026-2030 and the spending plan for FY2026; and
10. Since June 2025, staff has received the final Lottery proceeds for FY25, finalized FY25 operating expenses, and determined that GOCO will have approximately \$3.5 million in

reserve funding to carry forward from the FY21-25 Spending Plan into the FY26-30 Spending Plan.

Accordingly, the board resolves to:

1. Approve CPW's request of \$168,090 from the Reserve Fund with the following stipulations:
  - a. These funds to be allocated and expended in equal amounts - \$84,045 from the outdoor recreation purpose and \$84,045 from the wildlife purpose; and
  - b. These funds will be available through December 31, 2026.
2. Amend the five-year spending plan as follows and as attached:
  - a. Move a total of \$168,090 from the Reserve and allocate to the current fiscal year as follows: \$84,045 to the outdoor recreation purpose and \$84,045 to the wildlife purpose;
3. Staff is authorized and directed to take the following actions:
  - a. Administer the investments in these projects according to the request approved by the GOCO Board and the conditions of the MOA; and
  - b. Reimburse Parks and Wildlife for expenditures incurred for the investments approved by the GOCO Board.
4. Authorize the executive director to make minor adjustments in recommended funding levels if the project cannot proceed as anticipated. In the event a significant funding change is necessary, 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 September 18, 2025.

Signed by:

*Jahi Simbai*

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Jahi Simbai, GOCO Board Secretary



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August 28, 2025

Jackie Miller, Executive Director  
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Dear Director Miller,

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) requests a grant totaling \$168,090 to provide initial funding for an FTE to serve as CPW’s Partnership Program Manager. The grant will cover personal services and operating costs until legislative approval is received and until the grant is fully spent. If legislative approval for the position is not obtained, CPW and GOCO leadership will need to decide how to proceed. CPW requests a grant end date of December 31, 2026, to allow time to hire and fully spend the grant. The request amount is calculated based on one year of costs with job classification and job duties detailed below.

Item	Amount
Personal Services	\$129,750
Fringe	\$26,540
Operating	\$11,800
Total	\$168,090

Partnership Program Manager (PROGRAM MANAGEMENT II)	Serve as the strategic lead for Colorado’s Outdoors Strategy and oversee the agency’s partnership efforts, including Regional Partnerships, Outdoor Equity Grant Program, Philanthropy, and the Partners in the Outdoor programs. Oversee and manage all responsibilities within these programs. Provide leadership to drive collaboration with partners and ensure alignment across programs with COS conservation and outdoor recreation goals.
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If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Martha Beavers at [Martha.Beavers@state.co.us](mailto:Martha.Beavers@state.co.us) or (303) 291-7620.

Sincerely,

Justin Rutter, Chief Financial Officer



## 2026 - 2030 Spending Plan (Draft September 10, 2025)

	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	TOTAL
GOCO Constitutional Cap	88,295,521	90,793,759	93,063,603	95,390,193	97,774,948	465,318,024
Add: LG Deauthorizations from Prior Year	203,549	384,504	280,379	287,804	295,408	1,451,644
Add: Reserve from Prior Year	3,520,238	-	-	-	-	3,520,238
<b>Less: Net amount to Reserve Fund (See Details Below)</b>	<b>5,327,283</b>	<b>3,200,379</b>	<b>3,141,651</b>	<b>3,195,608</b>	<b>3,250,907</b>	<b>18,115,828</b>
Less: Operating Expenses	4,673,294	4,860,226	5,054,635	5,256,820	5,467,093	25,312,068
Less: Generation Wild Communications Program	2,316,244	2,350,000	2,400,000	2,450,000	2,500,000	12,016,244
<b>Total Available for Awards</b>	<b>79,702,487</b>	<b>80,767,658</b>	<b>82,747,696</b>	<b>84,775,569</b>	<b>86,852,356</b>	<b>414,845,766</b>

