

Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program

2019 RFP

(FY20-21)



Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission

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Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program & RFP Overview

Opportunities for private landowners to voluntarily protect important wildlife habitat, provide wildlife-related recreational access to the public, and, if appropriate, sell their property to CPW.

Landowners (or Land Trust sponsors) may apply for funding through the Request for Proposals (RFP) process per Title 33-1-105 CRS.

Real Estate Transactions:

- *Conservation Easements
- *Public Access Easements
- *Fee Title Purchases (rare)



Program Funding: Cooperative agreement with GOCO (lottery proceeds), license revenue generated from sale of Habitat Stamps (Title 33-4-102.7 CRS), rarely federal funding sources.

CWHP 2019 funding: Up to \$11 million

Priorities for use of GOCO funds are provided in the cooperative Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)



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2019 Recommended Funding Priorities

- *Public access for hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing
 - *Big game winter range and migration corridors
- *Protecting habitat for species of concern (specifically those Species of Greatest Conservation Need, as identified in the SWAP)
 - *Riparian areas and wetlands
- *Landscape-scale parcels and parcels that provide connectivity

2019 Recommended Preferences:

- *Preference for 3rd Party Conservation Easements
 - *Preference for greater public access
 - *Preference for greater donated values
- *Preference for CE's related to wildlife crossings
 - *Fee Title to be avoided

The RFP Evaluation Process

CPW Staff Scoring, Ranking, & Recommendations

- *Strategic Conservation Impacts;
- *Habitat Quality & Biological Significance;
- *Public Benefits;
- *Conservation Priority Species;
- *Project Feasibility.

Habitat Stamp Committee (HSC) Scoring & Recommendations

- Legislative Mandates:
- *Protection of big game winter range and migration corridors;
 - *Public access for wildlife-related recreation;
 - *Protection of habitat for special status species;
 - *Preserving diversity of wildlife.

Real Estate Staff, Leadership Team/Director:

- Evaluate proposals from statewide perspective
- Provide recommendation to PWC for approval

PWC - First Round Approval:
September

PWC - Final Approval:
November

CWHP - 2019 RFP Timeline

Monday, April 15: Release- RFP materials available on CPW website

Friday, May 31: Proposal Deadline - 5:00pm

June - August: CPW staff & HSC review, score, rank proposals

July: Commission updated on proposals and evaluation process

August: Leadership Team creates recommendations for Commission

September: Commission votes on “first round” of proposals

October: Applicants asked for additional information, if necessary

Director meets w/ Leadership Team to form final recommendations

November: Commission determines projects for negotiations

January 2020: CPW staff begins negotiations



Questions?

