

# STRENGTH IN PARTNERSHIP

Created by Colorado voters in 1992, Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) invests up to half of Colorado Lottery proceeds to help preserve and enhance the state's parks, trails, wildlife, rivers, and open spaces. Our independent board awards competitive grants to local governments and land trusts and makes investments through Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW). To date, that's \$1.7 billion invested in more than 5,900 projects across all 64 counties.

In fiscal year 2025, guided by our 2025 Strategic Plan, we remained a trusted, enduring resource for the outdoors by working closely with partners to advance community priorities, strengthen collaboration, and build a network ready to meet today's and tomorrow's challenges.



## What Success Looks Like Across Colorado

**San Luis Valley:** A \$915K grant awarded in June 2025 is helping Colorado Open Lands protect critical landscapes and water rights in southern Colorado. They aim to conserve up to five properties in Costilla County that support agriculture, wildlife habitat, and operate under the traditional acequia system: community-managed irrigation ditches in use for nearly 175 years.

**Western Slope:** A \$600K grant from March 2023 helped the City of Fruita transform an aging neighborhood park into a vibrant, accessible community hub. Guided by local input, they added colorful ADA-accessible play areas, an 11,000-square-foot skate park, and green space for outdoor play and community connection, with a grand re-opening in September 2024.



Clear Creek Trail segment. Photo by Jefferson County.

**Front Range:** A \$7M grant awarded in March 2024 helped Jefferson County complete a three-mile segment of the Clear Creek Trail, including an ADA-accessible paved path, new trailheads, and river access. It also connects to Clear Creek Canyon Park, offering a wide range of recreational activities, including climbing, fishing, hiking, and biking. The project marks a major step toward the envisioned 65-mile trail from the plains to the Continental Divide, expanding close-to-home recreation for more than 3 million Denver metro residents.

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**Eastern Plains:** Building on a successful GOCO-supported pilot in 2024, a \$419K grant from March 2025 is helping Mile High Youth Corps expand Southeast Colorado's first-ever youth conservation corps, recruiting new members, providing training, and completing several wildfire mitigation projects. The project is addressing urgent needs while building the region's long-term stewardship capacity.

**Central Mountains:** The Mosquito Range in Park County is a biodiversity hotspot, home to rare plants, wildlife habitat, unique geology, and 14,000-foot peaks. A \$300K grant from March 2025 is helping the Town of Alma and the Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative complete critical trail and habitat projects, ensuring the long-term health of this treasured landscape.



## How We're Scaling Impact through Partnership

### CPW Partnership

- \$15M invested through CPW to support outdoor recreation, including building and maintaining parks, recreation areas, trails, and river greenways, water recreation, and educational resources;
- \$12M invested through CPW for wildlife conservation and management efforts, including habitat conservation and restoration, wildlife watching opportunities, and education programs;
- \$1M invested by GOCO and CPW in 9 regional partnerships collaborating to advance conservation, recreation, and climate priorities.

**Generation Wild:** \$3.6M invested in 12 community-based coalitions that have connected more than 360K youth and family members with meaningful outdoor experiences

**Conservation Service Corps:** \$1.4 million helped partners hire conservation corps crews for important stewardship work. With this support, 300 corps members restored 141 acres of habitat and 31 miles of trail, thinned 37 acres to reduce wildfire risk, and removed 246 invasive trees across 14 acres.

**RESTORE Colorado:** \$1.5M invested through this collaborative program with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and partners, improving 1,562 acres of wildlife habitat

**Transaction Cost Assistance Program:** \$1M regranted by Keep It Colorado to help land trusts permanently protect 25,342 acres of habitat, natural resources, and agricultural land on private property

## Colorado's Outdoors Strategy

Colorado set an ambitious goal to create a shared vision for the future of our outdoors. With a consultant team, GOCO, CPW, the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, the Colorado Outdoor Recreation Industry Office, and the Governor's Office engaged hundreds of leaders across local, regional, Tribal, state, and federal levels and reviewed existing plans and data, synthesizing learnings into statewide objectives, guidance, and tools. Colorado's Outdoors Strategy launched in April 2025.

The Strategy reflects the rich diversity of Colorado's outdoor resources, opportunities, and stakeholders, while serving as a North Star guiding collective action toward conservation, sustainable recreation, and climate resilience goals. The Strategy showcases Colorado's leadership and enduring commitment to securing our outdoors for future generations.

[cpw.state.co.us/coloradosoutdoorsstrategy](http://cpw.state.co.us/coloradosoutdoorsstrategy)

## Finances

REVENUE	FY 2024-25	AMOUNT TO DATE
Lottery Proceeds	\$84,904,766	\$1,691,758,838
Interest & Other Income	\$5,138,991	\$58,814,772
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$90,043,757</b>	<b>\$1,750,573,610</b>

EXPENSES	FY 2024-25	AMOUNT TO DATE
Grant Expenses	\$72,605,510	\$1,552,190,684
Administrative Expenses	\$6,310,505	\$82,985,496
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$78,916,015</b>	<b>\$1,635,176,180</b>