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Anschutz Family Foundation	General grants	Outdoor or environmental education plan or programs which will improve community and promote self sufficiency, and marketing materials.	Aims to improve the lives of individuals, promote self-sufficiency, and assist with community development. Foundation welcomes requests for general operating support and efforts designed to promote increased organizational capacity.	Nonprofits and organizations in urban and rural CO communities. Must have community buy-in and involvement, board must financially contribute, programs must be sustainable in the future.	\$2,500 to \$10,000. Awarded \$2.3 million in 2006. (Note: SE Regional Tourism Group was supported by Anschutz in 2006).	January & August, only one grant per year per organization	http://www.anschutzfamilyfoundation.org/info.htm	The Anschutz Family Foundation; 555 17th St. Suite 2400; Denver, CO 80202; 303-293-2338; info@anschutzfamilyfoundation.org;
Ballantine Family Fund	Environment, Conservation	Support community programs that better human condition.	Funds can be used for capital improvement, general operating, program support and technical assistance.	For nonprofits in Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, San Juan Counties.	Up to \$1,000.	Ongoing, can apply up to two times per year.	http://www.swcommunityfoundation.org/Apply-For-Grants	Nancy Whitson; PO Drawer A; Durango CO 81302; 970-375-4510; nancyw@durangoherald.com
Ben and Jerry's	Full Grants and Small Grants	For progressive social change that addresses underlying conditions of societal and environmental problems.	Must provide a long-term plan including: supporting collective action, new ways of thinking, facilitates leadership and analyzes the problem, treat the root of the problem and empower citizens.	Must have long term plan to continue project. Will support grassroots, or constituent-led organizations working for social change, and any projects that are creative examples of problem solving.	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Ongoing Letter of Interest	http://www.benjerry.com/foundation/guidelines.html#how-to	802-846-1543 ext 7986; Review Committee Ben & Jerry's Foundation; 30 Community Dr; So. Burlington VT 05403
Burt Foundation		Education projects aimed at youth and seniors.	A grant application for a specific purpose, program, or need is most likely to be selected.	For nonprofits and education organizations in Denver.	Not listed.	May	http://www.burtfoundation.org/grantapp.htm	1660 Lincoln Street; Lincoln Center Suite 2830; Denver CO 80264; 303-863-8400
Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW)	Schoolyard Habitat Grants	Environmental education projects.	Encourages teachers to create school-based learning programs that create habitats for native wildlife such as butterfly gardens, wetland creations, xeriscaping, nature trails, and urban wildlife habitat projects.	The School Habitat Project Fund has funds available for wildlife habitat improvement projects — for Project WILD, Project WET and Project Learning Tree teachers, their students, and schools. Projects must be student led.	Up to \$1,000	March	http://www.cal-webs.org/handouts07/Outside1.doc	Tabbi Kinion : tabbi.kinion@state.co.us There are 6 regional coordinators throughout CO. See the online application to determine who to contact and where to send your application.
Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW)	Fishing is Fun grant	Fishing and river access, riparian restoration (including tamarisk removal).	Enhances Colorado's fishing resources through river access, habitat improvement, education, etc. and focuses on angler access, habitat development and improvements, and fishing site improvements. Involves local communities in a three-way partnership with the Colorado Division of Wildlife and Federal Sport fish Restoration Act monies.	Local governments, park and recreation departments, water districts, individuals, conservation groups and other non-profit organizations.	\$1,000 to \$400,000. Has awarded \$20,000,000 since 1987. Must be matched with non federal cash or in kind services. Funds up to 75% of total expenses.	March	http://wildlife.state.co.us/FishingResourcesTips/FishingIsFunProgram/	Doug Krieger, Program Manager; Southeast Regional Service Center 4255 Sinton Road Colorado Springs, CO 80907; 719-227-5200 ext. 202

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Colorado Physical Activity and Nutrition Program	Active Community Environment Grants	Data collection for trail plan, identify funding strategies for trail plan, etc.	Supports communities to be more active through community enhancements including design projects, sidewalks, parks, lighting, and other features.	Local government.	Up to \$4,000	August	http://www.cdphs.state.co.us/pp/COPAN/grants/index.html	Shana Patterson, Dept. of Public Health and Environment; 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South Denver, CO 80246-1530; 303-692-2441; shana.patterson@state.co.us;
Cornell Douglas Foundation		Programs with: children's environmental health, environmental education, land conservation, resource sustainability.	For small nonprofits that match the Foundation's vision.	Do not accept unsolicited proposals.	\$2,500 - \$5,000	ongoing	http://www.cornelldouglas.org/go.html	adcornell@gmail.com ; 4701 Sangamore Rd. Suite 133 S. Bethesda MD 20816
Denver Foundation	Award grants in 4 major areas	For neighborhood projects dealing with health and education for youth - foster civic responsibility and community involvement.	Organizations with clear visions, measurable outcomes and who work with volunteers there must be a level of community involvement and the board must contribute financially or volunteer time.	Nonprofits in 7 Metro Denver counties. If revenue is over \$500,000 must complete an audit form.	\$3,000 - \$30,000	February, June, October	http://www.denverfoundation.org/page17823.cfm	Justin Sharp; 55 Madison St. #800; Denver CO 80206; 303-300-1790; jsharp@denverfoundations.org
Department of Education	Carol M White Physical Education Program	Any programs which improve physical education in schools.	For the development and implementation of physical education programs. Funds may be used for new equipment, or to support staff and programs.	Provide grants to local education agencies and community-based organizations.	\$7,500 - \$500,000	March	http://www.ed.gov/programs/whitephyshed/index.html	Carlette Huntley; U.S. Department of Education OSD/FS; 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, 10071/PCP; Washington, D.C. 20202; 202-260-0823; Carlette.Huntley@ed.gov
Earth Friends Wildlife Foundation	Fundraising Capacity-Building Program Grants	Developing fundraising strategies; support work of conservation & wildlife protection by providing upfront costs and requiring they be matched through fundraising, etc.	Grants are for the purpose of helping conservation-focused organizations develop and execute a fundraising capacity-building program. Ideally, this fundraising should be a marketing tool to focus on raising new and additional money.	Non-profit organizations with a conservation focus. Recommend joining their organization and must attend two meetings a yr.	Initial grants are typically between \$1,500 - \$2,000 with the possibility of much larger grants after building a relationship. Requires a minimum of a 10:1 match.	Ongoing. By invitation only. Must meet with the group and acquaint them with your organization.	http://earthfriends.com/index.htm	Lee Robert, Executive Director; P.O. Box 11217 Jackson, WY 83002; lee@earthfriends.com
El Pomar Foundation	General grants	Any of the priority projects the foster community stewardship See Program Options: http://www.elpomar.org/page.asp?pageid=0 6 102&id=0 program_summaries	Mission is to "enhance, encourage and promote the current and future well being of the people of Colorado through grant making and community stewardship."	Non-profit organizations and local governments.	Median grant: \$22,000; typical awards are between \$2,500 - \$50,000. Grants greater than \$100,000 are possible, particularly outside of Front Range region.	Ongoing, open cycle. Entities receiving grants must wait three years before re-applying. (Note: Bent County Dev. Foundation and Crowley County received grants in 2006).	www.elpomar.org	El Pomar Foundation; 10 Lake Circle; Colorado Springs CO 80906; 719-633-7733; grants@elpomar.org
Fiskars'	Orange Thumb Grant	Garden projects, community involvement, sustainable agriculture, horticulture education, community beautification.	For schools, youth-based groups, clubs, organizations.	Monthly submission of report on project are due the 1st and 15th of each month.	Will receive up to \$1000 in gardening tools and up to \$8,000 in gardening related tools.	February	http://projectorangelthumb.com/pg/	Fiskars; Attn: Project Orange Thumb; 780 Carolina St.; Sauk City, WI 53583; 800-500-4849 x2812

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Gates Family Foundation	Recreation, Parks and Conservation Grants	Parks, Recreation & Conservation focused on: protect natural areas from development especially agricultural & rangeland, open space, mountain and urban parks & trails, support youth education in recreation, environmental education & leadership, and research in preservation of natural habitat.	Projects that assist CO citizens, nonprofits only. Seeks to promote self-sufficiency, excellence and innovation in education, healthy lifestyles, community enrichment, connection to nature and stewardship of the state's natural inheritance.	Capital construction projects (green design receives higher consideration). Project needs strong private and community support. Project should be sponsored by a leading land preservation organization. County or municipality involved should have coherent land planning policy's). Project should be a catalyst for other conservation efforts.	\$25,000 - \$750,000	January, April, July, October	http://www.gatesfamilyfoundation.org/www/gates.php?section=grant_applications&p=how_to_apply	Karen White Mather, Grants Manager; 3575 Cherry Creek North Drive, Suite 100; Denver, CO 80209; 303-722-1881; info@gatesfamilyfoundation.org
Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO)	Local Parks and Outdoor Recreation Grants	For community gathering places where people can recreate.	To assist local governments in acquiring, expanding, enhancing and improving parks, outdoor recreation and environmental education facilities.	Municipalities, counties, park and recreation special districts.	No limit. At least 25% of the total project cost in matching funds (cash and in-kind from the applicant and partners). Grantee must provide at least 10% of the total project cost in cash. Match can be waived or reduced if special circumstances exist.	March, August	www.goco.org/GrantPrograms	Wally Piccone, Senior Program Manager; 1600 Broadway, Suite 1650 Denver, CO 80202; 303-226-4522; wpiccone@goco.org
Inasmuch Foundation		Focus primarily on education but an area of interest is environment and conservation.	The Foundation encourages applicants to request funding for projects to enhance existing programs or new programs that meet emerging needs of the community. Projects that involve collaborative community efforts to avoid duplication of services are also encouraged.	Oklahoma charitable organizations but will also fund organizations in Colorado Springs.	\$5,000 - \$25,000	Letter of Interest by January 15 or July 15	http://www.inasmuchfoundation.org/application.html	Nancy Hodgkinson, Senior Program Officer; Oklahoma Tower 210 Park Ave, Ste. 3150; Oklahoma City, OK 73102; 405-604-5292; nancy.hodgkinson@inasmuchfoundation.org
Ittleson Foundation		Environmental awareness and activism activities that will lead to a change in attitudes and behaviors.	Community demonstration projects, industry collaboration from volunteers to professionals, training & teaching.	Nonprofits only. Will not fund projects that are local in focus and unlikely to be replicated.	\$5,000 - \$60,000	Letter of Interest by September 1st	http://www.ittlesonfoundation.org/guides.html	15 E. 67th St. New York, NY 10021; 212-794-2008
JoMiJo Foundation		Environmental programs focused on involving youth in a deep human-to-human interaction to improve human lives.	Will not fund programs involving computers or relying on electronics.	Applicant's budget can't be over \$300,000.	\$3,000 - \$5,000	NOT currently accepting Letter of Interest.	http://www.jomijo.org/howto.htm	
	Environmental Initiative Program	Environmental projects in rural areas under-taking consensus-based activities in environmental stewardship.	Programs in their first 3 years or implementation phase through nonprofits and public organizations.	Must involve community and stakeholders and describe the economic & ecological health of the community involved.	Up to \$35,000.	February	http://www.musserfund.org/stewardship.php	Mary Karen Lynn-Kimenco, Managing Consultant; 318 West 48th St; Minneapolis, MN 55419; mmusserfund@earthlink.net; 612-825-2024
Leighty Foundation	Earth Protection	Projects directed at environmental sustainability, energy conservation, planning family size, science education and earth protection.	Work with nonprofits who work to fix today's problems without compromising future generations.	Must submit Letter of Interest and be accepted to apply for a grant. Written evaluation of project & expenses.	\$3,000 - \$10,000 (most are between \$500 - \$1,000).	Ongoing Letter of Interest	http://www.leightyfoundation.org/guidelines.php	Jane Justis; PO Box 37; Cascade, CO 80809; 719-684-9739; janejustis@aol.com

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Liberty Mutual	Responsible Sports Community Grant	For a sports (athletic) organization.	Funding is available for sports teams, non profits, youth sports organizations, and school athletic programs. Must serve the community at large and be open to the public without discrimination.	Must register with responsible sports, must prepare participants, parents, coaches, for an exam and must pass the exam to qualify. Grants are eligible by size categories.	Twelve groups will receive \$2,500.	Fall grant period.	http://www.responsiblesports.com/community_grants/community_grant_details.aspx	webmaster@responsiblesports.com
LiveWell	Active Community Environment Grants	Projects that increase physical activity, that improve community planning & design, employ smart growth, design trail systems for schools, develop balanced transportation system.	Apply using online information document, must submit measurable outcomes.	Must track and report on project expenses. To apply must complete an information sheet and budget sheet both located on the website.	Up to \$4,000.	See website	http://www.livewellcolorado.com/assets/pdf/copan/ACE_Grant_Application.pdf	Melissa Trecoske Houghton; Prevention Services Division; A5 CO Department of Public Health and Environment; 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South; Denver CO 80246; 303-692-2603; melissa.houghton@state.co.us
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Nature of Learning Grant Program	This is for a pre-established program to start up. Collaboration is required between a school, natural resource professional and community members.	The program focuses on partnerships, integrated learning, standards-based, stewardship projects, professional development.	For any organization interested in collaboration a partnership between schools, community groups, natural resource professionals, and school groups.	Provide \$10,000 for start up costs for program and then \$5,000 for additional year expenses of operation.	June- Apply online	http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Browse_All_Programs&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=9421	Ellen Gabel : Ellen.Gabel@nfwf.org
