

Application form



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION - SUPPORT

PROJECT BASICS

Title

Type Construction Planning
 Maintenance Support

Phased project Yes No If yes, Phase # _____ of _____

Brief summary

Grant request	\$	Grant ratio ¹	%
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	Throughout Colorado	County	Multiple see 06 photos and maps
Latitude/Longitude	n/a	Congressional district	2
Name of property owner	n/a		
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: Public Land

TRAIL			
Uses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking, walking, running	<input type="checkbox"/> Biking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equestrian
E-bikes allowed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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.	90% hiking, 5% Equestrian, 5% other		
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.)	n/a	Length of trail being planned	n/a
Length of new trail construction ²	n/a	Length of trail maintenance	17
Length of inter-connecting trail	n/a	Length of trail reroute	n/a
Length of decommissioned trail	n/a	Length of restored trail	100ft
Length of trail to be signed	n/a	Length of trail grooming	n/a
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	Jill Yoder	 Digitally signed by Jill Yoder Date: 2023.10.03 13:53:29 -06'00'	Date	10/03/2023
Name	Jill Yoder	Title	Development Manager	

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



September 25, 2023
Colorado Parks & Wildlife
State Trails Program
13787 HWY 85
Littleton, CO 80125
To the Colorado Recreational Trails Committee,

The Continental Divide Trail Coalition Board of Directors supports a grant request for \$45,000 from Colorado Parks & Wildlife Non-Motorized Trails Grant Program in the Planning/Support category. If awarded, funds will support CDTC's Colorado Regional Representative position to enhance stewardship and volunteer capacity along the Continental Divide Trail in Colorado. We are proud to have the following resources support these positions:

- USFS Challenge Cost Share Funds
- National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance
- Great Outdoors Colorado
- CDTC Membership Donations

The mission of the CDTC is to complete, promote, and protect the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail. CDTC does this by building a strong and diverse trail community, providing up-to-date information to the public, and encouraging conservation and stewardship of the trail, its corridor, and surrounding landscapes. We work closely with communities, organizations, federal agencies, tribes, and individuals to move this mission across Colorado - coordinating and implementing high-priority stewardship projects and trail maintenance trainings along the Divide that have become a shared stewardship model.

The Colorado Regional Representative position plays a critical role in planning the 2024 Colorado field season and increasing volunteer capacity for the CDT's maintenance, construction, and protection. The CO Regional Representative's work addresses priority maintenance needs such as fire rehabilitation, trail rerouting, corridor clearance, and more while empowering and educating diverse community members on the importance of trail stewardship. This position also increases CDTC's ability to meet with volunteers face-to-face and expand the capacity of partner organizations, land managers, and CDTC itself.

By funding this request, Colorado Parks and Wildlife will directly invest in enhancing CDTC's Field Programs department. By supporting the Regional Representative, CDTC will increase its volunteer capacity and the implementation of CDT stewardship programs, including trail work projects and trail maintenance training that fuel community engagement in protecting and educating public lands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Pierce".

Greg Pierce

President, CDTC Board of Directors

Completing, promoting and protecting the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail

CDTC 710 10th St, Suite 200, Golden, CO 80401 www.continentaldividetrail.org (303) 996-2759

3. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

10 points

- A. Give a detailed description of who will perform the support work funded by this grant, and who will oversee operations. For example, will this project fund a staff person, volunteers, and/or contractor?
- 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.

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.).

