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COLORADO OUTDOOR REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS Fall 2023 Grant Information and Resources

Letter of Interest due by Friday, October 13, 2023
Complete Application due Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) offer grant funding for regional collaboration under the Outdoor Regional Partnership Initiative (RPI). Coalitions are invited to join a network of Regional Partnerships working to ensure that Colorado's land, water, and wildlife thrive while also providing for equitable and quality outdoor recreation experiences. Grant funding supports coalitions at all stages of development, including those just forming and those already funded under the RPI.

The fall 2023 funding round offers two types of grants:

1. **Partnership Capacity Grants**. Up to \$150,000 to support coalitions that are committed to convening a broad range of outdoors interests to identify and advance conservation and sustainable outdoor recreation objectives. Coalitions focused on Colorado's eastern plains and other areas where there are no established Regional Partnerships are a priority for capacity funding -- see the [RPI map](#) to locate these areas.
2. **Plan Development Grants**. Up to \$250,000 to support Regional Partnerships' work to complete regional conservation and recreation plans that complement [Colorado's Outdoors Strategy](#), a collaborative vision for conservation, climate resilience, and sustainable recreation. These grants can also include funding for capacity.

Interested applicants must submit a Letter of Interest to CPW no later than **Oct. 13th**. CPW will then share an online application form with interested parties who meet program criteria. Final proposals are due **Nov. 1st, 2023**. If you are considering whether to apply and would like more information, please contact Jody Kennedy (jody.kennedy@state.co.us or 970.281.7330).

VISION: *In 2050, Colorado's people and economy will thrive because of our healthy lands, water, wildlife, working farms, and ranches, accompanied by improved, inclusive outdoor recreation, hunting, and angling opportunities for all.*

PROGRAM VISION The Regional Partnership Initiative advances this 2050 vision of the [Colorado Outdoor Partnership](#) (CO-OP) by convening outdoor interests to identify and advance objectives and priorities that achieve the vision while considering the unique needs of Colorado’s communities.

GRANT GUIDELINES

REQUIREMENTS	Eligible Applicants: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colorado non-profit organizations and government entities that represent a coalition with a broad range of outdoor interests including, conservation, outdoor recreation, working lands, under-represented populations, and government interests OR demonstrate a commitment to building a coalition with these interests.• Represent new or existing coalitions in areas that do not have a Regional Partnership OR represent an existing Regional Partnership. Please see the RPI map (below) to see if your coalition is eligible.• Commitment to identifying community-driven conservation and sustainable outdoor recreation values, objectives and priorities while considering opportunities to inform Colorado’s Outdoors Strategy, a collaborative vision for conservation, climate resilience, and sustainable recreation.
SCORING PROPOSALS	Scoring: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposals are scored by the Colorado Outdoor Partnership Scoring Committee based on selection criteria. The Committee then makes recommendations for funding to the Director of Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the Executive Director of Great Outdoors Colorado.
CRITERIA	Selection Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposals demonstrate a path to establishing a regional vision for wildlife and natural resources and for sustainable outdoor recreation.• Show consideration for how to incorporate and assess community values and needs and capture public input.• Show consideration for how to build and/or sustain a standing coalition representing broad outdoor interests with commitment to the program vision, regional collaboration and planning.• Show consideration for how to assess the conservation and outdoor recreation landscape to inform strategic priorities. This could include use of the Conservation Data Explorer (CODEX) and other tools and resources informing the RPI.• Letters of recommendation from partner organizations, agencies and/or governments that demonstrate support from broad outdoor interests.• A budget and timeline, templates will be provided.

GRANT AMOUNT AND MATCH REQUIREMENTS Grants are offered for the duration of one to two years. For Partnership Capacity grants, applicants may request between \$25,000 and \$150,000 to support coalition building, facilitation, communication, administration, and coordination. For Plan Development Grants, CPW will consider requests between \$50,000 and \$250,000 to support capacity and plan development work including public involvement, communications, research, geospatial analysis, and assessments of current conditions. CPW requires a 10% match of financial and/or in-kind contribution.

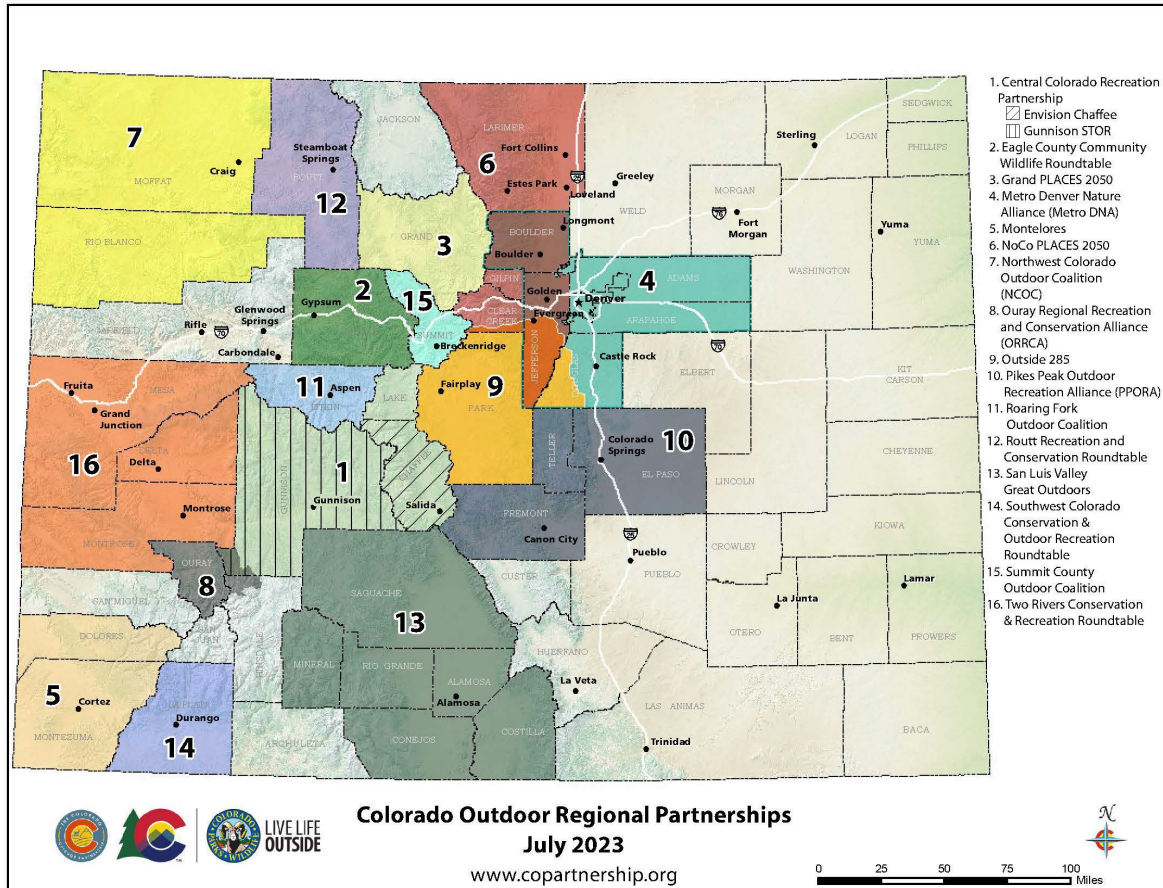
APPLICATION PROCESS

LETTER OF INTEREST	<p>Interested applicants are encouraged to contact Jody Kennedy with CPW at jody.kennedy@state.co.us.</p> <p>Letter of Interest: To apply, submit a letter of interest to jody.kennedy@state.co.us by Friday, October 13, 2023. Letters can be in the body of an email and should include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organization name, lead contact name, email address, phone number and physical address.• Brief description of the geographic area that your proposal will cover.• Summary of your collaborative effort, which includes a <i>brief</i> overview of: 1) the interest areas and sectors collaborating to advance this work, and 2) how this work will support conservation and sustainable outdoor recreation planning at a regional or landscape scale.
FULL APPLICATION	<p>Application: Applicants who submit a letter of interest will receive feedback from CPW and information regarding application next steps. Applicants who meet the basic grant requirements will receive a link for an online application. Final applications require a budget, timeline, and narrative description of how coalitions are committed to advancing the Outdoor Partnership Initiative criteria, and letters of support. Applicants may be invited to present their proposals to the CO-OP Scoring Committee.</p>
TIMELINE	<p>Fall 2023 Funding Application Timeline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• September 6, 2023: Application Period Opens• September 27, 10 -11:00 AM: Informational Q&A Session• October 13, 2023: Letter of Interest Deadline• November 1, 2023: Application Deadline• Nov. 1 - Dec. 8, 2023: CPW & CO-OP Scoring Committee Review• Dec. 8 - 15, 2023: Applicant Presentations• January, 2024: Awards Announced

RESOURCES

- Colorado Outdoor Partnership (CO-OP)
- Regional Partnerships Initiative Story Map
- Colorado's Outdoors Strategy
- Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships Executive Order
- Colorado's Guide for Planning Trails with Wildlife in Mind
- Colorado's Conservation Data Explorer (CODEX)
- 2019 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)
- Colorado's Outdoor Principles
- Conserving Colorado's Big Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors
- State Wildlife Action Plan
- State Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Executive Order

RPI MAP



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