Local Government Purpose	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	TOTAL
Base Programs (Including Centennial Projects)	9,826,099	15,259,415	15,629,424	16,136,392	16,655,589	73,506,919
Partner Programs (CSC)	807,500	932,500	1,057,500	1,057,500	1,057,500	4,912,500
Generation Wild	12,500,000	-	-	-	-	12,500,000
Regional Partnerships Initiative (RPI)	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	12,500,000
	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Local Government</b>	<b>25,633,599</b>	<b>18,691,915</b>	<b>19,186,924</b>	<b>19,693,892</b>	<b>20,213,089</b>	<b>103,419,419</b>

Open Space Purpose	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	TOTAL
Base Programs (Including Centennial Projects)	7,211,099	12,044,415	12,414,424	11,921,392	12,440,589	56,031,919
Partner Programs (CSC, RESTORE, TCAP)	3,422,500	4,147,500	4,272,500	5,272,500	5,272,500	22,387,500
Generation Wild	12,500,000	-	-	-	-	12,500,000
Regional Partnerships Initiative (RPI)	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	12,500,000
	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Open Space</b>	<b>25,633,599</b>	<b>18,691,915</b>	<b>19,186,924</b>	<b>19,693,892</b>	<b>20,213,089</b>	<b>103,419,419</b>

Outdoor Recreation Purpose	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	TOTAL
Outdoor Recreation Annual Investment	17,133,599	17,691,915	18,186,924	18,693,892	19,213,089	90,919,419
Regional Partnerships Initiative (RPI)	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	12,500,000
Outdoor Equity Grant Program (from Reserve)	1,000,000	-	-	-	-	1,000,000
CPW Capacity FTE for RPI (from Reserve)	84,045	-	-	-	-	84,045
<b>Total Outdoor Rec</b>	<b>20,717,644</b>	<b>20,191,915</b>	<b>20,686,924</b>	<b>21,193,892</b>	<b>21,713,089</b>	<b>104,503,464</b>

Wildlife Purpose	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	TOTAL
Wildlife Annual Investment	17,133,599	17,691,915	18,186,924	18,693,892	19,213,089	90,919,419
Regional Partnerships Initiative	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	12,500,000
CPW Capacity FTE for RPI (from Reserve)	84,045	-	-	-	-	84,045
<b>Total Wildlife</b>	<b>19,717,644</b>	<b>20,191,915</b>	<b>20,686,924</b>	<b>21,193,892</b>	<b>21,713,089</b>	<b>103,503,464</b>

<b>Total Awards All Four Purposes</b>	<b>91,702,486</b>	<b>77,767,660</b>	<b>79,747,696</b>	<b>81,775,568</b>	<b>83,852,356</b>	<b>414,845,766</b>
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Reserve Calculation:	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	TOTAL
Reserve Carryforward from FY 25 Spending Plan	3,520,238	-	-	-	-	3,520,238
Cap Contingency (% of GOCO Cap)	1,771,586	1,815,875	1,861,272	1,907,804	1,955,499	9,312,036
Estimated Local Government Deauthorizations	203,549	384,504	280,379	287,804	295,408	1,451,644
Reserve Flat Amount	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	5,000,000
Reserve Used	(1,168,090)	-	-	-	-	(1,168,090)
<b>Less: Net Change to Total Reserve</b>	<b>5,327,283</b>	<b>3,200,379</b>	<b>3,141,651</b>	<b>3,195,608</b>	<b>3,250,907</b>	<b>18,115,828</b>
<b>Annual reserve balance:</b>	<b>5,327,283</b>	<b>8,527,662</b>	<b>11,669,313</b>	<b>14,864,921</b>	<b>18,115,828</b>	<b>18,115,828</b>



**State Board of the  
GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND  
Resolution 2025-15  
September 18, 2025**

**A Resolution Approving a Funding Request from CPW to Support the Outdoor Equity Grant Program and to Amend the Five-year Spending Plan and FY26 Spending Plan**

This resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. The Outdoor Equity Grant Program (OEGP) was created by the Colorado General Assembly in 2021 and is administered by CPW. It invests in community organizations that increase access to outdoor experiences for underserved youth and families.;
2. For its FY26 grant cycle, OEGP planned to be funded at \$4 million, consisting of \$3 million through FY25 Lottery spillover revenue, and \$1 million CPW parks and wildlife cash funds generated from Keep Colorado Wild pass sales. The Lottery did not reach cap for the first time in over two decades, resulting in no spillover funds and leaving the program with \$1 million for grants, without that additional \$3 million from its main anticipated funding source.
3. The board established the Reserve Fund as part of the previous strategic plan to provide GOCO with the opportunity to address urgent and/or emergent needs consistent with the GOCO amendment;
4. On August 28, 2025, CPW requested \$1,000,000 from the Reserve Fund in the Five-year Spending Plan as a one-time measure to respond to what has become a critical and urgent funding shortfall;
5. CPW will administer the investment according to this resolution and the conditions of the MOA;
6. 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;
7. 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;
8. On March 14, 2025, via Resolution 2025-03, the GOCO board approved a five-year spending plan for fiscal years 2026-2030;
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reserve funding to carry forward from the FY21-25 Spending Plan into the FY26-30 Spending Plan.

Accordingly, the board resolves to:

1. Approve CPW's request of \$1,000,000 from the Reserve Fund with the following stipulations:
  - a. These funds to be allocated and expended from the outdoor recreation purpose; and
  - b. These funds will be available through December 31, 2027.
2. Amend the five-year spending plan as follows and as attached:
  - a. Move a total of \$1,000,000 from the Reserve and allocate it to the outdoor recreation purpose for the current fiscal year;
3. Staff is authorized and directed to take the following actions:
  - a. Administer the investments in these projects according to the request approved by the GOCO Board and the conditions of the MOA; and
  - b. Reimburse Parks and Wildlife for expenditures incurred for the investments approved by the GOCO Board.
4. Authorize the executive director to make minor adjustments in recommended funding levels if the project cannot proceed as anticipated. In the event a significant funding change is necessary, the executive director will consult with the board for additional direction.

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August 28, 2025

Jackie Miller, Executive Director  
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Dear Director Miller,

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) respectfully requests \$1.0 million GOCO funds to support the Outdoor Equity Grant Program (OEGP). This one-time allocation will address a shortfall in FY 2024-25 lottery spillover proceeds earmarked for the OEGP. In addition to \$3.0 million in lottery spillover, which is contingent upon lottery sales, the FY 2025-26 Long Bill includes \$1.0 million in parks and wildlife cash funds for grants. CPW refinanced OEGP personal services and operating costs to other cash funds to allow more funding to be available for grants. Even with these changes, because lottery spillover was \$0 in FY 2024-25, the funds available for grants will be \$2.0 million lower than the prior year without additional funding.

Created by the Colorado General Assembly in 2021 and administered by CPW, the OEGP has become a vital statewide resource. In its first four years, lottery spillover was sufficient to fully fund the statutory transfers, and the program has awarded more than \$8.5 million in grants to community organizations, creating nearly 100,000 outdoor experiences for over 63,000 underserved youth and their families. However, in FY 2024-25, lottery sales did not reach the GOCO cap and there was no spillover available for the OEGP for its FY 2025-26 grant cycle. Despite its proven impact, the program faces a critical funding gap.

- In FY 2024-25, the program received 263 applications requesting \$21.2 million and awarded \$3 million.
- For the most recent grant cycle to be awarded in FY 2025-26, the program received 241 applications totaling \$19.7 million. With no lottery spillover, CPW has \$1.0 million in CPW parks and wildlife cash funds available for grants.

Without intervention, many community-based organizations that have applied for this opportunity may go unfunded, which could leave hundreds of Coloradans with limited access to the outdoor opportunities that the OEGP provides. Additional funding from GOCO will complement CPW's \$1.0 million investment to help sustain this critical program and help more community partners continue their vital work to increase equity in outdoor recreation.