National Trust for Historic Preservation	Bill & Carol Gossard Preservation Service Fund or Johanna Favrot Fund or Peter Grant Preservation	For preservation planning, education projects, acquisition costs, construction & capital costs.	Focus is historic preservation.	For nonprofits, universities, public agencies, require matching funding and recognition.	Bill & Carol \$500 - \$5,000, Peter Grant \$500 - \$10,000, Johanna Favrot \$2,500 - \$10,000.	February, June, October 1st	http://www.preservationnation.org/about-us/programs/community-revitalization.html	Regional office: Mts/Plains Office; 535 16th Ste. 750; Denver, CO 80202; 303-623-1504; mpro@nthp.org
National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council (NUCFAC)	Best Practice Grants	Programs which recruit advocates for urban forestry, make best practices/latest science in urban forestry available to practitioners, nurture industry relations.	For programs that can implement, demonstrate & disseminate replicable info.	Email Nancy Innovative Grant ideas and pre-proposals are required, Best Practice Grants are selected for recommendation to apply.	a 50% match from non-federal \$ is required.	February	http://www.treelink.org/nucfac/2009%20NUCFAC%20Preannouncement.pdf	Nancy Stremple; US Forest Service; 1400 Independence Ave SW; Yates Bldg (1 Central); Washington DC 20250; 202-205-1054
National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council (NUCFAC)	Innovation Grants	Address the highest priority forestry issues around climate change and energy conservation.	Projects at the national or regional level and encouraged to work with other agencies/organizations.	Email Nancy Innovative Grant ideas and pre-proposals are required, Best Practice Grants are selected for recommendation to apply.	Up to \$500,000.	April	http://www.treelink.org/nucfac/2009%20NUCFAC%20Preannouncement.pdf	Nancy Stremple; US Forest Service; 1400 Independence Ave SW; Yates Bldg (1 Central); Washington DC 20250; 202-205-1054
Oram Foundation	Environmental Funds	Areas of focus: transportation, urban life & environment, solely or combined and preferably with media involvement.	Land use, public transportation & planning, suburban development innovations, city greening, urban education, environmental justice, recycling, green energy, alternative lifestyles, community-based environmental programs.	Organizations should have a good record and should have a broad impact, prefer to fund projects that have community support/involvement and do not support operations, prefer projects that involve media.	\$20,000 - \$60,000	Must submit a pre-proposal to see if you are eligible to submit a proposal.	http://www.enviro-urban.org/proposals.html	Stuart Baker; 510-649-1061; info@enviro-urban.org or register@enviro-urban.org

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Rockefeller Family Fund	Environment Grants	Projects for: global warming education, natural resource conservation, protection of health as affected by environment, enforcement of environmental laws, or getting public involved with policy process.	Focus on public education and implementation of sound solutions. nonprofits only, dealing with issues of national significance.	Must submit an Letter of Interest and if accepted can apply for grant.	\$25,000 - \$30,000	ongoing Letter of Interest	http://www.rfund.org/rules.php#faq	Rockefeller Family Fund; 437 Madison Ave. 37th Fl.; New York, NY 10022; 212-812-4252; mmccarthy@rfund.org
Saucony	Run for Good	Programs that encourage healthy and active lifestyles for children.	Programs involving running are given priority however the objective is active lifestyle activities to reduce obesity. Mission is the inspire communities to run. Focus should be in communities or for populations not exposed to running.	Must be a nonprofit serving participants who are 18 years old or younger. Must demonstrate the project impacts the lives of participants through their increased participation in running.	\$10,000 or less.	2 times per year 6 grants are awarded, your application is good for a whole year.	http://www.sauconyunforgood.com/	Saucony Run for Good Foundation; 191 Spring St; Mail Drop 3185; Lexington, MA 02420
Smartwool Corporation	Smartwool Advocacy Fund	Projects creating long term social change in the area of environmental stewardship, youth activity & outdoor activity participation.	Prefer organizations with community by-in and strong board involvement. Consider organizations with philosophies similar to Smartwool and with strong leadership.	For programs and projects, operation costs, or youth scholarships.	\$500 - \$5,000	March & September	http://www.smartwool.com/PDF/SmartWool_Advocacy_Fund_Guidelines.pdf	SmartWool Advocacy Fund; c/o SmartWool Corporation; PO Box 774928; Steamboat Springs, CO 80477; advocacy@smartwool.com
