

Application form



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION - PLANNING

PROJECT BASICS

Title

Type

- Construction
- Maintenance

- Planning
- 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	Estes Park	County	Larimer
Latitude/Longitude	40.396241, -105.565029	Congressional district	2
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ROW	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

TRAIL			
Uses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking, walking, running	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biking	<input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian
E-bikes allowed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Snow sports (non-motorized)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADA Accessible
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
Estimate percentage by type (e.g.,) 50% hiking, etc. 80% hikers/runners, 15% Bicycles, 5% other			
Surface	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural	<input type="checkbox"/> Crusher fines	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concrete
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
Size of new trailhead (sq. ft.)		Length of trail being planned	.8 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 0	Match:	0

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		Digitally signed by Laura A. Blevins Date: 2023.10.03 13:18:57 -06'00'	Date
Name	Laura Blevins	Title	Grants Specialist

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



TOWN OF ESTES PARK

September 26, 2023

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Non-Motorized
Planning Grants Review Committee
Pam O'Malley
Non-Motorized Grants Administrator

RE: Letter of Support for CPW-NMT Planning Grant

Dear Ms. O'Malley:

On behalf of the Town of Estes Park's Board of Trustees, please accept this letter in support of the Town's application to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Non-Motorized Planning Grant.

At a Town Board meeting on September 25, 2023, the Board authorized me, as Mayor, to sign this support letter, and the Town acknowledges that a 25% local cost share is required, if awarded.

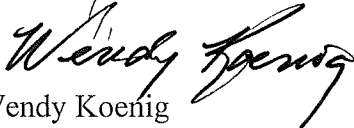
The Fall River Trail project has been identified as a top priority project in many of our planning efforts, including our Master Trails Plan and the Strategic Plan for trails in the Town of Estes Park. We are at the final phase of design and construction, with about .08 miles left to complete this 2.5-mile trail that connects the Town of Estes Park to Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP). We have recently secured funding from MMOF and TAP grant funds for the construction of this final phase. The Fall River Trail plans were completed in June 2017; however, over time, changes in the site conditions have necessitated revision of the plans. This grant, if awarded, would help to cover costs to complete the final design revisions.

Estes Park, a community of only 6,000 full-time residents, hosts millions of people each year who visit our historic village and our neighbor, RMNP, the fifth most-visited national park in our country in 2021. As a small, rural town whose occupancy increases exponentially over the course of several months, we rely on assistance from Federal and State funding sources to accommodate visitors, seasonal workers, and residents alike.

The Town Board expresses its gratitude to CPW for the opportunity to pursue additional financial assistance to complete this worthwhile project. Serving millions of people each

guest season in Estes Park is a responsibility that the Board takes seriously. As stewards of this premier national and global destination, we welcome this partnership to improve our non-motorized trails for residents and guests as a place to live, work, or visit. Favorable consideration of this application would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Wendy Koenig
Mayor, Town of Estes Park

cc: Jeff Bailey, Town Engineer, Town of Estes Park

Timeline



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PROJECT DETAILS

Organization _____

Project title _____

TASK <small>Mobilization, staffing, construction or maintenance elements, planning phases, etc.</small>	Dates*	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates
Administrative Close-out							

*The timeline is an estimate of your project completion. Remember the project must be completed within 2.5 years of the award date. *Suggestion - use quarterly or multiple month time frames [Q2/XX; Jun-Sept XX].* Initial grant expiration date will be June 30th or December 31st, dependent upon assigned funding source.

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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2. COMMUNITY BENEFIT

15 points

A. Describe the community that will benefit from project. Include relevant demographic and conomic data.

B. Outline any deficiencies or barriers to access this project would address or improve for the abovementioned community.

C. Estimate the number of people and/or types of user groups that will have access to recreational opportunities as a result of this project. Include methods for determining this estimate.

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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4. PLANNING

10 points

A. Discuss the planning process that identified this project as a priority.

B. List all approved internal master or outdoor recreation plans and/or any external area, regional, or statewide plans this project supports and describe the benefit.

7. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

15 points

A. Describe efforts you will undertake to engage the public, especially the community served by the project (number of meetings held, public comments, citizen surveys, etc.) through this grant.

B. Include how stakeholders (public agencies, conservation/stewardship/recreational groups, community organizations, school, and/or local businesses) will be identified and involved in the planning process.

C. Describe how potential opposition to this plan or its implementation will be identified, addressed and managed.

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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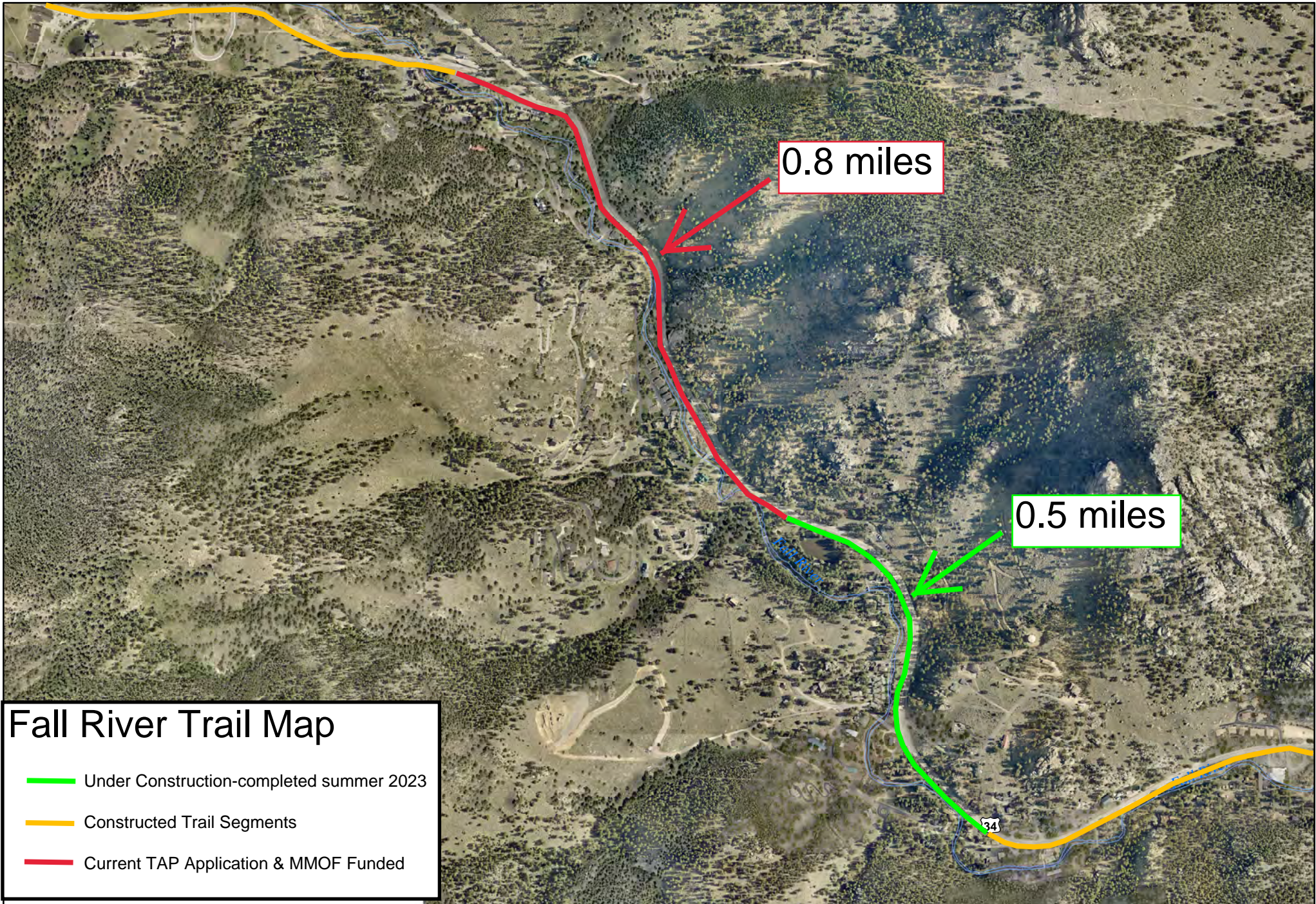


Project Budget

NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT

Project details				Match details			
CPW Grant #	Organization			Source of match	Type	Date available	Amount
	Town of Estes Park			Trails Expansion Fund (Town of Estes Park)	Cash	November, 2023	\$ 11,250.00
Project title	Fall River Trail - Final Segment						
Grant Request (auto populates)	\$	45,000.00					
Local match	\$	11,250.00	Min. Match	\$	11,250.00		
Project Total	\$	56,250.00				Match Total	\$ 11,250.00

Description	Qty	Unit type	Cost per unit	Total	Type	CPW Grant	Local match	Balance
Contracted Services								
Consultant 100% Design to include: subsurface utility engineering, surveying, hydraulic modeling, horizontal and vertical alignment design, signing and striping plans, structural design, CDOT coordination, final plan production.	1	EA	\$ 56,250.00	\$ 56,250.00	Cash + In-Kind	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 11,250.00	\$ -
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				\$ -				\$ -
Salary/Wages								
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
Materials/Supplies								
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
Additional Categories								
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
TOTAL				\$ 56,250.00		\$ 45,000.00	\$ 11,250.00	



Fall River Trail Map

- Under Construction-completed summer 2023
- Constructed Trail Segments
- Current TAP Application & MMOF Funded



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Photographs and Maps Fall River Trail Final Design Segment



THE FALL RIVER TRAIL
FINAL DESIGN SEGMENT
WILL COMPLETE THE
2.5-MILE TRAIL
FROM ESTES PARK TO
ROCKY MOUNTAIN
NATIONAL PARK





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Phase 4 of the Fall River Trail was completed in August of 2023.