This request aligns directly with GOCO's core values as detailed below:

- Equity - OEGP dismantles barriers by empowering communities that have historically been excluded from outdoor experiences.
- Youth Connections - By supporting local programs, the initiative introduces children and families to Colorado's lands, waters, and wildlife, fostering lifelong connections to nature through recreational experiences, outdoor educational opportunities, and job and career training.

CPW requests that the \$1.0 million grant be available through December 31, 2027, to ensure sufficient time for program administration, disbursement, and reporting.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Martha Beavers at [Martha.Beavers@state.co.us](mailto:Martha.Beavers@state.co.us) or (303) 291-7620.

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Base Programs (Including Centennial Projects)	9,826,099	15,259,415	15,629,424	16,136,392	16,655,589	73,506,919
Partner Programs (CSC)	807,500	932,500	1,057,500	1,057,500	1,057,500	4,912,500
Generation Wild	12,500,000	-	-	-	-	12,500,000
Regional Partnerships Initiative (RPI)	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	12,500,000
	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Local Government</b>	<b>25,633,599</b>	<b>18,691,915</b>	<b>19,186,924</b>	<b>19,693,892</b>	<b>20,213,089</b>	<b>103,419,419</b>

Open Space Purpose	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	TOTAL
Base Programs (Including Centennial Projects)	7,211,099	12,044,415	12,414,424	11,921,392	12,440,589	56,031,919
Partner Programs (CSC, RESTORE, TCAP)	3,422,500	4,147,500	4,272,500	5,272,500	5,272,500	22,387,500
Generation Wild	12,500,000	-	-	-	-	12,500,000
Regional Partnerships Initiative (RPI)	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	12,500,000
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<b>Total Open Space</b>	<b>25,633,599</b>	<b>18,691,915</b>	<b>19,186,924</b>	<b>19,693,892</b>	<b>20,213,089</b>	<b>103,419,419</b>

Outdoor Recreation Purpose	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	TOTAL
Outdoor Recreation Annual Investment	17,133,599	17,691,915	18,186,924	18,693,892	19,213,089	90,919,419
Regional Partnerships Initiative (RPI)	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	12,500,000
Outdoor Equity Grant Program (from Reserve)	1,000,000	-	-	-	-	1,000,000
CPW Capacity FTE for RPI (from Reserve)	84,045	-	-	-	-	84,045
<b>Total Outdoor Rec</b>	<b>20,717,644</b>	<b>20,191,915</b>	<b>20,686,924</b>	<b>21,193,892</b>	<b>21,713,089</b>	<b>104,503,464</b>

Wildlife Purpose	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	TOTAL
Wildlife Annual Investment	17,133,599	17,691,915	18,186,924	18,693,892	19,213,089	90,919,419
Regional Partnerships Initiative	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	12,500,000
CPW Capacity FTE for RPI (from Reserve)	84,045	-	-	-	-	84,045
<b>Total Wildlife</b>	<b>19,717,644</b>	<b>20,191,915</b>	<b>20,686,924</b>	<b>21,193,892</b>	<b>21,713,089</b>	<b>103,503,464</b>

<b>Total Awards All Four Purposes</b>	<b>91,702,486</b>	<b>77,767,660</b>	<b>79,747,696</b>	<b>81,775,568</b>	<b>83,852,356</b>	<b>414,845,766</b>
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Reserve Calculation:	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	TOTAL
Reserve Carryforward from FY 25 Spending Plan	3,520,238	-	-	-	-	3,520,238
Cap Contingency (% of GOCO Cap)	1,771,586	1,815,875	1,861,272	1,907,804	1,955,499	9,312,036
Estimated Local Government Deauthorizations	203,549	384,504	280,379	287,804	295,408	1,451,644
Reserve Flat Amount	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	5,000,000
Reserve Used	(1,168,090)	-	-	-	-	(1,168,090)
<b>Less: Net Change to Total Reserve</b>	<b>5,327,283</b>	<b>3,200,379</b>	<b>3,141,651</b>	<b>3,195,608</b>	<b>3,250,907</b>	<b>18,115,828</b>
<b>Annual reserve balance:</b>	<b>5,327,283</b>	<b>8,527,662</b>	<b>11,669,313</b>	<b>14,864,921</b>	<b>18,115,828</b>	<b>18,115,828</b>