Project Budget



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT

Project details				Match details			
CPW Grant #				Source of match	Type	Date available	Amount
Organization	Continental Divide Trail Coalition			Get Outdoors Colorado	Cash	Sep-23	\$ 21,550.00
Project title	CPW Support Grant: CDTC Colorado Regional Representative			Private Funder	Cash	Sep-23	\$ 4,560.00
Grant Request (auto populates)	\$ 45,000.00			USFS	Cash	Sep-23	\$ 4,422.00
Local match	\$ 34,954.00	Min. Match	\$ 11,250.00	General Donations	Cash	Sep-23	\$ 4,422.00
Project Total	\$ 79,954.00					Match Total	\$ 34,954.00

Description	Qty	Unit type	Cost per unit	Total	Type	CPW Grant	Local match	Balance
Contracted Services								
				\$ -				\$ -
Salary/Wages								
Colorado Regional Representative Salary	1	Year	\$ 57,000.00	\$ 57,000.00	Cash	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -
Colorado Regional Representative Fringe Benefits	1	Year	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	Cash		\$ 8,500.00	\$ -
Colorado Regional Representative Taxes	0.06	Year	\$ 57,000.00	\$ 3,420.00	Cash		\$ 3,420.00	\$ -
Executive Director	80	HR	\$ 57.00	\$ 4,560.00	Cash		\$ 4,560.00	\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
Materials/Supplies								
Outreach/Volunteer Promotion Materials	1	Each	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	Cash		\$ 300.00	\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
Additional Categories								
Travel (fuel, rental vehicles, lodging, etc.)	1	Each	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	Cash		\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
Indirect Costs	0.05	of	\$ 73,480.00	\$ 3,674.00	Cash		\$ 3,674.00	\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
TOTAL				\$ 79,954.00		\$ 45,000.00	\$ 34,954.00	

CDTC — CO RTP Maps and Photos



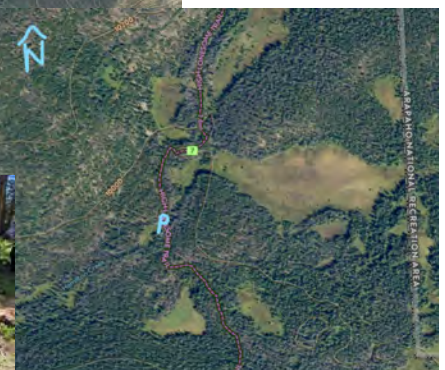
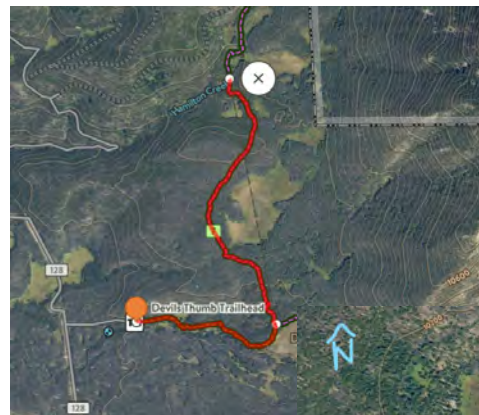
1) Herman Gulch Trail Drainage Maintenance w/ Environmental Learning for Kids (ELK)

- **Range/township/section:** Arapaho National Forest, Clear Creek Ranger District
- **Latitude and longitude:** 39.715961, -105.867482
- **CenterPoint:** 1.5 miles up from the trailhead
- **Trail:** Herman Gulch Trail / Continental Divide Trail
- **Public entrance points:** [Herman Gulch Trailhead](#)
- **Major project elements:** We will be building a rock turnpike of roughly 20 feet, with a culvert through the middle for drainage. The turnpike will shed water underneath the tread surface—which currently suffers greatly from water pooling issues, erosion, and social use trails—and will concentrate use back onto the trail. An excellent stone quarry is located directly up the hill, making prep work for the project site minimal. Many social braids exist through the proposed section, allowing trail use to continue while the project is underway. Once the project is completed, all social trails will be decommissioned. This project is intended to engage youth from the Denver ELK Youth Naturally program to perform trail work alongside a backcountry camping experience.
- **Local vicinity map:** I70 (east-west), Redline=1.5 miles from Trailhead to project site
- **Project site map:** R=Rock quarry, P=project site (see photo), C=Camping