A previously funded CPW (Colorado the Beautiful) grant helped to fund the Phase 4 construction of the Fall River Trail.





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During the busy tourist season, cars will use this area as a place to park. The construction of the Fall River Trail in this area will take away the shoulder area and make it more difficult for cars to park illegally.



Horizontal space will be added to the existing shoulder offering enhanced safety.



Throughout the length of the trail (including the final segment pictured here), there are opportunities to view wildlife.



The Estes Park United Methodist Church has a hiking group that uses the portions of the already constructed Fall River Trail.



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THE FINAL
SEGMENT WILL
INCLUDE COLORED
CONCRETE TO
MATCH THE
EXISTING TRAIL



There are many safety features included in the Fall River Trail design that will allow bicyclists and pedestrians a safe journey.

October 1, 2023

Jeff Bailey, Engineering Manager

Town of Estes Park Public Works Dept

170 MacGregor Ave
PO Box 1200
Estes Park, CO80517

Dear Jeff,

On behalf of the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB), please accept this letter in support of the Town of Estes Park's grant application for the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Non-Motorized Planning Grant. The funds would enable the Town of Estes Park to complete the final design segment (0.8miles) of the 2.5-mile Fall River Trail (FRT). The TAB, comprised of local citizens, have supported this important trail project and its connectivity from the downtown corridor to Rocky Mountain National Park from the beginning.

Estes Park's proximity to RMNP, a gateway community, has influenced the creation of an outdoor recreational economy that has become significant to the region and state. Completing the detached multi-use Fall River Trail, will improve traffic flow and safety on the narrow Fall River Road that accesses the fifth most-visited national park in 2021. Local support for this is significant. First, the Fall River Trail was identified in the Estes Valley Master Trails Plan as part of a significant economic, recreational, and environmental benefit for a regionally-connected system of trails in the Estes Valley. Second, the FRT would contribute to reducing congestion and pollution, for visitors and residents accessing RMNP's Fall River entrance. Finally, in 2015 the Town Board unanimously approved the Estes Park Complete Streets Policy (CS). If the FRT is completed it would reflect the intent of the citizen supported CS policy.

Estes Park, a community of only 6,000 full-time residents, hosts millions of people each year who visit our historic village and our neighbor, RMNP. As a small, rural town whose occupancy increases exponentially over the course of several months, we rely on assistance from Federal and State funding sources to accommodate visitors, seasonal workers, and residents alike. Connecting downtown Estes Park with RMNP via a multimodal trail will provide more opportunities for all to enjoy our wonderful mountain environment while on foot or bicycle instead of vehicle use which contributes to traffic congestion and air pollution.

TAB expresses its gratitude to CPW for the opportunity to pursue additional financial assistance to complete the final design of the trail. As a national and global destination, Estes Park citizens welcome the continued partnership with CPW to improve our infrastructure for residents and visitors. Favorable consideration of this application would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Belle Morris
Chair, Transportation Advisory Board



Estes Park United Methodist Church

1509 Fish Hatchery Road
Estes Park, CO 80517

March 21, 2023

Mr. Jeff Bailey
Town Engineer
170 MacGregor Ave
Estes Park, CO 80517

Dear Mr. Bailey:

We, the Administrative Council of the Estes Park United Methodist Church approved the following resolution.

Resolution in Support of the Final Segment of the Fall River Trail

Whereas the Estes Park United Methodist Church has been a longtime supporter of the Fall River Trail Project by hosting community informational meetings;

Whereas the Fall River Trail (FRT) will provide access between downtown and Rocky Mountain National Park;

Whereas FRT will encourage alternative transportation;

Whereas the completion of FRT will encourage walking which will improve general fitness of residents and visitors alike;

Whereas FRT helps persons to more easily experience God's creation;

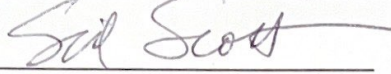
Whereas FRT provides a shared use path; and

Whereas FRT supports tourism activities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Administrative Council of the Estes Park United Methodist Church (EPUMC):

Urges the completion and funding of the final segment (.8 miles) of the FRT;

Approved this day, March 21, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sid Scott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Sid Scott, Chair
EPUMC Administrative Council

Motioner: Dale Beck

Seconded: Denise Shank

Recording Secretary: Pattie Klein

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:
