

Colorado Outdoor Equity Grant Awardees for 2022

ORGANIZATION NAME	MISSION	LOCATION	GRANT FUNDING
Acequia Institute	The "San Luis Food Sovereignty Initiative" is funded by a \$1.5M grant from The Colorado Health Foundation to remobilize the historic acequia agri-food system which was once a breadbasket of the SLV but became an alfalfa monoculture. The revival of traditional local place-based knowledge resonates with our farmers and youth and presents an opportunity for a unique approach to outdoor recreation working with partner organization Move Mountains Youth Leadership in service to the next generation's sense of and connection to place and its possibilities for right livelihoods in balance with our ecosystems.	San Luis, CO	\$80,000
Adaptive Adventures	To provide progressive outdoor sports opportunities to improve quality of life for children, adults and veterans with physical disabilities and their families. To ensure that all individuals with physical disabilities have access to participation in outdoor sports regardless of their location, equipment needs or economic status.	Westminster, CO	\$45,000
Americas for the Arts, Inc., dba Americas for Conservation and the Arts	Advancing healthy communities through environmental and cultural stewardship that can best bridge the outdoor and creative inclusion gaps and serve the most underserved.	Denver, CO	\$20,000
Aspen Center for Environmental Studies (ACES)	Aspen Center for Environmental Studies (ACES) is a non-profit environmental science education organization with three locations in the Roaring Fork watershed: Hallam Lake Nature Preserve, Rock Bottom Ranch, and the Catto Center at Toklat. With our mission to "educate for environmental responsibility", we make more than 125,000 annual education contacts reaching Colorado residents and visitors through guided hikes, environmental science lessons in schools and in the field, kids camps and adult classes, public lectures, community events, and more.	Aspen, CO	\$25,000
Basalt Regional Library District/Basalt Regional Library	The Basalt Regional Library District affords our community free and equitable access to information, tools and connections that nurture lifelong learning in a safe and welcoming space.	Basalt, CO	\$5,000

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Big City Mountaineers	Big City Mountaineers is committed to providing transformative experiences through nature that strengthen life skills and build community for youth from disinvested communities.	Arvada, CO	\$28,093
Black packers, LLC/ DBA Blackpackers	Economic Equity in Outdoor Recreation Our mission is two-fold: 1.) To provide gear, outdoor excursions and outdoor education for free or at subsidized cost 2.) To connect participants with volunteer opportunities, internships, jobs, and post-secondary education resources to create a pipeline from outdoor recreation to outdoor industry careers.	Colorado Springs, CO	\$60,000
Black Parents United Foundation	The Black Parents United Foundation (BPUF) is a 501(c)3 community-based non-profit organization created to empower parents of black and brown children to empower their children, and to promote equity, diversity, and inclusion through confidence building, community development, and community engagement.	Aurora, CO	\$55,875
Boys & Girls Clubs of Pueblo County	BGPC's mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.	Pueblo, CO	\$150,000
Cal-Wood Education Center	Cal-Wood's mission is to offer a unique outdoor educational experience to youth and adults at our 1,200 acre mountain site in Jamestown, CO. Our founding vision has guided our organization since 1982: to inspire a greater appreciation for the natural world; to offer environmental education to those who would not otherwise experience it; and to provide unique educational opportunities in a special mountain setting. In all programs, Cal-Wood strives to grow the diversity and number of people who experience nature and the Colorado mountains.	Jamestown, CO	\$50,000

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Chaffee County Public Health	Chaffee County Public Health strives to elevate community health through immunization against communicable disease, health promotion, health protection and emergency preparedness. Chaffee County Environmental Health is now associated with Chaffee County Public Health.	Salida, CO	\$65,000
City of Colorado Springs Therapeutic Recreation Program	To provide opportunities for youth and adults with disabilities to acquire skills that enable them to participate in recreation and leisure experiences of their choice and enhance their ability to function in a community setting. Support and advocacy are provided for individuals with disabilities to participate in general recreation activities as well as specialized therapeutic activities that include opportunities in outdoor adventure, arts & culture, social enrichment, community integration & leisure education and sports, fitness, and aquatics.	Colorado Springs, CO	\$17,800
Cloud City Conservation Center	Our mission is to inspire stewardship of our natural resources by creating educational opportunities and lasting community infrastructure in Leadville and Lake County. Our vision is "Healthy Planet, Healthy People".	Leadville, CO	\$25,000
Colorado Canyons Association	Fostering community stewardship, education and awareness of our National Conservation Lands in Western Colorado.	Grand Junction, CO	\$7,500
Colorado Institute of Developmental Pediatrics Inc, dba Adam's Camp	The mission of Adam's Camp is to realize the potentials and develop the strengths of children and young adults with disabilities by bringing together families with professionals and volunteers to collaboratively provide customized, intensive therapy, family support, and recreation in a camp environment.	Englewood, CO	\$47,700
Conservation Legacy	Engaging future leaders who protect, restore, and enhance our nation's lands through community-based service.	Durango, CO	\$50,000

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Cultivando	Cultivando is an organization that serves the Latino community in Adams County and focuses on community leadership to advance health equity through advocacy, collaboration, and policy change. Our work is based on our organizational values of community-led work, social justice, and collaborative leadership. We firmly believe that all people have the power to maintain fair and equitable systems and to ensure opportunities for their communities to thrive.	Eastlake, CO	\$19,082
Cultivando DBA Fortaleza Familiar	Fortaleza Familiar is dedicated to the wellness of Indigenous Chicanx Latinx Lesbian Gay Bi Queer Trans Two-Spirit young people and their families in Colorado. Our vision is that young LGBTQ2S people and their families reconnect to the ancestral power of their collective voice and resilience to lead healthy and balanced lives	Eastlake, CO	\$61,750
Denver Youth Program DBA Metro Denver Partners	GRASP is applying on behalf of the My Outdoor Colorado Coalition (MOC). MOC is a visionary approach to connecting youth and their families with the outdoors through strategic partnerships that provide access to nature education, recreation and skill-building opportunities. MOC understands that access to natural spaces and outdoor experiences is a fundamental human right, and our overall mission is to work towards a world where all youth and families find a sense of belonging, comfort, and trust in the outdoors.	Denver, CO	\$59,745
Diversify Whitewater	The mission of DW is to promote Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in paddlesports by removing the barriers that exist for BIPOC and Allies in kayaking, canoeing, rafting, and stand-up paddling.	Loveland, CO	\$4,000
Earth Mountain Education Farm	To educate for a sustainable future through outdoor experiential education programs that encourage personal growth, social responsibility, and environmental stewardship.	Trinidad, CO	\$50,000
elevateHER	elevateHER's mission is to foster self-worth and grit in young women through mentoring, outdoor adventure and holistic wellness programs.	Buena Vista, CO	\$8,500

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Fort Lewis College	Fort Lewis college started as a military outpost, then an Indian boarding school to rural high school and currently a public college serving a student body of over 57% students of color. Our institution located in Durango, CO receives 300 days of sunshine with 300 miles of local trails.	Durango, CO	\$25,020
Girls On Rock	Girls on Rock (GOR), serves girls 16-18 years old that identify as Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC), low-income, and LGBTQ+, where girls may be cis girls, trans girls, and any girl-identified youth, as well as non-binary and gender non-conforming youth. We lead tuition-free multi-day expeditions for the girls that interweave science, art, and backcountry travel, in order to increase the participation and diversity of girls in the outdoors.	Boulder, CO	\$46,300
Hunters of Color	Our mission is to create a more equitable community for hunters of color by dismantling barriers to entry through educational opportunities, mentorship, and resources to increase BIPOC participation in hunting, conservation, and the outdoors.	Statewide	\$50,000
Kwiyagat Community Academy	Kwiyagat Community Academy's mission is to ensure an educational program where the Nuchiu culture and language guides the educational experience and is characterized by small class sizes with an interdisciplinary, indigenous, and project-based approach that results in high academic expectations and desired character skills, personal wellness and community involvement.	Towaoc, CO	\$69,200
Latino Outdoors a fiscally sponsored project of Community Initiatives	Our mission is to inspire, connect, and engage Latino communities in the outdoors and embrace cultura y familia as part of the outdoor narrative, ensuring our history, heritage, and leadership are valued and represented.	Statewide	\$36,200
Lincoln Hills Cares	Lincoln Hills Cares develops the next generation of young leaders through outdoor education and recreation, cultural history exploration and workforce advancement. Our programs empower youth who may not otherwise have the opportunity due to economic, social or family circumstances.	Denver, CO	\$52,500

