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**Backcountry Search and Rescue Flexible Fund Grant Program
Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)
Phase 3 SFY 2023**

Program Purpose:

To provide flexible grant funding to Colorado counties and non-profit agencies that provide backcountry search and rescue (BSAR) services in Colorado as defined in C.R.S. 33-1-112.5(1)(c)(I).

Total Funds Available:

\$2,250,000 was appropriated for the Backcountry Search and Rescue Flexible Funding grants to be spent over 3 years (SFY22 to SFY24). Phase 3 is the final phase of this grant funding program with a total of \$1,093,016 available. Grant funds will be issued in an advance payment. A local cash match is not required for Phase 3. Awards may be used as a cash match with other federal, state and local grants.

Application Timeline for Phase 3:

Application Opens: January 24, 2023

Application Deadline: March 1, 2023 at 11:59pm

Application review: TBD

Award Notices/Funding Available: TBD

Projects must be completed by June 30, 2024

Eligible Entities:

All Colorado counties with coordinated backcountry search and rescue services OR nonprofit agencies, contracted with a county to provide backcountry search and rescue services, are eligible to apply. Multi-county/regional applications will be accepted.

To be eligible as a nonprofit agency:

- Must be registered, and in good standing with the state and federal government and with the Colorado Secretary of State;
- Must have a valid contract or MOU with the county to provide SAR services.
- Nonprofit search and rescue organizations must have a letter of permission from the county to apply in place of the county. Both County and nonprofit cannot apply for the same funding opportunity.

Eligible Activities:

Projects may be a single good or services, or may encompass disassociated groups of good and services. Clearly note different project groups in your application.

Grant projects must be reasonable and necessary for the typical functions of the requesting County or BSAR organization. Funds are not to be used for the purchase personal items that cannot be retained by the grantee. The following is a list of grant categories with examples of possible project items under each category.



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- **Services** –includes temporary/contracted professional services, equipment installation, maintenance & repair.
- **Equipment** – Includes, vehicles (of any type), vehicle accessories, technology (computer/computer software), communication devices, drones and equipment related to patient care and extraction.
- **Training** – Includes training topics such as medical, technological, animal, backcountry search and rescue specific and equipment use trainings.
- **Special Circumstances** – Includes other types of funding requests, not applicable to the prescribed categories above. This includes small capital projects. Pre-approval of your special circumstance project, by the program manager, is strongly encouraged prior to submitting application.

Online Google Application Process:

The grant application is available electronically through the Google Form link provided below. All applications must be completed and submitted using the Google application, by the expressed deadline, to be considered for an award. Only one application per county or per organization will be accepted. You will be able to save your progress on completed portions of your application and return to complete it at a later time. Applicants are encouraged to write narrative sections in a word format and paste into the the Google Application.

Google Application can be found [here](#).

Required document templates can be accessed [here](#).

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