2) Devil's Thumb/High Lonesome Trail w/ Headwaters Trail Alliance

- **Range/township/section:** Arapaho National Forest, Sulphur Ranger District
- **Latitude and longitude:** 40.002192, -105.735050
- **CenterPoint:** The project site is roughly 2 miles east/north from the Devil's Thumb trailhead
- **Trail:** High Lonesome Trail / Continental Divide Trail
- **Public entrance points:** [Devil's Thumb Trailhead](#)
- **Major project elements:** About 2 miles from the Devil's Thumb Trailhead on the High Lonesome Trail there is a natural water creek crossing. Over years of growing use, the water crossing continues to get wider and trail users often throw logs in the creek to get across. This location is in need of a new planked bridge crossing to accommodate hikers, backpackers, and bikes alike. CDTC volunteers will work in collaboration with Headwaters Trails Alliance to construct a new bridge crossing in this location. Once completed, this project will provide a safer water crossing for all trail users in this area and will limit damage to the surrounding environment associated with trampled vegetation and aquatic habitats.
- **Local vicinity map:** Redline=2 miles from Trailhead to project site at the Hamilton Creek crossing
- **Project site map:** P=project site (Photo is example bridge from 2023 High Lonesome Bridge project)



3) San Juan Mountains Project w/ Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado

- **Range/township/section:** Rio Grande National Forest, Divide Ranger District
- **Latitude and longitude:** 37.534692, -106.879335
- **CenterPoint:** The 3.5 mile CDT corridor between the Archuleta Lake and South Fork Archuleta Trails
- **Trail:** Continental Divide Trail, Archuleta Lake, South Fork Archuleta Trail, and Spruce Lake areas
- **Public entrance points:** Big Meadows Road 410 from west Highway 160
- **Major project elements:** It will involve a 5 mile pack in from outside the Wilderness boundary near the western edge of Big meadows Reservoir. Base camp may be set up outside of the Weminuche Wilderness area for better partnership coordination which will require hikes into the project site each day. The CDT Trail Crew will likely backpack in the tools/supplies to camp closer to the project area with the help of pack support. This effort will be focused on cross cut work, corridor clearing, and general trail maintenance of this remote 3 mile section CDT over 5 days, with the first and last days mainly involving pack in/out of supplies. (Final details still being coordinated.)
- **Local vicinity map:** Highway 160, Redline=5 miles from Wilderness boundary to CDT
- **Project site map:** Project area = 3 mile redline along CDT, base-camp location still TBD



4) Community Stewardship Event in Leadville/Twin Lakes with Get Outdoors Leadville

- **Range/township/section:** San Isabel National Forest, Leadville Ranger District
- **Latitude and longitude/Centerpoint:** TBD
- **Trail/Public Access Points:** Turquoise Lake area TBD
- **Major project elements:** In mid July 2024 during Latino Conservation Week, a one-day initiative is planned to engage historically underrepresented groups along the CDT by providing an inclusive opportunity to support enhanced trail access within their communities. CDTC acknowledges the importance of connecting locals with their nearby trails and access points to the CDT. The project's specific location, likely around the Turquoise Lake area, will be determined with input from the community.
- **Local vicinity map:** TP=Tennessee Pass, TL=Turquoise Lake, Highways 24 and 91
- **Project site map:** TBD (Photo from 2024 Steamboat Springs event)



5) Trail Adopter Training in Colorado

- **Range/township/section:** Front Range (Golden/Denver/Fort Collins)
- **Latitude and longitude/Centerpoint:** TBD
- **Trail/Public Access Points:** TBD
- **Major project elements:** This project will take place between mid-April and early-May. The one day training will go over the Trail Adopter handbook that was created in coordination with VOC's Outdoor Stewardship Institute. The first half of the day will include outdoor classroom style education elements, with the second half of the day involving hands-on practice with basic trail maintenance functions including drainage work, corridor clearing, and trail signage guidelines. After completion of the training, volunteers will be eligible for adopting their own section of the CDT.
- **Photos:** Adopter training at Herman Gulch in 2023