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PABNEEG	Building a culturally vibrant Hmong and Asian community.	Westminster, CO	\$25,000
Pueblo School District No.60	To provide a high quality education that assures each student the knowledge, skills and dispositions to lead a life of purpose and impact.	Pueblo, Co	\$82,500
Rocky Mountain Welcome Center	The Rocky Mountain Welcome Center (RMWC) is an immigrant-led not-for-profit organization with the mission of fostering intercultural learning, understanding, and integration among immigrants, refugees, and Colorado receiving communities through programs and activities that develop supportive multi-cultural and welcoming environments.	Aurora, CO	\$50,000
Rugged Research LLC	Rugged Research is a fun and exciting nature-based education organization founded by Rocky Mountain Park Rangers designed to spark curiosity and wonder towards the natural world! We offer summer camps, homeschool programs, early childhood programs and more for children ages 3-12; Colorado has wondrously diverse ecosystems, which our program uses as a giant, learning laboratory to help students fall in love with nature and learn about the impact of their actions on the environment.	Longmont, CO	\$22,050
Run Wild Trail Camp, Inc	RWTC creates and sustains community, adventure, and a sense of belonging by bringing together members of the community to empower, educate, support and provide appropriate representation for the youth campers.	Lakewood, CO	\$20,000
SLV Gen Wild/ SLV GO!	Working together to create opportunities and connections to the outdoors for all people in the San Luis Valley.	Alamosa, CO	\$100,000
Southern Colorado Community Action Agency	We provide high quality learning experiences for the positive development of youth so that all youth can realize their full potential	Ignacio, CO	\$25,000

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Spirit of the Sun, Inc,	Spirit of the Sun's mission is to work in partnership with Native American communities in urban areas and on reservations to boost the resilience of Native people, especially youth and young adults. Spirit of the Sun's overall strategy is to support, empower, and uplift Native youth by giving them the skills they need to succeed while maintaining strong cultural connections.	Denver, CO	\$100,000
STEM Launch K-8	STEM Launch was established on the idea that engaging in authentic learning is an act of equity in education. STEM Launch utilizes problem-based learning (PBL) through inquiry to engage all students in owning their education.	Thornton, CO	\$20,000
TEENS, Inc. (TeamWorks Program)	TeamWorks Mission: To connect young people to nature and community	Nederland, CO	\$10,000
The Cycle Effect	The Cycle Effect's mission is to empower young women through mountain biking to create brighter futures and build stronger communities. Founded on the belief that all young women deserve equal access to the outdoors and mountain biking in general, our Girls Mountain Bike Program is designed to make mountain biking accessible, affordable, and inclusive, especially for young women of color.	Eagle, CO	\$25,000
The JEKL Institute	To embrace and support the uninitiated in order to close the gap between access and real opportunity.	Denver, CO	\$37,750
University of Northern Colorado	The goal of AGES is to draw connections among the disciplines of Anthropology, Geology, and Environmental Studies to inspire students to explore and preserve our natural world for the prosperity of people and the planet	Greeley, CO	\$36,435
Village Exchange Center, Inc.	The Village Exchange Center is a community center and multi-faith worship space that celebrates religious and cultural diversity by creating an inclusive environment where residents from all backgrounds can practice, interact, share, and develop together. We seek to assist the immigrant and refugee population to feel empowered to use their existing strengths and unique perspectives to enrich the city's diverse and inclusive community.	Aurora, CO	\$20,000

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Walking Mountains- Eagle Valley Outdoor Movement	<p>Walking Mountains Science Center is a place-based environmental education nonprofit that subscribes to the notion that scientific knowledge begins, and grows, in the outdoors. Our mission to awaken a sense of wonder and inspire environmental stewardship and sustainability through natural science education, has allowed us to serve over 200,000 individuals each year.</p> <p>The Eagle Valley Outdoor Movement (EVOM) is a group of organizations and community members led by Walking Mountains Science Center, striving to provide equal access to outdoor spaces and opportunities for Latino/a/x youth and families in the Eagle Valley. Our Mission is: To strengthen community and appreciation of nature through shared outdoor experiences for people of all ages, abilities and cultures.</p>	Avon, CO	\$75,000