



THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE BOARD MEETING
JUNE 29, 2020

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A meeting of The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund convened at 11:04 am via Zoom on June 29, 2020:

Board Present David Cockrell, Warren Dean, Pamela Denahy, Charles Garcia (Treasurer), Karma Giulianelli, Carrie Besnette Hauser, Mina Liebert, Leticia Martinez, Turk Montepare, Jody Rogers (Secretary), Mo Siegel (Vice-Chair), Jahi Simbai, Doug Vilsack (Deputy for Gibbs)*

* Votes where Mr. Gibbs is not present and Mr. Vilsack has voted as a proxy will reflect the vote count accordingly, but also have Mr. Gibbs listed as "not present for the vote."

Board Absent Jason Brinkley, Dan Gibbs, Hollie Velasquez Horvath (Chair), Linda Strand, Julie Thibodeau

Staff Present Tess Barton, Courtney Bennett, Matt Brady, Madison Brannigan, Chris Castilian, Alex Castino, Andrea Conrad, Rosemary Dempsey, Lauren Lecy, Dylan Lewan, Erika Meyer, Jackie Miller, Emily Orbanek, Josh Tenneson, Adrian Varney, Chris Yuan-Farrell

Staff Absent Victoria Nava-Watson

Public Present Rob Bleiberg, Colorado West Land Trust; Melissa Daruna, Keep it Colorado; Scott Segerstrom, CYCA

GOCO Board Roll Call Ms. Varney completed the roll call for the GOCO Board by District. Additional meeting participant attendance, both GOCO staff as well as public guests, was recorded throughout the meeting by Ms. Varney and is reflected in these minutes.

Board Authority Resolution 2020-18 To expedite project approval, staff recommended that the board designate the Programs Committee the authority to award grants through the Resilient Communities Program as allowed in Section 5A of the board bylaws.

*Mr. Garcia moved the approval of Resolution 2020-18; Ms. Giulianelli seconded. **Motion Carried Unanimously (12-0).** Mr. Brinkley, Mr. Gibbs, Dr. Besnette Hauser, Ms. Velasquez Horvath, Ms. Strand, and Ms. Thibodeau were not present for the vote. See Attachment 1.*

Resilient Communities Grant Approvals Resolution 2020-17 Staff recommended exercising GOCO's discretionary authority per GOCO Board Policy 2.11(E) to award funding to Colorado Youth Corps Association and Keep it Colorado as well as fully fund all three Resilient Communities proposals as presented by staff.

*Mr. Garcia moved the approval of Resolution 2020-17; Ms. Rogers and Mr. Dean seconded. **Motion Carried Unanimously (12-0).** Mr. Brinkley, Mr. Gibbs, Dr. Besnette Hauser, Ms. Velasquez Horvath, Ms. Strand, and Ms. Thibodeau were not present for the vote. See attachment 2.*

The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund meeting adjourned at 12:46 pm on June 29, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jody Rogers

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Jody Rogers, Board Secretary

**The State Board of the
Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund
Resolution 2020-18
June 29, 2020**

**A Resolution Authorizing the Programs Committee to Award Grants
through the Resilient Communities Program**

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. GOCO launched the Resilient Communities Program in June 2020 in response to the unprecedented impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic;
2. The board allocated \$9,570,247 in open space purpose funding and \$5,480,000 in local government purpose funding to this program in its FY21 spending plan;
3. Time is of the essence when helping partners advance outdoor recreation, stewardship, and land protection projects while addressing organizational, community and/or network resiliency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;
4. The Programs Committee does not currently have the authority to award grants;
5. Section 5A of the Bylaws of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund states that the Board, by resolution adopted by a majority of the members, may designate one or more committees, each of which shall consist of two or more members, which committees, to the extent provided in such resolution, shall have and exercise the authority of the board in the management of the board; except that no such committee shall have the authority of the board in reference to: amending, restating or repealing the bylaws; electing, appointing, or removing any member of any such committee or any officer or member; amending, altering, or repealing any resolution of the board; or taking any other action which may hereafter be prohibited to committees of members by law.

Accordingly, the board RESOLVES to:

1. Designate the authority of the board to the Programs Committee to award grants through the Resilient Communities Program;
2. Authorize the Programs Committee to award up to \$9,570,247 in open space purpose funding and \$5,480,000 in local government purpose funding through this program as identified in the FY21 spending plan;
- . Request verbal and written updates from the Programs Committee on grants awarded in conjunction with the board's quarterly meetings.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on June 29, 2020.

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Jody Rogers
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Jody Rogers, Board Secretary

**The State Board of the
Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund
Resolution 2020-17
June 29, 2020**

A Resolution Awarding Grants Resilient Communities Projects

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. GOCO launched the Resilient Communities Program in June 2020 in response to the unprecedented impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic;
2. During the development of the program, GOCO received three proposals requesting immediate funding to commence grant activities in summer 2020;
3. All three proposals respond to needs identified in GOCO's partner outreach survey and address the board's direction to deploy resources as quickly as possible for urgent and emergent needs;
4. GOCO Board Policy 2.11(E) establishes that, through its discretionary authority, the board may "make other expenditures which it considers necessary and proper to the accomplishments of the purposes of" Article XXVII;
5. GOCO does not currently recognize Colorado Youth Corps Association (CYCA) or Keep It Colorado (KIC) as entities eligible to receive GOCO funding under any funding category listed in Article XXVII;
6. Both CYCA and KIC have a successful history of partnering with GOCO as fiscal agents for dispersing grant funds to eligible grantees to accomplish project outcomes and GOCO has leveraged each organizations close relationships with the underlying grantees to create efficiencies and reduce the need for GOCO staff resources for grant administration.
7. The board allocated \$9,570,247 in open space purpose funding and \$5,480,000 in local government purpose funding to this program in its FY21 spending plan.

Accordingly, the board RESOLVES to:

1. Exercise its discretionary authority to award funding to Colorado Youth Corps Association and Keep It Colorado;
2. Award \$258,300 to fully fund the three proposals presented in the attached "Resilient Communities Funding Summary List," effective July 1, 2020;

3. Finance these awards as follows:
 - a. \$48,000 to the Colorado Youth Corps Association split equally between local government and open space purpose funding
 - b. \$55,300 in open space purpose funding to Colorado West Land Trust
 - c. \$155,000 in open space purpose funding to Keep It Colorado

4. Authorize the executive director to make minor adjustments in recommended funding levels if a project cannot proceed as anticipated. In the event significant funding changes are necessary as these projects progress, the executive director will consult with the board for additional direction.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on June 29, 2020.

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Resilient Communities Funding Summary List							
Projects Recommended for Funding							
June 22, 2020							
Applicant	Project Title	County	Request Amount	Recommended Amount		Total Project Cost	Congressional District
				Open Space	Local Gov		
Colorado Youth Corps Association	COVID	Multi-County	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$ 66,000.00	Multi-District
Colorado West Land Trust	Merging in Response to the Pandemic	Multi-County	\$ 55,300.00	\$ 55,300.00		\$ 61,445.00	3
Keep It Colorado	Monitoring From Afar	Multi-County	\$155,000.00	\$155,000.00		\$ 230,000.00	Multi-District
			\$258,300.00	\$258,300.00		\$357,445.00	