**The State Board of the  
GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND  
Resolution 2025-16  
September 18, 2025**

**A Resolution Authorizing Funds for the Transaction Cost Assistance Program**

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. The Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) board approved \$1,000,000 for project funding and \$100,000 for program administration in its FY 2026 spending plan, adopted in June 2025, to support the Transaction Cost Assistance Program (TCAP) administered by Keep It Colorado;
2. TCAP supports land conservation partners in completing conservation easement transactions that protect critical natural and working lands, particularly in areas of the state with more limited financial resources;
3. With this support, Keep It Colorado will continue to administer two competitive funding cycles annually, one in the fall and one in the spring, beginning with the fall 2025 cycle; and
4. GOCO staff will continue to participate in the application review process and co-develop funding recommendations with Keep It Colorado to be presented at the appropriate board and committee meetings that align with the funding cycles.

Accordingly, the board RESOLVES to:

1. Authorize \$1,000,000 in project funding and \$100,000 in program administration funding for FY 2026 to support TCAP in partnership with Keep It Colorado;
2. Confirm that individual TCAP projects will be reviewed and recommended through the Programs Committee process and presented to the board for final approval;
3. Authorize the executive director to make minor adjustments in program administration or funding levels as needed to ensure effective implementation, with significant changes brought back to the board for direction; and
4. Provide that in the event a project cannot proceed as anticipated, the executive director may reallocate the associated funds to a subsequent TCAP cycle to ensure the dollars continue to advance the program's intended conservation outcomes.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on September 18, 2025.

Signed by:

*Jahi Simbai*

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Jahi Simbai, GOCO Board Secretary

**State Board of the  
GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND  
Resolution 2025-17  
September 18, 2025**

A Resolution Approving the 2026–2030 Generation Wild Grants

This resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. In the FY26–30 spending plan, the GOCO Board allocated up to \$25 million (\$12.5 million in local government purpose funding and \$12.5 million in open space purpose funding) for Generation Wild;
2. On August 14, 2025, the Programs Committee recommended an investment in 15 Generation Wild coalitions for implementation of up to \$24,485,456 allocated over the next five years, as outlined in the Generation Wild 2026-2030 Funding Summary spreadsheet;
3. The remaining balance of \$514,544 will be reserved for potential future Generation Wild planning opportunities;
4. GOCO Board Policy 2.11(E) establishes that, through its discretionary authority, the board may “make other expenditures which it considers necessary and proper to the accomplishments of the purposes of” Article XXVII (GOCO Amendment); and
5. 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:

1. Exercise its discretionary authority and invest \$24,485,456 in the projects listed in the attached “Generation Wild 2026-2030 Funding Summary” over the next five years;
2. Finance this award with \$12,384,556 in local government purpose funding and \$12,100,900 in open space purpose funding; and
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 further direction.



I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on September 18, 2025.

Signed by:

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Generation Wild 2026-2030 Funding Summary List