State Snowmobile Program	Capital and Grooming Grant	Grooming of snowmobile trails & other snowmobile related projects.	Funds snowmobile safety certification program, search & rescue equipment & avalanche warning program. Capital grants are to replace old equipment.	Must be used for providing safe, quality snowmobiling opportunities in CO.	\$10,000 - \$25,000	July	http://parks.state.co.us/OHV/sandSnowmobiles/SnowmobileProgram/Grants/	Tom Metsa CO Snowmobile Program Manager CO State Parks 13787 S. Highway 85 Littleton, CO 80125 - 303-791-1954 thomas.metsa@state.co.us
The Colorado Health Foundation		Programs which support healthy living in CO and exercise to decrease obesity.	Support safe options for physical activities, expansion of physical and/or nutrition education, and after school programming.	For nonprofit and public organizations with measurable outcomes such as Increasing the number of children and adults who engage in moderate or vigorous physical activity, and state and local governments.	Past grants have been anywhere from \$15,000 - \$1,300,000.	January, April, July, October 15th	Select a grant by county or state-wide and select the amount you are applying for: http://www.coloradohealth.org/Map/Grants_Search.aspx?id=274	contact a program officer at: 303-953-3600; 501 S. Cherry St. Suite 1100; Denver CO 80246; Grants@ColoradoHealth.org
The Community Foundation		Funding is available for nonprofits throughout CO. There are chapters located throughout the state and each has different funding sources.	Most money is distributed through the Donor Advised grants and not the competitive grants. A nonprofit org can try for donor selection.	Grants of varying categories and sizes are available depending on your location. View the link provided.	Varies by grant.	Varies by grant.	view this website to see if your area has a foundation: http://www.cof.org/locator/SearchResults.cfm?state=CO	See the contact for your region..
The Community Foundation of Northern CO	Inspiration Playground Endowment Fund	For playground equipment use education for Poudre school district.	Accept project requests for under \$1,000.	For schools, city-affiliated organizations or nonprofits all serving Poudre school district.	Any amount under \$1000.	Must submit a funding request on line.	http://community.blurevision.com/page/30/title/Apply%20for%20a%20grant/	Roxanne Fry, Chief Operating Officer; 4745 Wheaton Dr Suite 100; Fort Collins CO 80525; 970-488-1989; info@CommunityFoundationNC.org

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Tony Hawk Foundation	Skatepark Grants	For skate parks that are high quality and in low income areas.	For project design, development, construction, and operation. Must be built by qualified and skilled skate park contractors, and include local skaters in the design process. Must be community oriented and encourage skaters to look after each others' safety.	The skate park must be free and open to public 365 days a year. Must have street obstacles. Must not require skaters or parents to sign waivers. For nonprofits, or any state or local agency.	\$1,000 - \$25,000	March 2, October 1	http://www.tonyhawkfoundation.org/grant_application.asp	Tony Hawk Foundation; 1161-A S. Melrose Drive #360; Vista, CA 92081; 760-477-2479
Tree Coalition Grants	Maintenance/Management, Media, Tree Planting, Xcel Utility grants	Projects involving trees that preserve, renew, or enhance community forests, must include an education component and should be on public, community lands.	Must apply within 30 days from project and provide expense documentation. Organizations and communities serving over 10,000 will receive extra points. Funding must be for tree-related projects.	State and local governments, school districts, community and neighborhood organizations, and nonprofits.	\$500 - \$1,500	December	completely online application at http://www.coloradotrees.org/ Applicants can only apply every-other year.	3 contacts for: Denver, Grand Junction, Littleton; email application to keith.wood@colostate.edu
USDA Rural Development		Promotes sustainable economic development in rural communities through training and technical assistance for business development, entrepreneurs, and economic development officials and to assist with economic development planning. Renewable Energy grants, and agricultural programs.	Rural public agencies, nonprofits, rural Indian tribes, and cooperatives with primarily rural members that conduct activities for the mutual benefit of the membership; particularly technical training.	Applicable for populations under 50,000 and near a big city, preference if affected by a natural disaster, or have consistent poverty.	\$50,000 - \$150,000	Ongoing	must apply with local Rural Development State office: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/recd_map.html	Contact dependent on your area. USDA Rural Development State Office; 655 Parfet Street, Room E-100; Lakewood, CO 80215; 720-544-2931
William H. & Mattie Wattis Harris Foundation		Environmental education camps. Habitat conservation, wildlife sanctuaries, community outreach.	Fund environmental community outreach, documentaries, field work and camps.	Rocky Mt. Region organizations.	\$6,000 or less.	Letter of Interest by March 1	http://www.harrisfoundation-nevada.com/aboutus.htm	The William H. and Mattie Wattis Harris Foundation; 6655 W. Sahara Ste. B-118; Las Vegas, NV 89146; 702-253-1317; harrisfoundation-nevada@vcm.com