



For fiscal year 2026 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026), GOCO plans to invest around \$16 million (\$9 million in local government funds and \$7 million in open space funds) through its base programs: Community Impact, Land Acquisition, and Pathways.

Base Programs

COMMUNITY IMPACT, LAND ACQUISITION, AND PATHWAYS GRANT OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE TWICE A YEAR.

	FIRST CYCLE	SECOND CYCLE
Concepts accepted up to:	July 24, 2025	January 15, 2026
Applications invited:	August 8, 2025	January 30, 2026
Application due dates:	September 11, 2025	March 5, 2026
Grants awarded:	December 12, 2025	June 2026

Community Impact

Planning, capital, and stewardship projects that improve community access to the outdoors and quality of life.

Grant awards: \$100,000-\$2 million per project.

Land Acquisition

Land acquisition projects that advance conservation values and connect people to places. Urgent applications are accepted at any time.

Grant awards: Competitive proposals are generally up to \$3 million per project. However, when funding is available, GOCO may consider more significant investments in high-impact projects.

Pathways

Innovative visioning, research, and capacity projects that address trends, issues, and opportunities in the outdoors.

Grant awards: There is no maximum request amount; however, competitive proposals are generally \$100,000-\$300,000 per project.



Grand Valley Stewardship Crew in Mesa County.
Photo by Ross Barnards.

Base Programs Grant Process

GOCO's grant process involves working with your [regional officer](#) to submit a concept paper and, if invited, an application. This process typically takes around a year. The time from concept paper submission to grant award announcements is about six months. Following awards, projects are implemented over two to three years.



EXPLORE GRANT PROGRAMS
AND REQUIREMENTS

CONTACT YOUR REGIONAL
OFFICER AND DEVELOP A
CONCEPT (6+ MONTHS)

SUBMIT A
CONCEPT PAPER

IF INVITED, SUBMIT
AN APPLICATION

COMPLETE YOUR
PROJECT
(2-3 YEARS)

SUBMIT FINAL
DOCUMENTATION

Partner Programs

Conservation Service Corps in partnership with **Colorado Youth Corps Association**

Supports projects that employ young people on critical outdoor recreation and restoration projects.

RFP anticipated: June 2025

Grants awarded: December 2025

Visit goco.org for more information.

Regional Partnerships Initiative in partnership with **Colorado Parks and Wildlife**

Supports Regional Partnerships as they collaboratively plan and implement project outcomes that promote sustainable outdoor recreation and climate-resilient conservation and restoration.

RFP anticipated: June 2025

Grants awarded: December 2025

Visit cpw.state.co.us for more information.

RESTORE Colorado in partnership with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Supports significant habitat restoration and stewardship efforts across the state.

RFP anticipated: August 2025

Grants awarded: March 2026

Visit nfwf.org for more information.

Transaction Cost Assistance Program in partnership with **Keep It Colorado**

Covers costs associated with conservation easement transactions that advance statewide land protection priorities.

- Cycle 1 RFP anticipated: August 2025

Grants awarded: December 2025

- Cycle 2 RFP anticipated: January 2026

Grants awarded: June 2026

Visit keepitco.org/tcap for more information.

CONSIDERING AN APPLICATION?

Visit GOCO.org/grants/apply for up-to-date grant information and to contact your regional officer.