Communities Recommended for Funding  
Thursday, September 18, 2025

Community	County (Primary Location)	Congressional District	Applicant Organization	GOCO Request	Recommendation	Local Government	Open Space
Exploremos	Eagle County	CD 2	Eagle County	\$ 1,200,900.00	\$ 1,200,900.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200,900.00
Garfield County Outdoors	Garfield County	CD 3	Aspen Valley Land Trust	\$ 1,631,243.00	\$ 1,250,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,250,000.00
Generation Wild Pikes Peak Region	El Paso County	CD 5	City of Colorado Springs	\$ 1,200,003.00	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ -
Get Outdoors Leadville!	Lake County	CD 7	Lake County Government	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000.00
Montezuma Inspire Coalition	Montezuma County	CD 3	Montezuma Land Conservancy	\$ 2,100,000.00	\$ 2,100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,100,000.00
My Outdoor Colorado (MOC)	Denver County	CD 1	City of Denver	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	
Nature Kids Boulder County	Boulder County	CD 2	City of Lafayette	\$ 2,349,283.00	\$ 2,349,283.00	\$ 2,349,283.00	\$ -
Generation Wild Northeast Metro Coalition	Adams & Arapahoe Counties	CD 6	Aurora	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ -
Sheridan Inspire	Arapahoe County	CD 6	City of Sheridan	\$ 2,075,718.00	\$ 1,585,466.00	\$ 1,585,466.00	\$ -
San Luis Valley Generation Wild	Alamosa County	CD 3	City of Alamosa	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000.00
The Nature Connection	Delta County	CD 3	Delta County	\$ 1,300,000.00	\$ 1,400,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,400,000.00
Generation Wild Pueblo	Pueblo County	CD 3	Palmer Land Conservancy	\$ 1,750,000.00	\$ 1,750,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,750,000.00
Generation Wild Greeley	Weld County	CD 4	City of Greeley	\$ 1,749,977.00	\$ 1,749,977.00	\$ 1,749,977.00	\$ -
Generation Wild Uncompahgre	Montrose County	CD 3	Montrose Parks and Rec	\$ 1,499,830.00	\$ 1,499,830.00	\$ 1,499,830.00	\$ -
Generation Wild Ute Mountain Ute	Montezuma County	CD 3	Montezuma Land Conservancy/Ute Mountain Ute	\$ 900,000.00	\$ 900,000.00	\$ -	\$ 900,000.00
				Total to Award	\$ 24,485,456.00	\$ 12,384,556.00	\$ 12,100,900.00

## Generation Wild 2026-2030 Funding Summary List

Communities Recommended for Funding - Yearly Allocation

Thursday, September 18, 2025

Generation Wild Community	GOCO Funds Year 1	GOCO Funds Year 2	GOCO Funds Year 3	GOCO Funds Year 4	GOCO Funds Year 5	Total GOCO Funding
Exploremos	\$303,780.00	\$253,780.00	\$233,780.00	\$204,780.00	\$204,780.00	\$1,200,900.00
Garfield County Outdoors	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$1,250,000.00
Generation Wild Pikes Peak Region	\$251,400.00	\$248,062.00	\$246,937.00	\$231,323.00	\$222,278.00	\$1,200,000.00
Get Outdoors Leadville!	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$1,500,000.00
Montezuma Inspire Coalition	\$440,107.00	\$466,014.00	\$475,915.00	\$351,678.00	\$366,286.00	\$2,100,000.00
My Outdoor Colorado (MOC)	\$549,054.00	\$532,119.00	\$464,905.00	\$238,355.00	\$215,567.00	\$2,000,000.00
Nature Kids Boulder County	\$498,802.00	\$481,164.00	\$472,056.00	\$443,444.00	\$453,817.00	\$2,349,283.00
Generation Wild Northeast Metro Coalition	\$367,635.00	\$397,932.00	\$403,610.00	\$410,600.00	\$420,223.00	\$2,000,000.00
Sheridan Inspire	\$300,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$335,466.00	\$1,585,466.00
San Luis Valley Generation Wild	\$399,596.00	\$387,964.00	\$395,994.00	\$404,046.00	\$412,400.00	\$2,000,000.00
The Nature Connection	\$280,000.00	\$280,000.00	\$280,000.00	\$280,000.00	\$280,000.00	\$1,400,000.00
Generation Wild Pueblo	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$1,750,000.00
Generation Wild Greeley	\$350,606.00	\$327,115.00	\$360,910.00	\$362,008.00	\$349,338.00	\$1,749,977.00
Generation Wild Uncompahgre	\$265,750.00	\$297,545.00	\$305,340.00	\$311,035.00	\$320,160.00	\$1,499,830.00
Generation Wild Ute Mountain Ute	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$900,000.00
	<b>\$5,086,730.00</b>	<b>\$5,101,695.00</b>	<b>\$5,019,447.00</b>	<b>\$4,617,269.00</b>	<b>\$4,660,315.00</b>	<b>\$24,485,456.00</b>