6) Colorado Trail Foundation Partner Project

- **Range/township/section:** San Isabel National Forest
- **Latitude and longitude/Centerpoint:** TBD
- **Trail/Public Access Points:** Potentially Cottonwood South Trail and/or South Texas Creek, access at Cottonwood Pass
- **Major project elements:** Project elements to be determined. The Colorado Trail Foundation Project schedule will be solidified in early 2024, and at that time the co-located CDT projects will be identified and prioritized. This potential project near Cottonwood Pass will likely be at high altitudes, and could take place within the Collegiate Peaks Wilderness.
- **Local vicinity map:** Photos from Cottonwood pass area



7) Colorado Fourteeners Initiative Partner Project - Grays Peak

- **Range/township/section:** Arapaho National Forest, Dillon Ranger District
- **Latitude and longitude:** 39.638423, -105.812429
- **Centerpoint:** The project will be around 2-3 miles south/west from the trailhead
- **Trail:** Grays Peak Trail / Continental Divide Trail
- **Public Access Points:** [Grays and Torreys Summer Trailhead](#)
- **Major project elements:** Grays Peak, which is the official high point of the CDT, sees extremely high usage and requires consistent trail maintenance work through drainage improvements and surface hardening to protect nearby alpine environments. CDTC will be supporting CFI's efforts in the area again for 2024.
- **Local vicinity map:** Redline=2.75 miles from trailhead to intersection with Torreys cutoff trail
- **Project Site Map:** P=Project site area (photo from 2023 project)



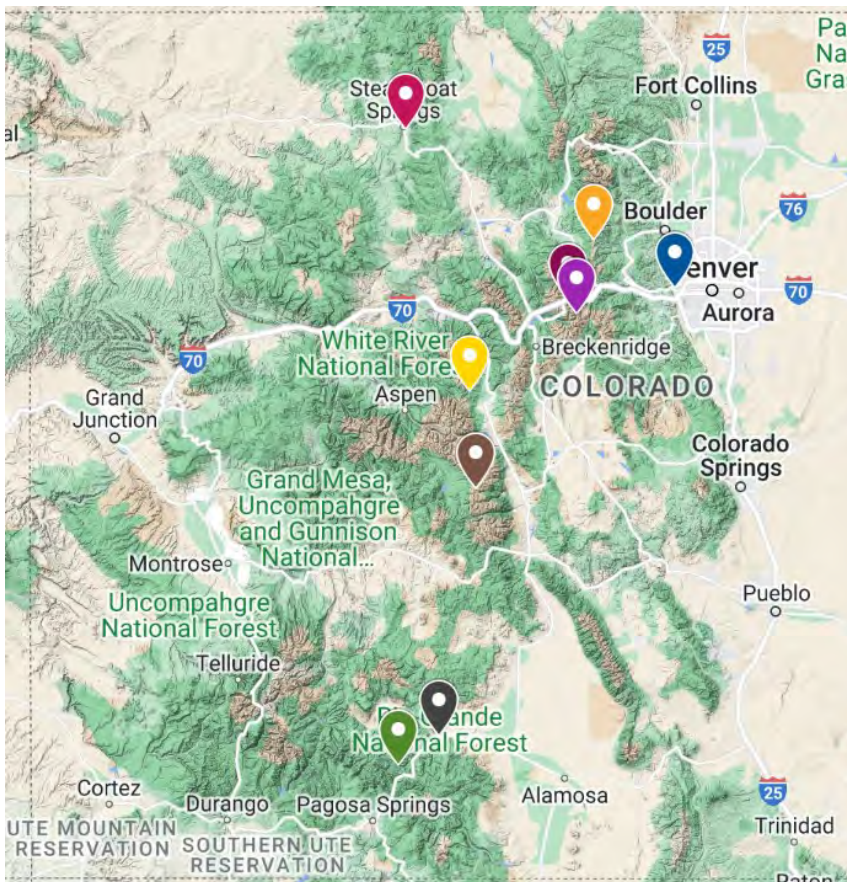
8) Crew Chef Training with Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado

- **Range/township/section:** Front Range/Denver Metro Area
- **Latitude and longitude/Centerpoint:** TBD
- **Trail/Public Access Points:** TBD
- **Major project elements:** CDTC is requesting a virtual Crew Chef Training through VOC in conjunction with a hands-on component in the Denver area for prospective volunteers. The exact location and timetable are still to be determined, but it probably occurs in the spring before the field season in Colorado fully starts.



