



Tolland Ranch. Photo by Bergreen Photography.

Get the most up-to-date information anytime at GOCO.org/grants/apply, including eligibility and requirements, application steps, and helpful resources and learning opportunities.

When you're ready to get started, contact your regional officer at GOCO.org/staff. They can answer your questions and help you submit the most competitive proposal.

Base Programs

GOCO offers three competitive grant programs to fund outdoor projects. Most grants fall within the ranges listed below, but larger investments may be considered for select, high-impact projects when possible.

Community Impact

Funds planning and construction of new or improved parks, trails, natural areas, and other outdoor amenities. May also support stewardship work. **Grant awards:** Typically \$100,000 to \$2 million per project. Larger requests (\$2 million to \$5 million) are only considered during the first funding cycle.

Land Acquisition

Supports protection of landscapes, waterways, and wildlife habitat, while improving outdoor access. **Grant awards:** Typically up to \$3 million per project. Larger requests may be considered for high-impact projects during any cycle.

Pathways

Supports research, data collection and analysis, and tool development to address emerging outdoor challenges and opportunities. **Grant awards:** Typically \$100,000 to \$300,000 per project. Larger requests (\$2 million to \$5 million) are only considered during the first funding cycle.

DEADLINES

Concepts are accepted twice per year. However, **urgent land acquisition proposals** will be accepted at any time.

	FIRST CYCLE	SECOND CYCLE
Concepts accepted up to	July 23, 2026	January 21, 2027
Applications invited	August 7, 2026	February 4, 2027
Application due dates	September 10, 2026	March 11, 2027
Grants awarded	December 11, 2026	June 2027

Base Programs Grant Process

Get in touch with your regional officer to learn more about our grant programs and application processes.



Partner Programs

Additional grant opportunities are available through programs managed by GOCO partners. GOCO invests in these programs and helps guide funding decisions.

Restoration and Stewardship of Outdoor Resources and the Environment (RESTORE) Colorado

Managed by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), RESTORE Colorado employs a collaborative funding model to support large-scale habitat restoration and stewardship projects across public and private lands. Visit [NFWF.org](https://www.nfwf.org) for more information.

Request for Proposals (RFP) Available	August 2026
Applications due to NFWF	November 2026
Grants awarded	March 2027

Transaction Cost Assistance Program (TCAP)

Keep It Colorado re-grants GOCO funds to nonprofit land trusts to help cover the costs associated with conservation easement transactions. Visit [KeepItCO.org/TCAP](https://www.keepitco.org/TCAP) for more information.

	FIRST CYCLE	SECOND CYCLE
Request for Proposals (RFP) Available	Expected August 2026	Expected January 2027
Grants awarded	December 2026	June 2027

Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships Initiative

Funded by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), the grant program supports a network of Outdoor Regional Partnerships (RPIs) that develop visions and action plans that reflect regional priorities and support Colorado's Outdoors Strategy, the statewide vision for conservation, climate resilience, and sustainable recreation. Visit [CPW.state.co.us](https://www.cpw.state.co.us) for more information.

Request for Proposals (RFP) Available	April 2026
Applications due to CPW	July 2026
Grants awarded	December 2026

Conservation Service Corps

In partnership with the Colorado Youth Corps Association (CYCA), GOCO offers funding for eligible organizations to hire conservation service corps for outdoor recreation and natural resource stewardship projects. **More information is coming soon.** Visit [CYCA.org](https://www.cyca.org) for updates.

CONSIDERING AN APPLICATION?

Visit [GOCO.org/grants/apply](https://www.goco.org/grants/apply) for up-to-date grant information and to contact your regional officer.