



COLORADO

Parks and Wildlife

Department of Natural Resources

SFY2024 SEARCH AND RESCUE YEAR-END DISTRIBUTION NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO)

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The purpose of the Backcountry Search and Rescue (BSAR) Program Fund is to provide financial assistance with search and rescue activities in remote locations. Such BSAR activity is primarily connected to backcountry, outdoor activity or recreational pursuits. It is not intended for urban search and rescue. At the end of each year, all funds remaining in the SAR fund, after all incidents reimbursement requests have been paid, are divided among counties for the purchase of equipment, training and services.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY:

Colorado Counties with coordinated BSAR volunteers (as part of the county or as a 501(c)3 organization) are eligible to apply.

By filling out the Universal online Google application, Colorado Counties are opting into the distribution program. Preliminary amounts are determined by a matrix of estimated county population and calendar year 2023 reported BSAR incident loads. Second, the preliminary distribution amounts will be reviewed and recommended by the Backcountry Search and Rescue Council to the Director for final determination and approval.

TOTAL FUNDING AVAILABLE

\$625,903 is appropriated annually for mission reimbursements and for year-end funding awards. Actual award fund availability is dependent on revenue generated throughout the State Fiscal Year from surcharges and the Colorado Outdoor Recreation Search and Rescue (CORSAR) card sales. This total amount averages \$450,000 annually.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

- May 2, 2024 Notice of Funds Opportunity (NOFO) available
- May 2, 2024 Application posted on the CPW webpage.
- June 17, 2024 Application deadline
- September 2024 Distribution award letter and payments disbursed
- June, 30, 2025 Awards funds must be spent and reported to CPW.

APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

All applications must be completed and submitted using the Google Form provided [here](#).

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ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS:

All applications must be submitted using the online Google Form to be considered for funding. Please allow yourself plenty of time to become familiar with the application and the document uploads. Google Forms tracks applications based on the applicant's email address. You will be able to save and close your online application and return to complete at a later time.

IMPORTANT DETAILS:

In order to receive a distribution, local governments apply annually. Applicants must agree to:

- Accept funding offered in the Distribution Award Letter,
- Spend funds only on eligible equipment and training, and
- Report expenditures annually by providing expense tracking document and receipts for purchases **by June 30**.

UNIVERSAL APPLICATION OVERVIEW:

Section I Contact information

1. Local Government name (All applicants must be county governments).
2. Chief Elected Official/Principal Representative.
3. Designated contact person/Responsible Administrator for the application

Section II BSAR Member Information/Data

1. Total number of BSAR volunteer members in calendar year 2023
2. (Optional Upload) Volunteer Member Roster
3. Does your County/BSAR Team maintain accurate records of volunteer hours for training/incident response?*
4. Enter total number of recorded, verifiable volunteer team member hours tracked during emergency incident response in calendar year 2023 (Numeric Only).
5. Total number of volunteer training hours recorded in calendar year 2023
6. County/SAR tools used to track volunteer emergency incident hours.
7. Briefly describe the process used to track volunteer hours. (e.g., Electronic time-in/time-out, paper tracking sign-in document) *

Section III Allocation/Distribution Request

1. (Required Upload) Incident Load Document
2. (Required for YE Distribution) Planned Purchases document for YE Distribution
3. List all BSAR direct service organizations that will benefit from award funding.
4. Year- End Distribution - Briefly describe the needs assessment used to identify prioritization of planned purchases.
5. Enter the total amount of funding you are requesting from the year-end grant (\$).
6. Briefly describe accessibility to stress injury awareness and mitigation services available to volunteer BSAR members in your County. What is your plan to ensure every volunteer has access to mental health support before and after a traumatic event?

Section IV. Application Affirmations/Agreement with Terms and Conditions

1. Affirmation of Eligible Purchases
2. Affirmation of Annual Reporting
3. State Acceptance of Application