

# Non-Motorized Trails Stewardship Program



2023 PILOT PROGRAM APPLICANT INTEREST FORM

Submit this completed form to be combined with a Non-Motorized Maintenance Application to [trails@state.co.us](mailto:trails@state.co.us) by October 3, 2023.

## APPLICANT

Type  Land Manager  Non-Profit

Organization

Postal address

City State CO ZIP Code

Contact name

Contact email Phone

## FUNDING

Grant request for 2 - 4 person crews  
(max \$75,000) \$

Grant request for 5-8 person crews  
(max \$150,000) \$

Match (min. 25% of grant request) \$

Total \$

## STEWARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Why is this program a good fit for your organization?

## STEWARDSHIP WORK PLAN

Describe the type of trail stewardship and the anticipated work plan your organization would perform if funded by this opportunity.

## STEWARDSHIP CREW

Describe your current ability to hire and support trail crews who perform non-motorized trail maintenance.

## AREA OF IMPACT

Describe the importance of the trail system that would be positively impacted by this work to both the local community and the State of Colorado.

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# Application form



**NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION - MAINTENANCE**

## PROJECT BASICS

Title

Type

Construction

Planning

Maintenance

Support

Phased project

Yes

No

If yes, Phase #

of

Brief summary

Grant request

\$

Grant ratio<sup>1</sup>

%

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

<sup>1</sup> Grant ratio = grant request / total. Match ratio = match / total.

## PROPERTY

Nearest town or city

County

Latitude/Longitude

Congressional district

Name of property owner

Trail Corridor controlled by  Fee simple  Lease  Easement  
 License  ROW  Other:

## TRAIL

Uses  Hiking, walking, running  Biking  Equestrian  
 E-bikes allowed?  Yes  No  Snow sports (non-motorized)  ADA Accessible  
 Other:

Estimate percentage by type (e.g.,) 50% hiking, etc.

Surface  Natural  Crusher fines  Asphalt  Concrete  
 Other:

Size of new trailhead (sq. ft.) Length of trail being planned

Length of new trail construction<sup>2</sup> 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

Date

Name

Title

<sup>2</sup> Length of trail – use miles, square feet, linear feet

September 26, 2023

Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
State Trails Program  
13787 US HWY 85 N  
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Grant Review Committee:


Enclosed is Mesa County Public Health's (MCPH) application to fund the Mesa County Trail Crew in their stewardship work. The funding would be utilized to cover staff time and allow for needed equipment purchases. This funding opportunity would greatly support our regional trail crew. It represents a broader effort in line with MCPH's vision that, "Mesa County is a vibrant, caring, connected community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive." It also aligns with our commitment to the value of outdoor recreation in the realm of individual and community health.

This application is submitted with our full awareness and support. We are aware of the financial and legal obligations that must be fulfilled should we receive funding from Colorado Parks and Wildlife. MCPH is able to comply with these requirements and complete supporting documentation.


MCPH accepts full responsibility for securing necessary permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental documentation to complete the proposed trail maintenance. The properties detailed in the proposed project are public lands managed by federal partners and will remain under their control for at least 25 years.

Thank you for the opportunity to share this exciting collaboration with you. We appreciate your commitment to supporting trails in our local communities. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:  
  
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Todd Hollenbeck,

9/26/2023 | 11:58 MDT

DocuSigned by:  
  
5F2D9386E0644FB...  
Stephen Daniels

9/26/2023 | 12:27 MDT

Interim Executive Director

Chair, Mesa County Board of Public Health

# Timeline



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> or December 31<sup>st</sup>, dependent upon assigned funding source.

# Criteria Questions



**NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION - MAINTENANCE**

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Organization

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Project title

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**1. PROJECT NEED**

**15 points**

A. Give a detailed description of the project, including information such as mileage or width of trail maintenance, re-route or restoration plans, and any other trail components/structures.

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

C. Describe the current condition of the existing trail. Include how it arrived at its current condition.

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### 3. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

10 points

- A. Give a detailed description of who will oversee the trail work. Include who will perform the maintenance activities (staff, volunteers, conservation corps, contractors, etc.)

- 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 process that identified this maintenance project as a priority.

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

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**5. MAINTENANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY**

**10 points**

A. Explain how the site will be maintained and monitored after the grant funded work is complete (operation and maintenance plans, future budgeting commitments, etc.)

B. Describe the best management practices that will be used to construct the trail to ensure that the trail and its amenities will be sustainable.

