

COLORADO DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE

2023 Recreational Trails and LWCF Grants

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To update the State Recreational Trails Committee on the 2023 Recreational (Non-Motorized) Trail and Land and Water Conversation Fund Grant Applications received.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Parks and Wildlife Division’s State Trails Program administers grant programs to fund trails and greenways across Colorado. This program is a partnership with city, county and state governments, non-profit organizations, and federal land management agencies. The goal is to make funds from Great Outdoors Colorado, Colorado’s Lottery, Recreational Trails Program (Federal Highways), and Land & Water Conservation Fund (National Park Service) available for trail-related projects that support the goals of the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) and the Strategic Plan of the State Trails Program.

The Trails Program was established through the authority of the “Recreational Trails System Act” of 1971. Funding for a wide variety of trail projects began in 1973 with Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) dollars. In 1983 the Colorado Lottery provided a major new funding source. In 1984, the Recreational Trails Statute was enacted under Title 33, Article 11 and provides direction for the State Trails Program and the State Recreational Trails Advisory Committee. In 1994, Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) provided an even larger boost.

Colorado Statute Title 33, Article 11, Sections 101-112 defines the Recreational Trails Legislative Guidelines. Sections 105 and 106 stipulate that Colorado’s Recreational Trails Committee (the Committee) shall advise and coordinate trail development with approval of the Parks and Wildlife Commission (the Commission).

The Commission’s Policy A-104 defines the purpose and responsibilities of the Committee whereas the Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Commission concerning the funding of trail grants. The Committee shall make recommendations to the Commission concerning the funding of Recreational Trails grants, OHV and Snowmobile Program grants. These recommendations are presented to the Commission at specific times throughout the year.

DISCUSSION AND SUMMARY:

Applications were received up until the October 4th deadline. Data and information from these applications are documented in the spreadsheets attached. In total, CPW received 49 total applications requesting a total amount of \$11,382,807.40. There were 17 applications submitted in the Construction category requesting 3,444,596.53, 15 applications in the Maintenance category requesting \$2,229,710.87, 12 in the Planning/Support category requesting \$508,500.00, and 5 LWCF applications requesting \$5,200,000.00.

Estimated funding for the 2023 Non-Motorized Trail grants:

Source of Funding	Dollar Amount
GOCO State Parks	\$1,000,000
Federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP)	\$938,015
Total	\$1,938,015.00

Here is the estimated available funding amounts if we allocate funding based upon the percentage of request amount received by category (excluding LWCF):

	Percentage of Total Requested Funds	Estimated Available Funding Percentage
Construction	56%	\$1,079,716.60
Maintenance	36%	\$698,907.93
Planning/Support	8%	\$159,390.47

We are still waiting on estimates for available money to fund LWCF projects.

A summary of the grant applications received can be found in attachment B. All of the non-motorized grant applications are posted on the Parks and Wildlife’s website for public review and comment. The web address for the non-motorized grant applications is: <https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/TrailsGrantsNM.aspx>

Initial public comments must be submitted in writing by the close of business on Friday, December 9 by 5:00 P.M. Mountain Time. Comments may be submitted by email to the following web site: trails@state.co.us

Pursuant to the Commission’s Policy A-104, Committee members shall chair the Committee’s subcommittees assigned to review and rank the non-motorized grant applications. Two additional Committee members were also elected by the Committee to serve as public members on each subcommittee.

- Construction subcommittee chair – Pam Denahy
- Maintenance subcommittee chair – Meara McQuain
- Planning/Support subcommittee chair – Jason Meyer
- LWCF chair – Jill Ozarski

In an effort to ensure that the State Trails Program is funding quality projects, a minimum combined score of 70 will be required to receive State Trails funding.

Scores from the subcommittee process must be submitted to the Trails Program offices or staff in Littleton by 12:00 pm on Thursday, January 12 to be included in the final grant application evaluation process.