**State Board of the  
GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND  
Resolution 2025-18  
September 18, 2025**

**A Resolution Amending GOCO Policies 1.4 and 2.6**

This resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. The GOCO board has adopted Policy 1.4 (Solicitation and Award of Professional Services) and Policy 2.6 (Fixed Assets Capitalization Threshold); and
2. On August 14, 2025, the finance committee recommended the GOCO board adopt amendments to both policies to ensure GOCO's internal policies remain current, align with peer organizations, and are conducive to transparent and efficient operations.

Accordingly, the board resolves to:

1. Amend Policy 1.4 and Policy 2.6 as attached.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on September 18, 2025.

Signed by:

*Jahi Simbai*

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## **Attachment 1: Current Policies (2018)**

### **1.4. Solicitation and Award of Professional Services**

**Policy Statement:** Professional services obtained for the purposes of carrying out the program and mission of GOCO with a full contract value over \$25,000 and/or extending over multiple years should use a competitive bid process. The bid process should have criteria established to ensure successful completion of the project within a reasonable timeline and cost ceiling.

The board acknowledges that there are occasions when professional services must be purchased from a specific vendor or a sole-source purchase. This may be the case if the service requires particular expertise that only one supplier may provide. Research must be performed and documented to demonstrate that, to the best of the purchaser's belief, only one vendor is capable of delivering the required good or service.

### **2.6. Fixed Assets**

**Policy Statement:** Fixed Assets will be capitalized based on a policy recommended by the staff and approved by the Finance Committee. Categories include office furniture and equipment, computer hardware, computer software, and leasehold improvements. It is GOCO's policy to capitalize all items which have a unit cost greater than \$2,000. Items purchased with value or cost less than \$2,000 will be expensed in the period purchased.



## Attachment 2: Draft Amended Policies

### 1.4. Solicitation and Award of Professional Services

**Policy Statement:** Professional services procured in support of GOCO’s mission with a total contract value exceeding \$40,000 and/or spanning more than any 12-month period must be obtained through a competitive bid or proposal process. The solicitation process must include clear evaluation criteria to ensure the successful completion of the project within a defined timeline and budget.

GOCO recognizes that in certain circumstances, a competitive bid/proposal process may not be feasible or in GOCO’s best interest. In these cases, alternative procurement methods may be used, provided they are thoroughly justified and documented:

- **Sole-Source Contracts:** A sole-source contract is used when only one vendor is capable of fulfilling the requirement due to unique qualifications, proprietary technologies, or exclusive rights. In such cases, the purchaser must document a justification demonstrating that, to the best of their knowledge, no reasonable alternatives exist. Sole-source contracts require a higher level of scrutiny to ensure transparency and regulatory compliance. All sole-source contracts must be approved by the executive director prior to execution.
- **Single-Source Contracts:** A single-source contract may be used when multiple vendors could fulfill the requirement, but a specific vendor is selected based on strategic considerations – such as cost-effectiveness or specialized expertise. Although competition exists, the buyer may bypass a formal bidding/proposal process. Justification must be provided to explain why the selected vendor is the most appropriate choice. All single-source contracts must be approved by the executive director prior to execution.

All exceptions to the competitive bid/proposal requirement must be clearly justified in writing and retained in procurement records. These alternatives are subject to internal review to ensure alignment with procurement best practices and GOCO’s commitment to transparency, accountability, and responsible stewardship of public funds.

### 2.6. Capital Assets

**Policy Statement:** It is GOCO’s policy to capitalize all items which have a unit cost greater than \$5,000 and a useful life greater than one year. Items purchased with value or cost less



than \$5,000 will be expensed in the period purchased. Capital assets include the following categories of items that meet the definition above: office furniture and equipment, computer hardware and software, leasehold improvements, right-to-use leased assets, and subscription-based assets.