## 6. WILDLIFE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

15 points

A. Describe how potential impacts to wildlife and natural resources were evaluated during the project scoping phase (using 'Planning Trails with Wildlife in Mind', mapping tools, etc.). Include any positive impacts this work will showcase.

B. Describe any wildlife and natural resources issues raised by CPW staff during the application consultation.

C. Explain how potential wildlife and natural resource impacts will be avoided, minimized, and/or mitigated (trail realignment, seasonal closures (include dates), signage, gates, game cameras, etc.)

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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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**Federal Environmental Form and Land Manager Approval**  
**Only to be completed if all or part of the project is located on federal land**

The applicant is responsible for securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, SHPO, and environmental analysis documentation necessary to comply with local, state, and/or federal laws.

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Project  
Name

Mesa County Trail Crew

Project  
Sponsor

Mesa County Public Health

**As the official responsible for management of the land on which the project will be accomplished, I agree to the following:**

1. The project as described in this application has my approval.
2. The project is located on federal public lands and is in conformance with the appropriate Forest Management Plan, BLM Resource Area Management Plan or other decision document.

Title of document: Grand Junction Field Office Resource Management Plan

Date of document: August 2015

3. A decision has been issued as part of the NEPA environmental review process.

Title of document: Grand Junction Field Office Resource Management Plan

Date of document: August 2015

If a decision has not been issued as part of the NEPA environmental review process, please state the reason why. No funds will be distributed until any required NEPA documentation is completed.

For more information about the NEPA environmental review process, contact:

Name: Chris Pipkin

Phone number: 970-244-3024

Email: [cpipkin@blm.gov](mailto:cpipkin@blm.gov)

4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for N/A.

Land Manager's Name: Greg Wolfgang

Land Manager's Title

Land Manager's Signature: Field Manager

**GREGORY WOLFGANG**

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# Project Budget

**NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT**

Project details				Match details				
CPW Grant #	Organization			Source of match	Type	Date available	Amount	
	Mesa County Public Health			GOCO Stewardship Impact and National Forest Foundation	Cash	Oct-23	\$ 78,406.80	
Project title	Mesa County Public Health Trail Stewardship Crew Expansion							
Grant Request (auto populates)	\$	78,406.80						
Local match	\$	78,406.80	Min. Match	\$	19,601.70			
Project Total	\$	156,813.60					Match Total	\$ 78,406.80

Description	Qty	Unit type	Cost per unit	Total	Type	CPW Grant	Local match	Balance
<b>Contracted Services</b>								
				\$ -				\$ -
<b>Salary/Wages</b>								
Crew Leader Hourly Rate Including Benefits	960	Hour	\$ 34.44	\$ 33,062.40	Cash	\$ 16,531.20	\$ 16,531.20	\$ -
Assistant Crew Leader Hourly Rate Including Benefits	960	Hour	\$ 32.42	\$ 31,123.20	Cash	\$ 15,561.60	\$ 15,561.60	\$ -
Crew Member Hourly Rate Including Benefits	960	Hour	\$ 26.95	\$ 25,872.00	Cash	\$ 12,936.00	\$ 12,936.00	\$ -
Crew Member Hourly Rate Including Benefits	960	Hour	\$ 26.95	\$ 25,872.00	Cash	\$ 12,936.00	\$ 12,936.00	\$ -
Crew Member Hourly Rate Including Benefits	960	Hour	\$ 26.95	\$ 25,872.00	Cash	\$ 12,936.00	\$ 12,936.00	\$ -
.25 FTE for Trails Coordinator Project Management	240	Hour	\$ 42.55	\$ 10,212.00	Cash	\$ 5,106.00	\$ 5,106.00	\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
<b>Materials/Supplies</b>								
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
<b>Additional Categories</b>								
Average Weekly Vehicle Cost	24	Costs per week	\$ 200.00	\$ 4,800.00	Cash	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>				\$ 156,813.60		\$ 78,406.80	\$ 78,406.80	



Trail or Address



Filter

Trail Maintenance - Points

Trail Maintenance - Points

Type is any of  
1 selected

Trail System is any of  
5 selected

Category is any of  
10 selected

- Search
- Check Dam
  - Drainage
  - Drainage Clearing
  - Other
  - Ramp
  - Rock Armoring
  - Rock Water Bar Clearing
  - Sign
  - Tree Clear
  - Water Bar

Type is any of  
0 selected



GRAND VALLEY  
TRAIL CREW

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# United States Department of the Interior

## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Grand Junction Field Office  
2815 H Road  
Grand Junction, Colorado 81506



September 27, 2023

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

The BLM Grand Junction Field Office (GJFO), McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area (MCNCA), and Dominguez-Escalante NCA (DENCA) all work closely with Mesa County to provide high quality outdoor recreation opportunities in and around the Grand Valley. Mesa County is comprised of 73% public lands, and 46% of the county is administered by the BLM. These public lands are highly valued by county residents and visitors seeking outdoor recreation opportunities.

The BLM GJFO and the two adjoining NCAs maintain strong partnerships with Mesa County and the communities it encompasses, and we are committed to supporting their efforts to enhance recreation opportunities on public lands. The resource management plans for the GJFO, MCNCA and DENCA all include designated recreation areas with management objectives focused on non-motorized trail-based recreation. Additionally, the BLM National Recreation Strategy – Connecting with Communities, directs the BLM recreation program to proactively engage with communities to plan and manage recreation efforts that achieve specific desired benefits to the community. The strategy also focuses BLM recreation management efforts on facilitating greater well-being and economic benefits within communities. The county-wide trail crew managed by Mesa County Public Health certainly helps us meet those objectives. Their work over the past 2 ½ years has made a significant difference in the conditions of BLM-administered non-motorized trails.

I applaud the Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Non-Motorized Trail Grant Program that supports partnerships to maintain trail-based recreation amenities, promote stewardship, and enhance land protection projects. To leverage CPW funding for Mesa County's request for a non-motorized trail crew, the BLM GJFO will continue to support the trail crew by offering Recreation Program staff time to conduct trail construction and maintenance trainings, and BLM project coordination with the crews. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

GREGORY  
WOLFGANG

Greg Wolfgang  
Field Manager

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COLORADO PLATEAU MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL ASSOCIATION, INC.  
Post Office Box 4602  
Grand Junction, Colorado 81502

September 28, 2023  
Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
State Trails Program  
13787 US HWY 85 N  
Littleton, CO 80125

Colorado Parks and Wildlife,

Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Trail Association, Inc. (COPMOBA) offers our strong support of Mesa County Public Health's (MCPH) application to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Trail Stewardship Crew program. As an organization dedicated to building, maintaining and advocating for sustainable singletrack mountain bike trails on the Colorado Plateau in Western Colorado, COPMOBA recognizes the value in community partnerships. Through the Mesa County Trails Advisory Council and other partnerships, we work closely with MCPH as well as federal, state, municipal, business community and volunteer stakeholders to support the use and stewardship of public lands.

COPMOBA is a 34+ year, member-supported, nonprofit organization that coordinates and trains volunteers to plan, design, build and maintain trail resources in four counties and multiple municipalities in western Colorado. As we have seen over time, the trails in Mesa County are a resource enjoyed increasingly by locals and visitors from across Colorado, the United States and the world. These trails are both a critical local community resource and an important local and regional economic driver. The increasing use requires a corresponding increase in maintenance resources that the MCPH trail crew provides.

COPMOBA is committed to supporting and maintaining these resources, and strongly supports the opportunity to buttress an ongoing trail maintenance team effort in partnership with MCPH and other regional partners. COPMOBA is prepared to immediately provide coordination, planning, training, and implementation activities with this resource to prioritize maintenance efforts to maximize trail and resource health.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. The growth of a maintenance resource such as the team which will be supported by this grant process will be a tremendous benefit to the outdoor recreation activities for our communities, for both residents and visitors alike. We look forward to partnering with Mesa County Public Health on this exciting project to care for the outstanding recreational opportunities in Mesa County.

Best,  
  
John Howe, President

Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Trail Association, Inc.

# FRUITA

COLORADO

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Suite 155  
Fruita, CO 81521

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September 29, 2023

Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
State Trails Program  
13787 US HWY 85 N  
Littleton, CO 80125

Re: Letter of Support for Mesa County Public Health's Application for the GOCO Stewardship Impact Grant

Dear CPW Selection Committee,

The City of Fruita fully supports and endorses Mesa County Public Health's (MCPH) application for the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Trail Stewardship Crew program to continue to fund trail maintenance work throughout Mesa County. The work that the trail maintenance crew has completed over the last several years has had a significant positive impact on all of the trail systems through Mesa County. The efforts have been focused on sustainability and repair of our most important assets here in Fruita, our public lands.

Trails throughout Mesa County and Fruita have a significant impact to the community's character, vitality, and economy. This was particularly evident during the COVID-19 pandemic. Because of the outdoor recreation opportunity that our local trails provide, many of our local residents either discovered the trail systems or increased their use of the local trails. This is, in addition to, many from other areas outside of Mesa County using the trail systems throughout the Grand valley.

The additional trail users have caused several impacts to the trails and maintenance continues to be needed for sustainability and maximize user experience. Grant funds to help pay for the MCPH trail maintenance crew help with the overall stewardship of our public lands, and we are grateful for their work.

As a partner in trail development with maintenance with MCPH and other local organizations in the Grand Valley, we hope that you will fund this project and continue our partnership into the future.

Sincerely,



Mike Bennett City Manager



CITY MANAGER  
970.858.3663

CITY CLERK/FINANCE  
970.858.3663

COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
970.858.0786

MUNICIPAL COURT  
970.858.8041

POLICE DEPARTMENT  
970.858.3008

ENGINEERING  
970.858.8377

HUMAN RESOURCES  
970.858.8373

PUBLIC WORKS  
970.858.9558

PARKS/RECREATION  
970.858.0360

WASTEWATER  
TREATMENT FACILITY  
970.858.4081



September 27th, 2023

Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
State Trails Program  
13787 US HWY 85 N  
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Colorado Parks and Wildlife,

On behalf of the Grand Junction Economic Partnership (GJEP), I am proud to support Mesa County Public Health's (MCPH) application to Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Trail Stewardship Crew. Our community and its many visitors thrive on the many available recreation opportunities in the Grand Valley of Western Colorado.

In 2018, GJEP and Powderhorn Mountain Resort commissioned the development of a Grand Valley Strategic Trails Plan by the International Mountain Bicycling Association's Trails Solutions Program. The purpose of the plan is to establish a roadmap for planning, creating, and managing sustainable trail recreation in Mesa County. Strategic plan recommendations included a focus on trail maintenance activities.

MCPH's project proposal is based on these recommendations. According to the strategic plan, a professional trail maintenance crew is fundamental to fully functioning high-quality systems. Mesa County's public lands are truly "Backyard to Backcountry," and both visitors and residents alike cherish trails as primary means of access to nature. The goal of building and maintaining trails for Mesa County is to improve the overall experience of all users while simultaneously caring for natural resources. CPW's Trail Stewardship Crew program provides the perfect opportunity to continue supporting and expanding the great work the trail crew has already conducted well into the future.

I am confident that MCPH's proposal is a great step toward activating our strategic plan. If you require more information about GJEP, please contact me at: [steve@gjep.org](mailto:steve@gjep.org). Thank you for your time and consideration of this very important project.

Sincerely,



Steve Jozefczyk  
Deputy Director  
Grand Junction Economic Partnership



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**File Code:** 1560; 2350  
**Date:** September 29, 2023

Randy Engle  
Northwest Trail Coordinator  
Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
State Trails Program  
13787 U.S. Highway 85 N.  
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Mr. Engle,

The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG), Grand Valley Ranger District manages 550,000 acres of public lands, managing approximately 750 miles of trails for multiple uses. A portion of these trails are designated for non-motorized use, yet only a very limited maintenance program exists for our non-motorized trails.

I applaud Colorado Parks and Wildlife for consideration of this funding opportunity to support a non-motorized trail crew. I view this as an opportunity to advance partnerships around outdoor recreation, stewardship, and land protection projects. To leverage CPW funding for Mesa County's Request for a non-motorized trail crew, the Grand Valley Ranger District will support the trail crew by offering Recreation Program staff time to conduct trail construction and maintenance trainings. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need further information at (970) 242-8211.

Sincerely,

SARA LINDBERG  
Acting District Ranger

cc: William Edwards, Lacie Jurado



# Document checklist



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION – CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE

## PROJECT DETAILS

Organization

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Project title

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## 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 9. Environmental forms	CPW Template	Signed PDF
<input type="checkbox"/> 10. Formal EA or NEPA*	Federal Template	Web link or PDF

### ADDITIONAL PROJECT INFORMATION

11. Required match funding secured (including cash match funds)
12. Construction projects have been evaluated for permits and, if required, permits obtained.
13. Project area is owned by a public land agency or has an easement that designates the area be open to the public for at least 25 years.
14. Conservation/Youth Corps or other organization will be used on the project.  
Name of organization:
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15. Volunteers will be utilized on the project  
Name of organization:
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\*Must be completed prior to application presentations in January.