DIVISION RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

SUGGESTED MOTION:

N/A



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CONSTRUCTION APPLICATIONS				
Project Number/Region	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Amount Requested	Total Cost
1-NE	Kiowa Creek Trail and Multi Model Improvement Project	Town of Bennett	\$250,000.00	\$312,500.00
<p>The project will create a nearly 3-mile long and 8ft wide concrete trail that connects our downtown business district to the Kiowa Creek North Open Space and will connect Adams and Arapahoe County. The project will include erosion control, native plant seeding, grading, riprap armoring and the construction of the trail.</p>				
3-NE	Dutch Creek Regional Trail Completion Project	Foothills Park & Recreation District	\$250,000.00	\$3,229,979.00
<p>This project will allow the completion of the Dutch Creek Regional Trail (DCRT) between Kipling Parkway and the C-470 Trail. The goal of the completion is to connect open gaps in the trail alignment, provide a direct connection to other regional trails, and increase connections to many recreational amenities. The proposed trail connections will travel approximately 2 miles, creating a 6-mile long continuous east/west trail between Weaver Park and the C-470 trail.</p>				
6-SW	Shavano Gateway Recreation Area – Phase 1B	Montrose County	\$120,970.98	\$161,294.64
<p>The proposed project will continue improvement of the Shavano Gateway Recreation Trailhead. The site, in unincorporated Montrose County, is approximately seven miles southwest of the City of Montrose. This project would continue efforts completed in Phase 1A of the project by installing parking delineators, concrete wheel stops, a fence gate, signs, picnic tables, shelters and clearing and grubbing as well as constructing storm water drainage components, restroom facilities and ADA parking stall.</p>				
8_NW	Himebaugh Gulch Loop Trail	Town of Hot Sulphur Springs	\$25,145.00	\$527,253.16
<p>The proposed project will be located in Himebaugh Gulch, a 275 acre area of open space located on the south side of Hot Sulphur Springs. The project consists of constructing up to 2,000 feet of new, single-track trail along with culverts to span two small intermittent streams. The new trail will connect two existing trails to create a loop opportunity and minimize use of one of the area's access points in a residential neighborhood.</p>				
12-SE	Play Fair Park	City of Pueblo	\$248,653.00	\$331,537.00
<p>The project will create Southern Colorado's first accessible and inclusive playground - Play Fair Park – to help develop cognitive, physical, social and sensory skills. It will also serve as a way to promote outdoor recreation. Funds will be used to add trails to an existing, centrally located park to offer a range of outdoor experiences to people with varying abilities. This will include converting approximately 2,250 linear feet of gravel trail to concrete and building a paved fishing dock for wheelchair access.</p>				
16-NW	North Fruita Desert Trail Construction	Mesa County Public Health	\$250,000.00	\$419,098.00
<p>This project will fund the construction of 25 miles of natural surface single-track trails at the North Fruita Desert Specialized Recreation Management Area. The advanced areas across the three trails to be constructed will be built by a professional contractor while the remaining sections of trail will be built by a non-motorized trail crew with expertise in both construction and maintenance.</p>				

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CONSTRUCTION CONTINUED	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Amount Requested	Total Cost
18-NW	Fraser Valley Trails Redevelopment Project	Headwaters Trail Alliance	\$130,938.00	\$256,330.00
<p>This project is the last phase of trail redevelopment for two multi-year landscape level trail system projects in the Fraser Valley in Grand County. The primary goal of both projects is to better balance recreational desires with conservation values as these projects promote sustainable trail design and improve the user experience through a diversification of features and construction techniques. The new trail construction and reroutes resolve steep, fall line gradients, poor alignment, erosion, sedimentation into creeks, poor connectivity, trail braiding, and wildlife habitat fragmentation.</p>				
21-NE	Westwood Via Verde Trail	Denver Parks & Recreation	\$250,000.00	\$1,215,443.00
<p>The Westwood Via Verde Trail will construct 1100' of new, 10' wide concrete trail, and remove an existing 8' trail to construct an additional 1500' of new 10' concrete trail, to meet Denver's local trail standard. The project scope also includes ADA curb ramp upgrades, curb extensions and a raised crossing of Irving St. to increase safety for students walking to and from school. Other elements include green infrastructure, irrigation upgrades, tree planting, pollinator habitat, and native restoration. The Via Verde Trail is located in the Westwood neighborhood in Denver, Colorado.</p>				
22-NE	Virginia Canyon Mountain Park – Phase 2	City of Idaho Springs	\$249,236.00	\$720,627.60
<p>The project involves constructing of Phase 2 of hiking and mountain biking trails in Virginia Canyon Mountain Park (VCMP). Phase 2 will add 3.7 miles of trail to the 4.3 miles of trail built in Phase 1. The project will construct 2 downhill bike-only trails, a bi-directional hiking trail and an uphill-only bike trail, all intermediate difficulty. This project hopes to represent a new model for balancing the conservation of valuable habitat with providing much-needed recreation opportunities on public lands. VCMP is located next to the Clear Creek Greenway in the City of Idaho Springs.</p>				
25-NW	Maroon Creek Multi Use Trail	City of Aspen	\$250,000.00	\$3,628,712.02
<p>This project will construct 5,245 linear feet of ADA accessible multi-use trail with the goal of providing a safe pedestrian connection between downtown Aspen and the Maroon Creek Valley. The trail will be a mixture of concrete and asphalt and will require retaining walls as well as pedestrian railings. The proposed Maroon Creek Multi-Use Trail will parallel Maroon Creek Road crossing Pitkin County, private and City of Aspen lands.</p>				
27-NW	Town Park Completion – Wetlands Phase	Town of Snowmass Village	\$250,000.00	\$5,146,564.00
<p>This project will add trails around the pond and wetlands in the Town of Snowmass Village. This project will include construction of ADA paths around the pond and the wetlands, the single-track connection trail through the perimeter, the boardwalks along the waterway, and planned bridge connection to Town owned property and Pitkin County's Sky Mountain Park.</p>				
30-SW	Baker's Park Trail System	Silverton Singletrack Society	\$250,000.00	\$916,053.34
<p>Baker's Park will create approximately 30 miles of rolling contour, natural surface single-track that offers experiences for all skill levels, fosters community involvement, preserves open space and bolsters the local economy. 24 miles will be shared use, and nearly 6 miles will be one-way trails designed for bikes. Baker's Park will be built in San Juan County on public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Gunnison Field Office, adjacent to Silverton.</p>				
34-NE	Tabor Lake Trail	City of Wheat Ridge	\$100,000.00	\$778,199.00
<p>This project involved constructing the Tabor Lake Trail in northwest Wheat Ridge in Jefferson County. The Tabor Lake Trail will be .7 miles long, 8'-10' wide, will connect to the Peaks to Plains Trail and W. 44th Ave, will encircle Tabor Lake with a safe, stable, accessible trail, and will be located within the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt open space area. The proposed trail design will include ~.3 miles of concrete connection between W.44th Ave and Tabor St. to the Peaks to Plains Trail along the west side of the lake and ~.4 miles of crusher fines along the north and east sides of the lake.</p>				

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35-SW	Miners Trail	Delta County	\$250,000.00	\$2,616,914.00
<p>The project is to build a 7.7 mile single-track connection trail from the Town of Hotchkiss to facilities at North Fork High School, Rec District, the Nature Connection and surrounding facilities. The trail will allow students and the public safe access to these facilities without having to walk or bike on the shoulder of the heavily travelled State Highway 92.</p>				
37-NW	West Steamboat Trail – Phase 1	City of Steamboat Springs	\$250,000.00	\$750,000.00
<p>This project will construct 750 linear feet of concrete sidewalk and 1,450 linear feet of concrete core trail connecting the terminus of the Yampa River Core Trail in West Steamboat. The trail will create a safe off-highway and grade separated bicycle and pedestrian trail that will increase connectivity between the West Steamboat neighborhoods and the rest of Steamboat Springs and improve access to recreational opportunities.</p>				
40-SE	Austin Bluffs Open Space Improvements and Trailhead Construction	City of Colorado Springs	\$250,000.00	\$346,360.00
<p>This project will contribute to the construction of an official trailhead, trail connectivity, and wayfinding within Austin Bluffs Open Space (ABOS). Construction will include installing signage throughout the trail system, 1.5 miles of new trail and improvements on 2.5 miles of trail. This construction will also about the ABOS Regional Trail to link nearby urban trails, neighborhoods, and other amenities. This project is located in Colorado Springs.</p>				
49-SW	Baca National Wildlife Refuge – Nature and Heritage Trail	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	\$69,653.55	\$122,269.55
<p>The proposed project aims to connect the Town of Crestone to the Baca Visitor Center with 1.3 miles of natural surface trail. The goal of the trail is too provide residents and visitors an alternative access route to the Baca National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) without walking or biking on the narrow county road and continue to protect wildlife habitats within and around the refuge.</p>				
MAINTENANCE APPLICATIONS				
Project Number/Region	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Amount Requested	Total Cost
2-SW	Weminuche Trails	USFS Columbine Ranger District	\$199,549.40	\$486,621.40
<p>The proposal is for a large scale trail maintenance project in the Pine River drainage located in the Weminuche Wilderness. The main objective of this project is to complete log out on approximately 69 miles of non-motorized trail in the drainage using crosscut saws and hand tools. There are also two dirt projects that have been identified where crews will improve 2.25 miles of the Pine River Trail #523. The majority of the project landscape is located in Hinsdale County.</p>				
4-SE	Devils Playground Trail Improvement Project	Rocky Mountain Field Institute (RMFI)	\$250,000.00	\$409,500.00
<p>This project will continue the construction of an approximate 4-mile reroute of the Devils Playground Trail to the top of Pikes Peak. The project is designed to reduce visitor impacts to the surrounding natural resources and enhance the quality and safety of the recreational experience on Pikes Peak. The estimated on-the-ground project deliverables include 6,000 linear feet of new trail, construction of ~500 steps/risers, ~1,500 linear feet of monowall, and ~4,500 square feet of retaining wall. The project is located on the Pike National Forest, south of Divide, CO in Teller County.</p>				
7-SW	2023 Crested Butte Conservation Corps	Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association	\$50,000.00	\$239,562.65
<p>The 2023 Crested Butte Conservation Corps (CBCC) will assist land managers, stakeholders, municipalities, and open space partners in the stewardship and maintenance of trails and sustainable recreation in the north end of the Gunnison Valley. In 2023, CBCC crews will maintain over 50 miles of non-motorized trails on the District and on adjacent open spaces, cutting over 300 downed trees to prevent trail braiding and resource damage, and continue to provide stewardship efforts to enhance user experiences, minimize impacts, and provide for sustainable recreation.</p>				

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14-NW	Hanging Lake Trail Reconstruction	National Forest Foundation	\$250,000.00	\$1,880,326.00
<p>This project will reconstruct a permanent, sustainable and more resilient trail up to Hanging Lake. The scope of this proposal includes the reconstruction of 1.2 miles of trail tread, six bridges, interpretive signage and wayside additions, trailhead improvements, and habitat/ecological restoration work focused on revegetating areas near the trail and stream impacted by the debris flows. The Hanging Lake Trail, Forest Service Trail #1850, is located off I-70 in Glenwood Canyon just 10 miles east of Glenwood Springs in Garfield County, Colorado.</p>				
15-NW	Wilderness Stewardship of the Four-Pass Loop	Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers	\$50,459.85	\$121,526.75
<p>This project would continue a backcountry wilderness stewardship program that addresses deferred maintenance on highly popular trails in the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness. The project focus is working on three priority trails that make up the iconic Four Pass Loop. Some work priorities include: installing drainages, hardening/armoring water crossings, revegetation efforts and stabilization efforts.</p>				
19-Statewide	Colorado 14ers Statewide Maintenance Program	Colorado Fourteeners Initiative (CFI)	\$250,000.00	\$869,768.74
<p>This program will allow CFI to hire and deploy 8 experienced trail crew leaders to directly perform and/or oversee volunteers working to perform 40.9 miles of routine trail maintenance, 5.5 miles of more intensive trail reconstruction (within existing trail corridors) and close, stabilize and restore 1.08 miles of old social trails during the 2023 and 2024 summer field seasons on fifteen 14,000-foot peaks across Colorado.</p>				
20-SE	Oil Well Flats	Fremont Adventure Recreation	\$26,136.00	\$34,848.00
<p>This project is for high-level maintenance on the Oil Well Flats trail system. The trail system is about 15 miles in total and about 7.5 miles has moderate to severe maintenance needs. The proposed work would be rebuilding eroded tread, drainage improvements, removal of loose rocks, rock work, maintenance on technical trail features, and site line improvements. The other 7.5 miles of trail have minimal to moderate damage which can be remediated with the help of a trail crew. Oil Well Flats is located about 6 miles north of the town of Cañon City in Fremont County.</p>				
23-NE	Partnership for Stewardship 2023	Wildlands Restoration Volunteers (WRV)	\$250,000.00	\$576,482.57
<p>This project will mobilize Wildlands Restoration Volunteers (WRV) extensive volunteer community to help with wilderness corridor clearing statewide and conduct trail maintenance/reconstruction projects at Surprise Lake Trail in the White River National Forest near Silverthorne and the Lady Moon ADA Trail in the Arapaho Roosevelt Nation Forest near Red Feather Lakes. Scope will include: 50+ miles of trail corridor clearing, 12,000 feet of rerouted trail with 13,000 feet of closure/rehab, 10,000 feet of ADA trails and 700' of ADA boardwalk, and benefiting over 150 acres of trail-side habitat.</p>				
28-NE	South Park Ranger District – Trail Maintenance	South Park Ranger District	\$103,938.82	\$193,717.94
<p>The USFS South Park Ranger District will hire and lead a 3-person, seasonal, non-motorized trail crew to perform routine and backlogged maintenance on the 271 miles of system trails on the District in the Pike National Forest. The crew will be expected to maintain all trails to USDA Forest Service Standard Trail Plans and Specifications as provided by the Agency. The crew will focus on priority areas, and work across the entire district to ensure a robust and sustainable trail system.</p>				
31-SW	2023 GFO Non-Motorized Trail Crew	BLM Gunnison Field Office	\$77,580.80	\$124,387.80
<p>This project will expand the scope of our trail maintenance work to better meet the needs of the non-motorized recreating public. Specifically, the crew will clear corridor on 30 miles of non-motorized trail, build log stringer bridges to improve visitor experience and improve sustainability on 2 trails, improve drainage on the Powderhorn Lakes trail, perform deferred maintenance on the Beaver Creek trail, improve Wilderness trailhead kiosks, and educate trail users on responsible recreation and leave no trace.</p>				

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MAINTENANCE CONTINUED	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Amount Requested	Total Cost
38-NE	Trail Construction Services Maintenance Team	Colorado Mountain Bike Association	\$164,125.00	\$229,611.00

This project will support a 4-8 person professional trail maintenance crew for at least a 5-month season (May-October in 2023) focusing primarily on repairing public single track trails in the Clear Creek and South Platte Ranger Districts. Funding will additionally support the rental of trail building equipment to enable heavier repairs addressing a wider range of trail needs. Maintenance and repair of these heavily used trails is critical to ensure that they remain safe with increased use while minimizing the impact on surrounding wildlife habitats and sensitive ecosystems.

39-NE	Evergreen Lake North Trail	Evergreen Park & Recreation District	\$250,000.00	\$5,027,903
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The project will create an accessible, multimodal trail on the north side of Evergreen Lake, on the western edge of unincorporated Jefferson County. The project is part of the 1.25-mile Loop Trail around Evergreen Lake, within Dedisse Park owned by the City & County of Denver (Denver). The project will improve 1,300 feet of existing soft-surface trail on the north side of Evergreen Lake, creating a two-level trail system to accommodate a variety of users and modalities, increase safety, and fix failing infrastructure.

42-SW	Historic Monsoons Trail Damage Maintenance	San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!)	\$247,893.00	\$322,723.50
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The proposed maintenance project will address the needs of several highly used trails in 3 US National Forest districts; Divide, Conejos Peak, and Saguache. Trails in these area experienced a heavy monsoon season resulting in significant damage to trails without proper drainage or infrastructure. Work on these trails will include stone paving, water bars, removing berms, and armored drains in order to improve trail drainage and tread sustainability.

44-SE	Pueblo Mountain Park – Trail Maintenance	Nature and Wildlife Discovery Center (NWDC)	\$30,978.00	\$77,768.00
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This project will conduct multiple trail maintenance/reconstruction projects on three trails covering 3.28 miles, over the course of two years. The projects will highlight NWDC's commitment to community engagement and environmental education opportunities. The project will entail the installation of new signage throughout the park's trail system to increase trail head visibility, clarify user access, and clearly mark intersections. Pueblo Mountain Park is located in Beulah, Colorado adjacent to the San Isabel National Forest.

45-SE	Walsenburg Riverwalk Renovation Maintenance Project	Huerfano County	\$29,050.00	\$36,450.00
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This project will increase accessibility to the Riverwalk by adding ADA-compliant surfacing to approximately 1500 feet of trail along the river and installing lighting, signs, handrails, picnic tables and benches where appropriate. The project will take place on Huerfano County-owned land along the Cucharas River behind Fiesta Park in Walsenburg, Colorado.

PLANNING AND SUPPORT APPLICATIONS

Project Number/Region	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Amount Requested	Total Cost
5-SW [Planning]	Mapping Trails with LIDAR Data	Backcountry Hunters & Anglers	\$45,000.00	\$60,750.00

This project will assist in identifying routes throughout the Grand Mesa Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests using ArcGIS mapping software and newly available LIDAR data. The LIDAR data would provide high-resolution imagery to survey existing routes across the approximately 3-million acre forest. The project will provide a better understanding of existing system routes and also the location of unauthorized routes on the forest.

10-SW [Planning]	Rio Grande Southern Dolores Placer Connection	Rico Trails Alliance	\$13,500.00	\$28,500.00
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This project will develop a plan for a segment of trail that will serve as an important connector of the historic Rio Grande Southern railroad grade trail on the Dolores Placer parcel. This component of the Galloping Goose Trail makes the regional trail system more accessible to more people than many of other trail in the area, thus providing more recreational opportunities to regional residents and visitors. The project will take place in Dolores County approximately one mile south of Rico.

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13-NE [Planning]	59 th Ave. Trailhead for Poudre River and Sheep Draw Trails	City of Greeley Natural Areas & Trails Division	\$45,000.00	\$72,700.00
<p>The planning project will develop a site plan and 80% construction drawings for a new trailhead to serve users on both Poudre River and Sheep Draw trails. Project activities include an analysis and site plan of two possible locations for the trailhead to choose the most appropriate site. The analysis will look at traffic on 59th Avenue, site conditions and other criteria of each site. The design will include a connecting paved path from the trailhead to the primary trail. The two locations being considered are north of the Cache la Poudre River in Greeley’s Cottonwood Bend Natural Area or south of the river on the west side of 59th Avenue in Sheep Draw Natural Area.</p>				
17-SE [Planning]	Chaffee County Strategic Trails System & Conservation Plan	Envision Chaffee County	\$45,000.00	\$207,400.00
<p>This project is a regional planning effort to identify priorities for trail improvements and opportunities to reduce impacts to wildlife, natural resources and agricultural operations. The scope focuses on all lands in Chaffee County, encompassing 400 miles of designated trails spanning land managed by different agencies and municipalities. The project includes four phases with funding going toward phases 1 and 2 which are developing a current trails system inventory and conditions assessment and a current trails system critical needs and opportunities action plan.</p>				
24-SE [Planning]	Envisioning Monument’s Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces	Town of Monument	\$45,000.00	\$150,000.00
<p>This project will create a much-needed update to the Town of Monument’s (TOM) Parks Master Plan, and will be overseen by the Parks and Open Spaces Department (POSD). This project focuses on parks, open spaces, and trails (existing and proposed) in the 4.6 square miles within the Town of Monument, and how to best achieve connectivity between these resources and with outside resources (i.e. El Paso County trails and park spaces). A priority of this project is connectivity with regional trails and spaces.</p>				
26-NW [Planning]	Snowmass Village Town Park Pond & Wetlands Recreation Expansion	Town of Snowmass Village	\$45,000.00	\$4,941,564.00
<p>This project will be a three phase project to expand the town park. This project will contribute to the planning and design of ADA paths around the pond and the wetlands, the single-track connection trail through the perimeter, the boardwalks along the waterway, and planned bridge connection to Town owned property and Pitkin County’s Sky Mountain Park. These improvements will have a major impact on recreation in Snowmass Village.</p>				
46-SE [Planning]	Walsenburg Riverwalk Planning Project	Huerfano County	\$40,000.00	\$50,000.00
<p>This project will result in the development of a master plan for a 2024 Walsenburg Riverwalk Renovation Project. The project would maintain the Riverwalk trail in two phases. The plan will include necessary trail maintenance and weed removal to clean up the area and provide an oasis for locals and visitors alike. The fundamental goal of this project is to increase accessibility of this space to Huerfano residents without sacrificing, and indeed while benefiting, the surrounding ecosystem.</p>				
9-NE [Support]	Trail Training Expansion	Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado	\$45,000.00	\$58,916.79
<p>Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC) will utilize this support grant to expand our Outdoor Stewardship Institute (OSI) training program. They will invest in the OSI training program with a particular focus on increasing the number of people with advanced trail skills, inspiring “regular” volunteers to take on leadership roles, moving trained leaders along a defined leadership pathway, and locating a portion of sessions at targeted trail systems, thereby creating training-to-project demonstration hubs. VOC projects will span a variety of geographic areas.</p>				

