



**Montelores Coalition – Executive Committee**

***Balancing Sustainable Outdoor Recreation and Conservation of Natural Resources to Serve the Unique Needs of Colorado's Southwest Corner.***

**Tres Rios Field Office**

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**OR**

**[ZOOM](#)**

**May 27, 2025      1-2:30 PM**

**Minutes**

**Attendees: Jamin Grigg, Kalin Grigg, Brian Bartlett, Beth Cascaddan, Jason Armstrong, Helen West, Paul Morey, Cara Gildar**

1. Jody Kennedy presentation on new GOCO/CPW grant cycle details
  - a. Grant specific are still in draft and will be released 2nd or 3rd week of June
  - b. Grants due 2nd or 3rd week of August
  - c. annual grant cycle for now
  - d. this cycle is committed to funding projects as well as capacity and planning
  - e. RPI funding program objectives now include advancing the Colorado Outdoor Strategy
  - f. three categories of grants
    - i. Capacity only (\$25-150k) 1-2 year time frame, \$10M total for this category
    - ii. Capacity, Planning and Early Wins (\$100-\$250/350K) up to 3 year time frame
      1. planning projects should support capacity and coalition building
      2. can be used for pilot projects
      3. do not need a completed Plan
    - iii. Plan implementation (\$250K-\$2.5M)
      1. use for top priorities identified in regional plan
      2. will be less competitive for this grant if already received it once
      3. Three types

- a. Land stewardship crews: (>\$250 K) rec rangers, etc. in collaboration with CPW Trails Program
    - b. Sustainable Recreation Infrastructure: (>\$250K) Development, management, and maintenance in collaboration with CPW Trails Program
    - c. Conservation and Restoration: Includes acquisition in collaboration with CPW Real Estate
  - g. Review process
    - i. CPW staff and scoring/stakeholder review
    - ii. GOCO committee
    - iii. DNR kept in the loops and weighs in
    - iv. final review and approval by GOCO board (December 2025)
    - v. contracting early 2026
  - h. reimbursable grant
    - i. can apply for advanced payment, especially for capacity grants
  - i. 10% match-can be money or in-kind, can request waiver
  - j. important to come with partners if possible
  - k. not limited from applying for other CPW grants
    - i. CPW is working on the interplay between grants
    - ii. RPI work will make RPs more competitive for other CPW/GOCO grants
- 2. Discuss revised scope and budget for RPI Consulting work and timeline for Plan completion
  - a. Revise RPI scope and budget to include support for public meetings and incorporating comments into the Plan attach scope and budget
  - b. Extend Plan completion timeline to include multiple public presentations of the Draft with opportunities to comment
  - c. VOTE electronically since many board members not present
- 3. Equity in the Outdoors Grant -Interest due June 2
  - a. MIC has gotten it last 3 years and not eligible this year
  - b. no time to outreach to other organizations
  - c. good opportunity but the timeframe is too short and we lack capacity and relationship building needed to respond so quickly
  - d. Cara will make a connection with the grant administrator to start building awareness of our organization for future opportunities
- 4. Michelle Furi leaving the Coalition
  - a. within next couple of weeks
  - b. Cara searching for replacement
  - c. someone with tech skills would be very helpful overall
  - d. future VOTE re: hiring replacement as a contractor or employee