9) Regional Trail Adopter Meetups

- **Range/township/section:** Prospective locations include Steamboat Springs, the Denver area, and/or Southern Colorado (e.g. Pagosa Springs or South Fork)
- **Latitude and longitude/Centerpoint:** TBD
- **Trail/Public Access Points:** TBD
- **Major project elements:** Big Agnes is the official CDT Adopter for the 75+ miles of the trail near Steamboat Springs. Coordinating an event with them in conjunction with a Pride on the Divide hike as part of CDTC's Gateway Community Outreach efforts in June is an option. CDTC has several Trail Adopters who live on the Front Range but adopt sections of the trail near Georgetown, Colorado. With CDTC's Birthday in May, there is a possibility to coordinate a meetup in May along the I70 corridor. Pagosa Springs and South Fork are also designated CDT Gateway Communities with nearby Trail Adopters, and CDTC might be able to coordinate a meetup in conjunction with a April or May VOC Cross Cut Training.
- **Photos:** Community meetups in Georgetown and Steamboat Springs 2024



- 1) Denver ELK Project 2024
- 2) High Lonesome Project 20...
- 3) San Juans Project 2024
- 4) Leadville Community Ste...
- 5 & 8) Trail Adopter Trainings
- 6) Colorado Trail Foundation ...
- 7) Grays Peak w/ CO Fourtee...
- 9) Trail Adopter Meetup - Ste...
- 9) Trail Adopter Meetup - So...



File Code: 2350

Date: September 14, 2023

Fletcher Jacobs
Colorado Parks Non-Motorized Grant Program
6060 Broadway
Denver, CO 80216

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

The USDA's Forest Service is the lead agency for administering the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDNST). As documented in the Interagency Memorandum of Understanding, we work closely with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), National Park Service (NPS), and the lead trail-wide partner, the Continental Divide Trail Coalition (CDTC), to manage and maintain a continuous, protected route for the 3,100 mile-long CDNST. The purpose of this letter is to express my full support for the CDTC's **2024 administrative/support work in Colorado to strengthen relationships with wildlife managers and agency partners and to increase volunteerism throughout the state**. Since 2012, CDTC has worked alongside federal land management agencies to protect and manage the CDNST.

With work along 20 National Forests, 4 National Park Service units and 13 Bureau of Land Management field offices, CDTC has stepped into a unique partner role as a convening and facilitating organization, as well as one with unparalleled skill in stewarding the CDT. CDTC's approach to bringing multiple partners, organizations, and communities into the work to protect the CDT is critically important for the long-term protection and management of the CDT. The partnerships and supportive work that CDTC will undertake in Colorado in 2024 will be critical to our future three-year Great American Outdoor Act project, which will address critical trail deferred maintenance from 2025-2028. By working in partnership with other organizations, wildlife managers, agency partners and more throughout the 2024, as well as strengthening volunteerism along the CDT in Colorado, CDTC will strengthen the partnerships that are critical to trail protection and future stewardship work.

We wish you the best of luck and recommend to any potential funder that CDTC be strongly considered for implementing CDTC's 6-week Colorado Field Season. Thank you for your consideration of CDTC's funding request and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information: Ben Lara, CDT Administrator (719) 677-8974 or Benjamin.Lara@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

Continental Divide Trail Administrator



Document checklist



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION – PLANNING OR SUPPORT

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:
