

Application form



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION - PLANNING

PROJECT BASICS

Title

Type

Construction

Planning

Maintenance

Support

Phased project

Yes

No

If yes, Phase #

of

Brief summary

Grant request

\$

Grant ratio¹

%

Match

\$

Match ratio

%

Total

\$

Total

100 %

APPLICANT

Type

Local

County

Federal

Tribal

Recreation and Metro Districts

Non-Profit

Organization

Postal address

City

State

CO

ZIP Code

General email

UEI #

Lead contact

Title

Telephone

Email

Project manager

Title

Telephone

Email

PARTNER OR CO-SPONSOR

Organization

N/A

Postal address

City

State

CO

ZIP Code

Contact name

Title

Telephone

Email

¹ Grant ratio = grant request / total. Match ratio = match / total.

PROPERTY			
Nearest town or city	San Luis	County	Costilla
Latitude/Longitude	37.2008° N, 105.4239° W	Congressional district	3
Name of property owner			
Trail Corridor controlled by	<input type="checkbox"/> Fee simple	<input type="checkbox"/> Lease	<input type="checkbox"/> Easement
	<input type="checkbox"/> License	<input type="checkbox"/> ROW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: County

TRAIL			
Uses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking, walking, running	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equestrian
E-bikes allowed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Snow sports (non-motorized)
	<input type="checkbox"/> ADA Accessible		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
Estimate percentage by type (e.g.,) 50% hiking, etc.	50% hiking, 30%biking, 20% Equestrian		
Surface	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural	<input type="checkbox"/> Crusher fines	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt
	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
Size of new trailhead (sq. ft.)	Length of trail being planned	6 miles	
Length of new trail construction ²	Length of trail maintenance		
Length of inter-connecting trail	Length of trail reroute		
Length of decommissioned trail	Length of restored trail		
Length of trail to be signed	Length of trail grooming		
Other:			
Estimated amount of paid crew hours:	Grant	Match:	

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On behalf of the applicant entity, I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information in this application is true and correct.

Authorized Representative

Signature	Ben Doon	<small>Digitally signed by Ben Doon Date: 2023.10.03 20:30:24 -06'00'</small>	Date	10/03/2023
Name	Ben Doon		Title	County Administrator

² Length of trail – use miles, square feet, linear feet

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COSTILLA COUNTY**

**Supporting the Grant Application for a 2024 Non-Motorized Trails Grant from Colorado Parks and
Wildlife**

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-15

WHEREAS, the Costilla County Board of Commissioners supports the State Trails grant application for the planning of the Rito Seco Park Overlook Trail Loop Extension Project and if the grant is awarded, the Costilla County Board of Commissioners supports the completion of the project.

WHEREAS, Costilla County is requesting \$35,000 from the Colorado Parks and Wildlife State Trails Grant Program for the Rito Seco Park Overlook Trail Loop Extension Planning project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COSTILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT:

- Section 1: The Costilla County Board of Commissioners strongly supports the application and has appropriated \$1,000 in matching funds from the Conservation Trust Fund for a grant from the State Trails Grant Program.
- Section 2: If the grant is awarded, the Costilla County Board of Commissioners strongly supports the completion of the project.
- Section 3: The project site is owned by Costilla County and will be owned by Costilla County for the next 25 years.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE VOTE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS on this 3rd day of October, 2023.



Attest:

Board of Costilla County Commissioners



Steven Romero, Chair



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County Clerk / Secretary to the Board

Criteria Questions



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1. PROJECT NEED

15 points

- A. Give a detailed description of the project, including information such as trail system improvements, trail development, amenities, and other recreation opportunities.

- B. Describe the project's urgency and why it is being pursued at this time.

- C. Describe how issues such as existing trail system management, wildlife and natural resource conservation, new trail development, and long-term maintenance will be addressed during this process.
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3. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

10 points

- A. Give a detailed description of who will oversee the planning process. Include any pertinent information such as survey needs, facilitation processes and consultant information.
- B. Outline any CPW State Trails funding received in the last five years and if the project(s) were completed on time, on budget and within scope. For applicants without prior State Trails funding, provide examples of similar grant funded projects. Include project title, year of award, grant amount, and grantor for each.
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8. BUDGET AND FUNDING

10 points

- A. Describe the source of match for the project and when it will be secured. Include in-kind donations and partner contributions.

- B. Describe any consequences if this funding application is unsuccessful (loss of partner funds, staff capacity, expiration of surveys, etc.).
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Project Budget



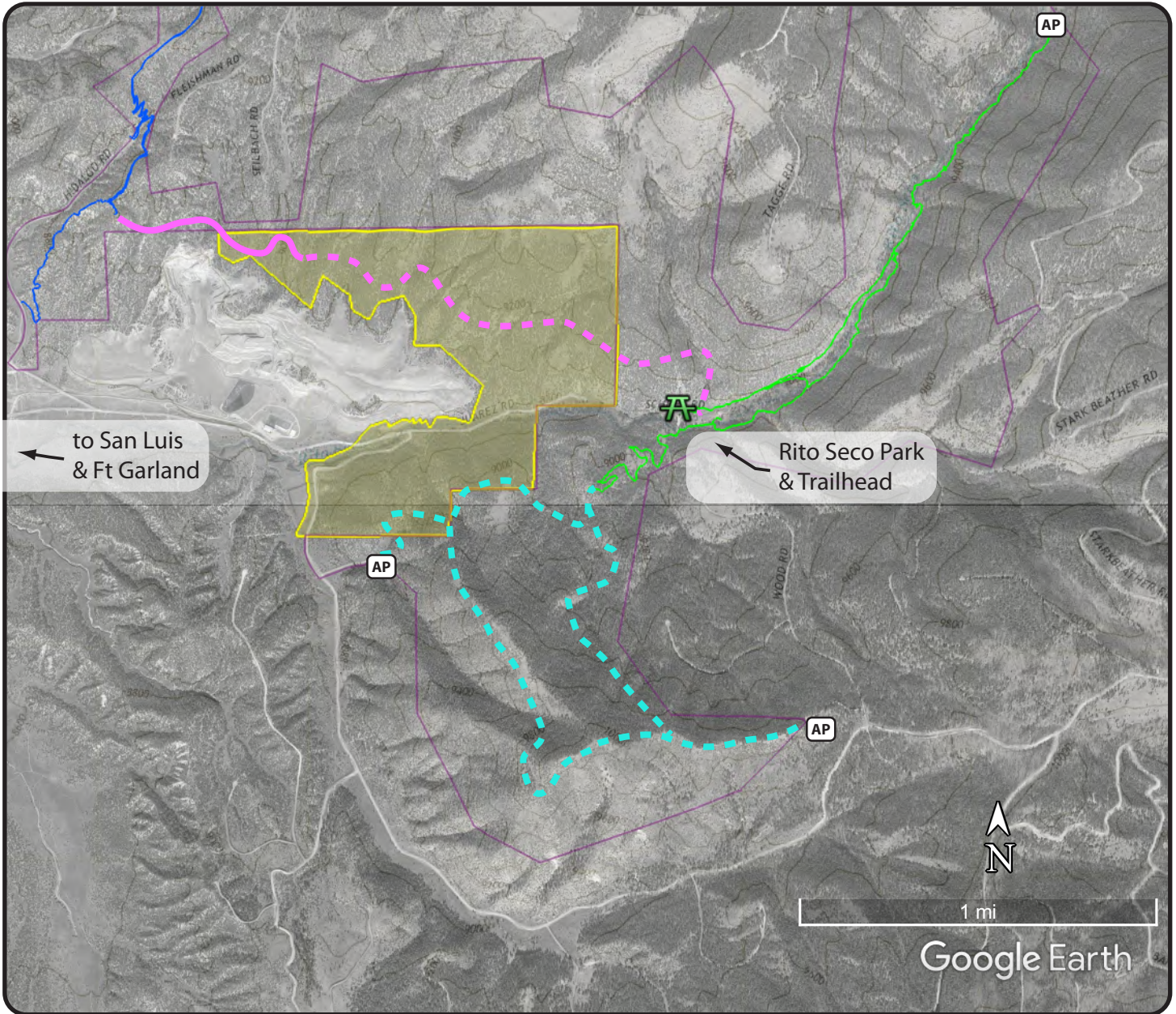
NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT

Project details				Match details			
CPW Grant #				Source of match	Type	Date available	Amount
Organization	Costilla County			Costilla County Cash	Cash	May-24	\$ 1,000.00
Project title	Rito Seco Trails Expansion Planning			Contour Logic In Kind Training - GOATS	In-Kind	May-24	\$ 10,578.00
Grant Request (auto populates)	\$ 33,031.30			SLV GO! Cash	Cash	Jan-24	\$ 2,500.00
Local match	\$ 850,912.20	Min. Match	\$ 8,257.83	GOCO funds	Cash	Jul-23	\$ 825,000.00
Project Total	\$ 883,943.50			Costilla County Conservation District	Cash	Jul-23	\$ 10,000.00
						Match Total	\$ 849,078.00

Description	Qty	Unit type	Cost per unit	Total	Type	CPW Grant	Local match	Balance
Contracted Services								
Consultant Project Deliverables	1	contract	\$ 28,780.00	\$ 28,780.00	Cash	\$ 28,780.00		\$ -
GOCO funds for adjacent property acquisition	1	grant	\$ 825,000.00	\$ 825,000.00	Cash		\$ 825,000.00	\$ -
Costilla County Conservation District Visitor Use Planning	1	grant	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	Cash		\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
Salary/Wages								
SLV GO! Operations Director Project Management	1	week	\$ 1,153.00	\$ 1,153.00	Cash		\$ 1,153.00	\$ -
SLV GO! Executive Director	1	week	\$ 1,347.00	\$ 1,347.00	Cash		\$ 1,347.00	\$ -
Contour Logic In-kind Training - GOATS	2	week	\$ 5,289.00	\$ 10,578.00	In-Kind		\$ 10,578.00	\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
Materials/Supplies								
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
Additional Categories								
Admin	5%	Percent	\$ 33,031.30	\$ 1,651.57	Cash	\$ 1,417.10		\$ 234.47
Contingency	10%	Percent	\$ 33,031.30	\$ 3,303.13	Cash	\$ -	\$ 2,834.20	\$ 468.93
Mobilization	10%	Percent	\$ 33,031.30	\$ 3,303.13	Cash	\$ 2,834.20		\$ 468.93
				\$ -				\$ -
TOTAL				\$ 885,115.83		\$ 33,031.30	\$ 850,912.20	

Match Total Column 'J' at top must be the same as Match Total Column 'I' at bottom

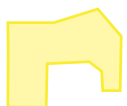
Rito Seco Conceptual Trail Connectivity



Legend



Existing Costilla
County Greenbelt
Parcel Boundary



Planned Acquisition
by Colorado
Open Lands



Existing Rito Seco Trails



Existing Greenbelt Trail



Proposed Trail Extension



Future Greenbelt Link Trail



"Cruz" of Greenbelt Link



Access Point

Conceptual Design,
not for Construction

Map prepared September, 2023
for SLVGO & CO Open Lands
by ContourLogic, LLC



October 3, 2023

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Division Trails Program
13787 U.S. Hwy 85 N.
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear CPW partners,

Colorado Open Lands would like to express its strong support for Costilla County's proposal to the State Trails Grant for the further development and planning of the trail system in Rito Seco Park.


Colorado Open Lands has invested a decade of time and resources into seeing Costilla County thrive. Initially focused on preserving acequias, the oldest water rights in Colorado, our work has expanded to include securing critical access to recreation opportunities in a county where over 97% of land is privately owned. COL previously worked with the county to develop a management plan for the Sangre de Cristo Greenbelt, the property in which Rito Seco Park is located, as well as expanding key portions of the greenbelt most used by members of the community such as the Batenburg Meadows fishing area. COL is currently working on a project to expand the Greenbelt by 400 acres through the acquisition of a property adjacent to Rito Seco Park.