5. Update on Cody Folsom
  - a. Cara and Kalin met with Cody and Katie and their employee Zach
  - b. identified potential projects and needs.
  - c. renewed relationship and interest in participation on Roundtable, as well as a new connection with Christina Dixon from Telluride Moto.
6. Notes from 5.21.25 Tribal Engagement Working Group
  - a. Secreatry of Agriculture memo  
<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/sm-1078-006.pdf>
    - i. change of terminology (ex. rural communities)
    - ii. use of Good Neighbor authority
    - iii. room for NGOs to play an active role in facilitating and/or implementing
    - iv. \$50 million in Good Neighbor Agreements in FY2025 for timber road work
  - b. lunch meeting with GOCO, CPW, COSWAP
    - i. CO Strategic Wildfire Action Program has flexible funding for tribes/non-tribal entities for Workforce Development and Landscape Resilience
    - ii. when asking for feedback from tribes, be prepared to ask for discrete feedback about specific projects
    - iii. ask how tribes want to be involved -informational only, or whether they want the opportunity to give input
    - iv. contact Tribal staff directly, do not contact the Tribal Council directly
    - v. identify consistent Point of Contact in our organization that will communicate with tribes
    - vi. Build relationships with no “ask”
      1. identify capacity for tribal engagement in future grant proposals and strategic with some specific action items
    - vii. contact tribes about any work on private land within Brunot Agreement
    - viii. work with partners that have existing relationships with Tribes to build a web of relationships
    - ix. collaborate with sister RPs and approach the Tribes together
    - x. send draft Plan to Stacey Coleman
7. Discuss Roundtable participation and composition at next meeting
8. Executive Committee Member updates
  - a. Tribe is applying for a GOCO grant for parks, approved by Tribal Council
  - b. Tribe awarded a CTO grant
  - c. Mancos would like to apply for a GOCO grant
  - d. Jason Armstrong will be new Cortez City Planner, may have new Executive Committee representative for Mancos
  - e. The Dolores River NCA and Special Management Area Bill has been reintroduced

## LINKS

### **COLORADO'S OUTDOOR STRATEGY**

<https://cpw.state.co.us/coloradosoutdoorsstrategy>

### **COLORADO'S OUTDOOR STRATEGY RESOURCE HUB**

<https://cos-resource-hub-segroup.hub.arcgis.com>

### **GUIDANCE FRAMEWORK FOR TRIBAL COLLABORATION**

<https://cos-resource-hub-segroup.hub.arcgis.com/pages/guidance-framework-for-tribal-collaboration>

### **B 2020 008 EXECUTIVE ORDER:**

**Creating the Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships Initiative and Establishing the Inter-Agency Conservation and Recreation Council**

<https://www.colorado.gov/governor/sites/default/files/inline-files/B%202020%20008%20Creating%20the%20Colorado%20Outdoor%20Regional%20Partnerships%20Initiative%20and%20Establishing%20the%20Inter-Agency%20Conservation%20and%20Recreation%20Council.pdf>

### **ONWARD! A LEGACY FOUNDATION BYLAWS:**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1skc2Mk3i7jhCmsz2zGeQhLAYeE2MyqQT/view?usp=sharing>

## Learning Center

### Webinars

- **NEW!** Starting January 29th, Eco inclusive will be launching the [Pathways to Progress and Action: Community Social Justice](#) series. Virtual gatherings include *Enhancing Cultural Competence in Community Efforts*, *Assessing Community Needs and Resources*, and *Restorative Justice: Repairing Harm and Building Community*.
- The [Associate of Outdoor Recreation and Education](#) has a full calendar of learning opportunities.

### Community Engagement Resources

- [Training Resources](#) for the Environmental Community
- [The Civic Canopy](#) offers several tools for facilitation and mediation.
- [Community Toolbox](#) - Select the work closest to what you are doing to see an outline of key tasks, examples, and links to more detailed instructional sections.
- [Storymap: Engaging with Traditional Ecological Knowledge](#) - North Central Climate Adaptation Science Center (NCCASC)

## Funding Opportunities

- <https://coloradohealth.org/>
- [Equitable Community-Designed Outdoor Spaces](#). The Colorado Health Foundation. Project-based funding. Eligible entities local government, Tribes, nonprofits, for-profits. Provides funding to support the planning, design, and creation of outdoor spaces that promote health, well-being, and equity in Colorado communities. Grants prioritize community-led projects that address the unique needs of underrepresented populations by improving access to safe, inclusive, and culturally relevant outdoor environments. Funding can be used for planning, community engagement, and construction activities. Deadline June 15.
- <https://www.elpomar.org/> small grants but other funders look to see if you have gotten an El Pomar grant
- <https://www.childrenandnature.org/>
- <https://cpw.state.co.us/partners-outdoors-grant>
- <https://cpw.state.co.us/outdoor-equity-grant-program>
- [Hometown Grants](#). T-Mobile. Foundation. Project-based funding. Eligible entities local government, tribal leaders, or nonprofit community leaders. The program will fund projects to build, rebuild, or refresh community spaces that help foster local connections in small towns (with populations less than 50,000), including town squares, historic buildings, outdoor parks, ball fields, or libraries. Elected leaders, town managers or employees, or nonprofit leaders are eligible to submit project details. Deadline: Awards will be made quarterly. Applications will be open on a quarterly basis and the portal will close on the last day of each quarter and reopen for the new quarter on the first of the month.
- [Non-Motorized Trails Grants](#). Colorado Parks and Wildlife. State. Eligible entities local government, Tribes, and nonprofits with a 501(c)3. Supports projects that enhance outdoor recreation through trail construction, maintenance, planning, and related activities, while protecting natural and cultural resources. Funding comes from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) and the Federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP). Deadline will open with initial deadline in September and a secondary deadline in October.
- [Colorado Water Plan Grants](#). Colorado Water Conservation Board. State. Project-based funding. Eligible entities local governments, special districts, enterprises. Water plan funding categories include projects in: water storage and supply; conservation and land use; engagement and innovation activities; agricultural; and watershed health and recreation. a statewide program looking to encourage new ways of approaching “old” problems, preference is given to innovative projects and solutions. Infrastructure replacement or maintenance projects without additional benefits are better suited for the CWCB Loan Program or the Water Supply Reserve Fund (WSRF). Deadline July 1.
- [Community Funding Partnership](#). Colorado River District. Project-based funding. Eligible entities include local governments, nonprofits, irrigation districts, and other stakeholders within the Colorado River District’s 15-county Western Slope region. Provides funding for multi-benefit water projects in five categories: productive agriculture, infrastructure, healthy rivers, watershed health and water quality, and conservation and efficiency. Grants aim to support projects that enhance water resilience and leverage additional funding from state, federal, and private sources. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis; however, for funding requests exceeding \$50,000, applications must be submitted at least six weeks prior to the quarterly board meetings held in January, April, July, and October.
- US Forest Service [Community Wildfire Defense Grants Tool](#)
- Colorado Watershed Assembly [Grant Opportunities List](#)
- [Thriving Children](#). W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Foundation. General operating and project-based funding. Eligible entities nonprofit organizations. The foundation supports in three primary

- areas: Thriving Children: We support a healthy start and quality learning experiences for all children. Working Families: We invest in efforts to help families obtain stable, high-quality jobs. Equitable Communities: We want all communities to be vibrant, engaged and equitable.
- [Draper Richland Kaplan](#). Foundation. Startup funding. Eligible entities are nonprofits. *This foundation will invest and help provide support to entrepreneurs for a three-year funding cycle to launch and expand their ventures.*
  - [Strategic Fund Job Growth Incentive](#). Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade. Business incentives. Eligible entities Businesses considering interstate competitive expansion or relocation projects in Colorado. Project-based funding. *Funds for locating or expanding in the state, signing a lease, hiring employees related to this project, making material expenditures for this project.*
  - [Rural & Community Support Grants](#). Anschutz Family Foundation. General operating and project-based funding. Eligible entities nonprofits and local government partnering with a nonprofit. *The foundation supports nonprofit organizations focused on improving quality of life for individuals and families in Colorado, particularly in rural and underserved communities. Priority is given to projects addressing basic human needs, community and economic vitality, self-sufficiency, and access to opportunities. Eligible proposals should demonstrate community engagement, strong leadership, and sustainable impact, with an emphasis on organizations serving low-income and vulnerable populations. Deadline July 15.*
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### **Important Funding Updates**