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11-NW [Support]	Advancing Volunteer Capacity	Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers	\$45,000.00	\$368,700.00
The requested funding will support two years (2023/2024) of partial salary and benefits for RFOV's Program Coordinator position. This position is responsible for overseeing our custom group projects and Adopt-a-Trail programs throughout our service area. This position is also charged with growing our volunteer participation in Western Garfield County by 30% through dedicated outreach and partnership cultivation.				
29-NE [Support]	Continental Divide Trail Coalition Field Instructors	Continental Divide Trail Coalition (CDTC)	\$45,000.00	\$83,800.00
The project will support two full-time, seasonal Field Instructors within the CDTC's Field Programs Department in Colorado. The Field Instructors will implement CDTC volunteer trail work projects and CDTC Adopter Trainings across the 740 miles of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDT) in Colorado. The funding will increase capacity to develop and foster authentic partnerships with individuals and organizations that support volunteer capacity and engagement along the CDT and help bring the CDT up to National Scenic Trail Standards.				
41-NE [Support]	Training, Tools & Leaders	Wildlands Restoration Volunteers (WRV)	\$45,000.00	\$152,712.60
This project seeks support to build capacity for trails projects. Specific activities would include upgrading the website for accessible trail leader resources and volunteer recruitment, plan and implement different level volunteer courses, purchase materials and to send staff members to trails conference. This project will help expand the leadership base and increase the ability to undertake more projects.				
43-NE-NW [Support]	Empowering Mountain Communities in Conservation	Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative (MRHI)	\$45,000.00	\$88,640.00
MRHI seeks support to boost organizational volunteer capacity to address the increased need to repair and improve existing trails in the South Park Ranger District, Park County, and within the Pike-San Isabel National Forest. Specific activities to be completed include: hiring a Volunteer Coordinator; recruiting new and diverse volunteers; developing structured volunteer engagement program; expanding volunteer trainings; and accomplishing on-the-ground work targeting trails/riparian areas of highest need as determined by project partners and land managers.				
LAND WATER AND CONSERVATION FUND APPLICATIONS				
Project Number/Region	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Amount Requested	Total Cost
32-NW	Vail Pass Rest Area Replacement	Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)	\$1,250,000.00	\$25,465,000.00
The proposed project will replace the Vail Pass Rest Area (VPRA). The new VPRA will include a new rest area building, a new building for the Forest Service to manage recreation traffic, a new dedicated parking lot for snowmobiles, an expanded parking lot for all other recreation traffic, and a dedicated and separated route for the Vail Pass Bike Path.				
33-NE	Bear Creek Park	Denver Parks & Recreation	\$1,250,000.00	\$3,250,00.00
The Bear Creek Park project will focus on increasing access to the trail from surrounding neighborhoods, ADA compliance and improvements, replacement of aging and deteriorating bridge structures, and widening the trail to Denver Parks & Recreation's regional trail standards to accommodate increased usage along this important corridor.				
36-NW	Trent Park Expansion Project	Town of Silverthorne	\$1,250,000.00	\$2,581,431.19
Town of Silverthorne will expand the existing 3.8-acre Trent Park on to 7.8 adjacent, underutilized acres, adding amenities requested by the community during a robust planning and visioning process, such as a shelter with restrooms, multi-purpose field, hard surface pump track, rock-climbing wall, and a basketball court. As new housing developments continue to bring in new residents and park users, the park expansion will ensure adequate and equitable access to this vital community recreational resource for working families.				

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LWCF CONTINUED	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Amount Requested	Total Cost
47-NW	Fall River Trail Project – Phase 4	Town of Estes Park	\$700,000.00	\$1,400,000.00
<p>This project will complete the final 0.7 miles of the overall 2.5 mile Fall River Trail Project. This project will connect downtown Estes Park to Rocky Mountain National Park with a multi-modal trail (8' to 10' wide). The trail will increase access to recreational opportunities and ensure that alternative transportation options are offered to help reduce travel times and air pollution, and to preserve Colorado’s transportation structure.</p>				
48-NE	Wright Park Redevelopment	City of Lakewood	\$750,000.00	\$3,650,000.00
<p>This project will focus on improvements for Wright Park, a 10-acre neighborhood park located west of Union Blvd and south of Sixth Ave. in an urban renewal area. The project will include an addition of an off-leash dog park, a new trail system with both hard and soft surface trails, a new playground, an open lawn and a redesigned ADA accessible entrance. Additionally, the project will improve drainage and add native plantings in passive use areas.</p>				