The Rito Seco Park provides the only trail system in southeastern San Luis Valley for the community and for visitors. As CPW is well aware, access to the outdoors has huge impacts on community appeal and quality of life. Costilla County has a significantly higher rate of obesity and higher percentage of residents overweight than the rest of the state. The rate of residents diagnosed with diabetes is nearly 2.5 times higher than the state average, and Costilla County consistently ranks among the least healthy counties in Colorado. The community would greatly benefit from more opportunities to engage in healthy outdoor activities.

The Rito Seco trail system is vital as there is very limited access to public land in Costilla County; opportunities for recreation are few and far between. Survey results taken from the TROS Plan also show that residents of all ages and user groups currently travel outside of the community for their recreation needs or simply forego those opportunities. While some community members can travel the long distances required to recreate in other parts of the San Luis Valley or the state, many in Costilla County, the county with the lowest median household income in the state, are limited by the costs required to do so. In San Luis, some senior residents are unable to exercise outdoors because of the threat of attack by unsupervised dogs that roam the streets; last year a prominent community member was hospitalized by one such incident. Being able to safely exercise in a nearby public open space such as Rito Seco goes a long way to improving community vitality anywhere, but especially so here.

We sincerely appreciate CPW's consideration for Costilla County's Overlook Trail Expansion Planning Grant and we strongly encourage you to support the fulfillment of the Costilla County Trails Master Plan through this proposal.

Thank you,



Joel Nystrom
Conservation Project Manager



October 2, 2023

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Division Trails Program
13787 U.S. Hwy 85 N.
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear CPW,

San Luis Valley Great Outdoors would like to express its support for Costilla County's proposal to the State Trails Grant for the development of the trail system in Rito Seco Park.

San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!) was originally formed in 2013 as a coalition by a group of citizens, educators, and community leaders who recognized the tremendous opportunity to enhance recreational experiences, improve wellness, and connect the communities across the six-county region of the San Luis Valley in southern Colorado. Today, SLV GO! has eight full-time staff members and a growing list of more than 30 volunteers and 40+ partners. SLV GO! gained 501(c)(3) status in April of 2018. Practicing a collective impact model, we bring stakeholders together and provide leadership for effective collaboration among partners with shared goals, like expanding trails in Costilla County. We are the only organization working collectively with nonprofits, businesses, federal agencies, and municipalities to improve health and quality of life via trails and outdoor recreation in the San Luis Valley.

The Rito Seco Park has provided the only trail system in southeastern San Luis Valley for the community and for visitors. The trail system is vital as there is very limited access to public land in Costilla County, and currently, no other trails exist on Hwy 159 in Colorado. This provides a variety of opportunities, including hiking, equestrian, mountain biking, and fishing in a unique and beautiful part of Colorado. This region's Sangre de Cristo mountain range provides a unique trail experience compared to the rest of the San Luis Valley, with open Pinon forest giving way to Batenburg Meadows. The Rito Seco trail system encourages people to stop and take a walk or run in a unique place.

We greatly appreciate CPW's consideration for Costilla County's Overlook Trail Expansion Planning Grant and we encourage you to support the fulfillment of the Costilla County Trails Master Plan through this proposal.

Thank you,

Mick Daniel
SLV GO! Executive Director

Document checklist



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PROJECT DETAILS

Organization

Project title

DOCUMENTS

PRE-APPLICATION - SEPTEMBER

Document	Source	Submission format
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Scope of work	Applicant's own	PDF
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Project map	Applicant's own	PDF

FULL APPLICATION - OCTOBER

Document	Source	Submission format
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Application form	CPW template	PDF
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. Timeline	CPW template	PDF
<input type="checkbox"/> 5. Budget	CPW template	Unprotected Excel file
<input type="checkbox"/> 6. Photographs & maps	Applicant's own	Merged PDF (5 pages max)
<input type="checkbox"/> 7. Letters of support	Various	Merged PDF (5 letters max)
<input type="checkbox"/> 8. Resolution	Applicant's own	Signed PDF

ADDITIONAL PROJECT INFORMATION

9. Required match funding secured (including cash match funds)

10. Conservation/Youth Corps or other organization will be used on the project.

Name of organization:

11. Volunteers will be utilized on the project

Name of organization:
