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## 2024 Outdoor Equity Grant Application - Letter of Interest

*This document is not the Outdoor Equity Grant Application. Please be sure to register and submit your application at:*

[https://cpwphilanthropy.smapply.net/prog/outdoor\\_equity\\_grant\\_program\\_2024/](https://cpwphilanthropy.smapply.net/prog/outdoor_equity_grant_program_2024/)

***YOU MUST SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION VIA THE LINK TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING***

The Outdoor Equity Grant Program (OEGP) invests in organizations that are working to increase access to the outdoors for youth and families from communities that are traditionally underrepresented in outdoor recreation and conservation. Successful applicants propose projects that break down barriers to the outdoors and increase access to outdoor recreation, environmental and conservation-based education, and/or outdoor-related career development for youth and families who: face racial and environmental inequities, are low-income, are from the LGBTQ+ community, are disabled, and/or are members of a Federally-recognized Tribe.

The Outdoor Equity Grant Board welcomes applications from eligible organizations (**non-profits, for-profits, school districts, local governments or federally-recognized tribes**). Organizations may request up to \$100,000 during this round.

Ineligible project components include land acquisitions, trail building or maintenance, trail equipment, building construction, renovations, and indoor structures.

Organizations who have already received funding from the OEGP are eligible to receive another Outdoor Equity Grant if they have spent at least 50% of their previously-awarded Outdoor Equity grant by September 25, 2024. Expense reports demonstrating expenditures must be sent to Andrea Kurth, Outdoor Equity Grant Program Manager, by September 25, 2024.

In July of 2023, the OEGP Board adopted the following values:

- We value opportunities that respect the community's ability to define their own priorities so they can obtain the resources to achieve their goals.
- We value opportunities that instill a sense of wonder, excitement, and responsibility for the environment in Colorado youth and families.

Proposals that bring to life these values will be prioritized for Outdoor Equity Grant investments.

This year, the Outdoor Equity Grant Board is requesting that organizations fill out this preliminary "Letter of Interest" form to indicate interest in applying to the Outdoor Equity Grant. This new process aims to minimize the investment of applicant time and resources while moving forward the proposals deemed most competitive and the best fit for Outdoor Equity Grant Program funds. The board will review Letters of Interest and use a consensus-based process to move the best applicants

to the full application stage. Applicants that make it to the second phase of review will answer additional questions about their proposals and organizations, and submit a budget for their proposal. You can expect to hear back from us about whether you've moved onto the full application stage in August 2024.

For more information on the grant and requirements please view our [Grant Guidelines](#), [Frequently Asked Questions](#), and [OEGP website](#). To sign up for the virtual Outdoor Equity Grant program Q&A session visit:

[https://cpw-state-co.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_dX4\\_QQumQGG3kXqvlpG-3g#/registration](https://cpw-state-co.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dX4_QQumQGG3kXqvlpG-3g#/registration)

If you have any questions about your organization's eligibility or anything contained in this application, please email Outdoor Equity Program Manager, Andrea Kurth: [andrea.kurth@state.co.us](mailto:andrea.kurth@state.co.us).

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## APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Name of Organization Submitting Request
2. Links to your website or social media
3. Provide the mission and vision of your organization
4. Type of organization
  - Non-profit organization
  - For-profit organization
  - School district
  - Local government
  - Federally-recognized tribe
5. What is your organization's physical address?
6. What is your organization's mailing address?
7. What is your total organizational budget?
8. Name and job title of the primary contact for this application:  
*All correspondence regarding this grant will be directed to the primary contact.*
9. Contact email address
10. Phone number
11. If you use a fiscal agent, please list the organization, your contact there, and the fiscal agent's physical address.

12. Please upload your organization's current W-9 (or your fiscal agent's W9, if using a fiscal agent). Please ensure that the address on your W-9 matches your mailing address (this is where grant funds will be sent if your organization is selected), and please ensure that your W-9 is signed within the last year.
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## OEGP LETTER OF INTEREST QUESTIONS

13. Was your organization awarded funding from the Outdoor Equity Grant program in 2023?
- If yes, do you understand you must submit an expense report showing that 50% of your funds will be spent by September 25, 2024? Please send expense reports to Andrea Kurth, [andrea.kurth@state.co.us](mailto:andrea.kurth@state.co.us).
14. Give a brief summary of your proposal: Please provide a one-sentence description of your grant proposal. (25 words or less)
15. Amount requested (must be equal to or less than \$100,000):
16. What will this grant request support? *The OEGP will not award grants to fund the following: trail-building projects or trail-building equipment; indoor structures, building construction, or building renovations; land purchases.*

*Select all that apply:*

- Program activities (program staff, costs associated with activities, cultural activities, etc.)
  - A one-time event
  - An outdoor structure (a playground, pickleball court, outdoor classroom, etc.)
  - Capital purchases (a vehicle, gear, equipment, etc.)
  - General operating costs for organizations whose mission includes conservation, outdoor recreation, the environment, or other topics aligned with the Outdoor Equity Grant (insurance, staffing compensation/overhead, administrative costs, and facility expenses)
17. Please provide a few sentences that describe the youth and families you will engage. (50 words or less)

Eligible youth are defined as ages 25 and under from the following communities:

- Racially and ethnically diverse youth
- Low-income youth
- Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Trans, Queer, Questioning, or Two-Spirit Youth (LGBTQ2S+) youth
- American Indian Youth
- Youth with Disabilities

18. What county (or counties) and city (or cities) do your participants or anticipated participants live in? (50 words or less)

19. Describe your proposed scope of work. How will your proposed project or activities increase equitable access, reduce barriers to outdoor recreation, and instill a sense of wonder, excitement, and responsibility for the environment in Colorado youth and families? (1500 words or less)

Be sure to include information about how your project will do one or more of the following:

- Offer responsible recreation opportunities
- Offer environmental or outdoor-based educational opportunities
- Provide career pathways in the outdoor, conservation, or environmental fields

20. Why does your request align with the needs and priorities of the youth and families you are engaging in the outdoors? (500 words or less)

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## GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK

21. (Optional) Did you have difficulty with this application?

- Yes
- No

22. (Optional) What kind of resources does your organization have for applying for grants?

23. (Optional) What support would be helpful in this or future grant application rounds?

- Additional information sessions
- Technical assistance
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

24. (Optional) Would you benefit from additional training?

- Yes
- No

25. (Optional) Any other suggestions, questions or feedback?

Contact [andrea.kurth@state.co.us](mailto:andrea.kurth@state.co.us) with any additional feedback.

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