

# Colorado Outdoor Equity Grant Program

Annual Presentation  
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# Background

- The OEGP supports youth up to age 25 and their families to experience Colorado's great outdoors
- Creates opportunities for youth to participate in outdoor recreation, engage in conservation activities, explore outdoor careers, and receive outdoor job training
- Traditionally-excluded communities served by this program include: **Black, Indigenous, and people of color; LGBTQ+; people with disabilities; and low-income**



Photo courtesy: Rugged Research



# OEG Awards FY24

- 35 grants awarded
- \$100,000 maximum request
- \$64,000 average grant award
- 12 organizations were awarded their second OEG award
- Board chose from 235 grant proposals totaling over \$17M

**\$2,240,000 FY 24**

**\$1,322,000 FY 23**

**\$1,763,000 FY 22**

**\$5,325,000 total**

The OEGP is funded through



# Collaborative Approach

- CPW hosted quarterly Community of Practice sessions for grant awardees to:
  - Share success stories
  - Collaborate and solve problems
  - Partner with other CPW and statewide programs like regional partnerships, GOCO
  - Highlight hunting opportunities with CPW
- Impact on programming: stronger connections to CPW and improved understanding of CPW resources
- CPW also provides guidance on navigating state grants and systems



Photo courtesy: SoCoCAA



# Denver Metro Partners and My Outdoor Colorado Coalition, Denver

*“During the time that we have been supported with the OEG grant, I have had time to create new connections with organizations and partners. I have made new programs for the community with their support, creating better relationships for the future...The Westwood Family Nature Club is growing, new families have joined the programs and having another connector working with me has been a great help. Thank you for supporting and contributing to our work.”*

- Mary Reyes, Westwood Connector



Photo courtesy: Denver Metro Partners



# Adaptive Sports Association, Durango

*“Adaptive gear means Oliver can ski, bike and camp. He can have fun in an inclusive, safe environment. He can meet amazing people, feel welcomed, laugh and receive the support he needs to thrive. On ski days, he can travel with his family and be part of the family mountain weekend routine and adventure... The scholarships make these enriching opportunities affordable.*

– Rosemarie, mother to Oliver, 13

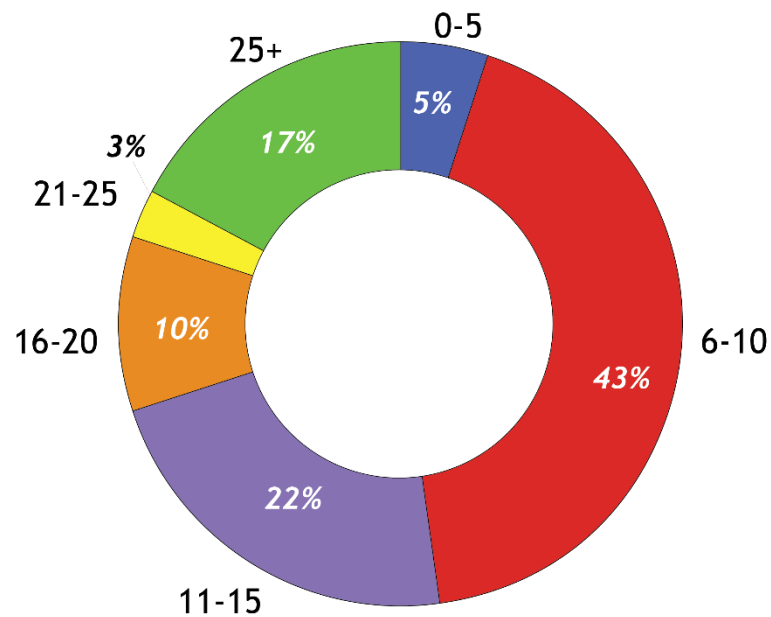


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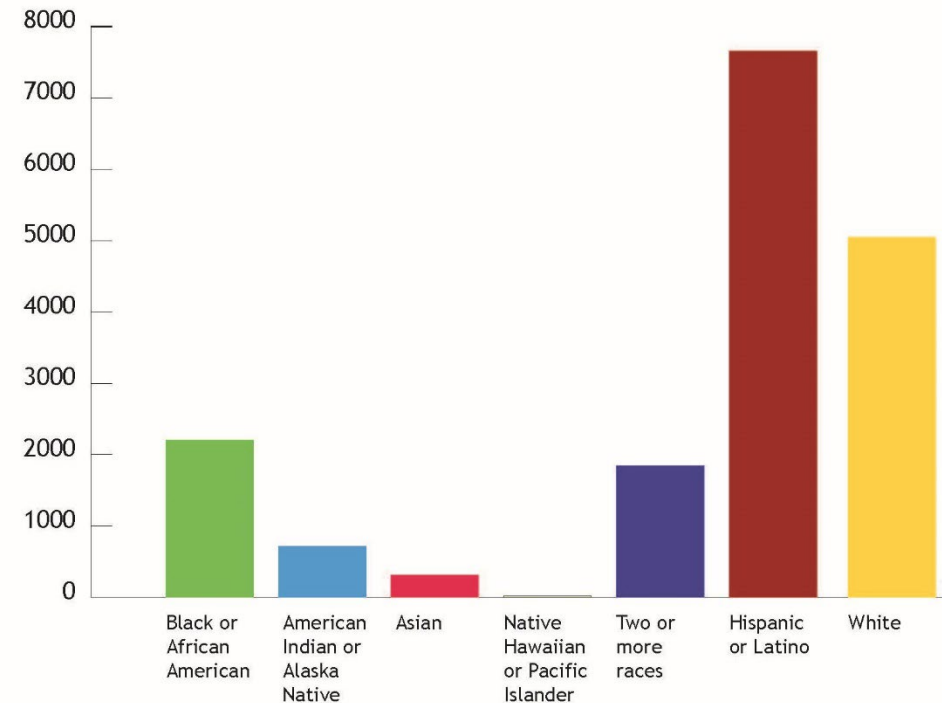


# 2023 Outcomes

- Reached over 30,500 participants
- Participants lived in 41 counties



Participant Ages



Participant Race and Ethnicity

