



# GRANTS AND FUNDING RESOURCES

## *Federal Grants*

### **National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program**

#### **Technical assistance grant**

Provides grantees with technical assistance, which would be used to support increased access to outdoor recreation, build capacity of community organizations, and generally help communities implement their local outdoor recreation vision. Applicants may include state and local government agencies, tribes, nonprofits, and community groups. More information can be found at [NPS GRANT](#).

### **USDA Rural Business Development Grant**

#### **\$10,000-500,000**

This program provides technical assistance and training to small rural businesses which have less than 50 new workers and less than \$1 million in gross revenue. Funding may range from \$10,000 to \$500,000. Eligible entities include Towns, Communities, State agencies, Authorities, Non-profits, Higher-education institutions, federally-recognized tribes, and rural cooperatives. More information can be found at: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/rural-business-development-grants>.

### **US DOT Recreational Trails Grant Program**

#### **\$10,000 - \$4.9 million**

Provides funding development and maintenance of recreational trails for non-motorized and motorized uses. Grant awards may range from \$10,000 to as high as \$4.9 million. Eligible entities include municipalities and other sub-divisions of state government. More information may be found at: [https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreational\\_trails/](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreational_trails/)

### **US EDA Economic Adjustment Assistance Strategy and Implementation**

#### **\$100,000 - \$30 million**

Provides funding for infrastructure development and creation of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies, with a focus on "distressed" communities (especially Coal Communities) with higher-than-average unemployment and below-average per capita income. Award sizes range from \$100,000 to \$30 million, with an average award of \$1.4 million. More information may be found at: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=334743>.

### **US EPA Recreation Economy for Rural Communities**

#### **Technical assistance grant**

Provides technical assistance regarding outdoor recreation economy planning to local governments, tribes, non-profits, and community organizations, with special focus given to small towns and economically-disadvantaged communities (such as those within opportunity zones). More information may be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/recreation-economy-rural-communities>





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## State Grants

### Colorado Parks & Wildlife Fishing is Fun Grant

**\$1000 - \$400,000 - Funds up to 75% of total expenses**

Funds fishing and river access projects, including riparian restoration, which enhance Colorado's fishing resources. This program is administered as a three-way partnership with the Colorado Division of Wildlife and Federal Sport Fish Restoration Act fund. Eligible entities include local governments, parks and recreation departments, water districts, individuals, conservation groups, and other non-profits. Funds up to 75% of total expenses. More information may be found at:

<https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/FishingIsFunProgram.aspx>

### Great Outdoors Colorado Planning & Capacity Grants

**Funding levels vary - Up to \$633,250**

Provides funding for strategic and master plan creation, as well as capacity-building and education efforts. Eligible entities include Colorado municipalities and counties, Title 32 special district entities eligible to receive distributions from the Conservation Trust Fund, political subdivisions of the State of Colorado which manage open space and natural areas, non-profit organizations which focus on land conservation, and Colorado Parks and wildlife. Recently funded projects have received up to \$633,250 in grant monies. More information may be found at: <https://goco.org/programs-projects/grant-programs/planning-and-capacity>

### Great Outdoors Colorado Community Impact Grants

**Funding levels vary - Typically less than \$1 million**

Funds community-driven projects which support local capacity for project management, land acquisition for development, community-centered planning and design, and project implementation. While there is no maximum request amount for funding, the majority of requests are expected to be less than \$1 million (for each grant cycle). Eligible entities may include Colorado municipalities and counties, Title 32 special district entities eligible to receive distributions from the Conservation Trust Fund, political subdivisions of the State of Colorado which manage open space and natural areas, non-profit organizations which focus on land conservation, and Colorado Parks and wildlife. More information may be found at:

<https://goco.org/programs-projects/grant-programs/community-impact>

### Land and Water Conservation Fund Stateside Grants

**Up to \$750,000 with a 1:1 match from applicant**

Provides funds to state and local governments for the purpose of acquiring and developing public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Stateside grants in Colorado are administered by the Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife and are particularly focused on community-scale projects (ex: recreations centers, pools, cultural interpretation sites, etc.). The maximum funding request is \$750,000 with a 1:1 match from the applicant. More information may found at:

<https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/LWCF-Grant-Application-Process.aspx>





# City & Small Business Grants

## City of Craig Business Grant Program

### Up to \$25,000 with a 1:2 match from applicant

Applies specifically to business operating within the City of Craig. Track 1 of the program provides Site Enhancement Grants to business who wish to install upgraded facades, landscaping, and architectural upgrades. Track 2 of the program funds capital investments (excluding working capital) that brings one or more of the following to Craig: addition of local jobs, a unique amenity, a region of draw to the City Core or other commercial district, or a diversification of the City's economic base. Grants may be awarded in up to \$25,000, with a requirement for matching funds from the applicant in the amount of 50% of the total project cost. More information may be found at:

<https://www.ci.craig.co.us/Document%20Center/Residents/Economic%20Development/2021%20Business%20Grant%20Guideline%20FINAL.pdf>.

## Moffat County Local Marketing District Grant

### Funding levels vary

Funds projects which help to promote Moffat County as a premier recreation and tourism destination, as well as a business-friendly location for those who enjoy the outdoors. Funds may not be used for capital expenditures other than in relation to visitor centers.

Eligible entities may include private businesses and public agencies, with funding amounts varying. More information may be found at: <https://moffatcounty.colorado.gov/government/county-board/moffat-county-local-marketing-district>.

## Business Foundations Technical Assistance Program

### Up to \$1200

Provides funding and technical assistance to Colorado small businesses for the purposes of legal establishment, and is open to any Colorado small business. This program provides three training sessions, which may focus on legal formation & registration, accounting & finance, or digital marketing & e-commerce, as well as up to \$1200 per business to apply these trainings. More information may be found at: <https://oedit.colorado.gov/business-foundations-technical-assistance-program>.

## Cash Collateral Support

### Up to 25% of loan amount or \$250,000

Assists Colorado small businesses to receive loans which they would otherwise not get due to lack of collateral. This is a credit enhancement program which uses public monies to encourage private lenders to loan money to small businesses. Lenders may apply for up to 25% of the loan amount, or \$250,000, whichever is less. More information may be found at:

<https://oedit.colorado.gov/cash-collateral-support>.

## CLIMBER (Colorado Loans to Increase Mainstreet Business Economic Recovery) Loans

### \$30,000 - \$500,000

Assists Colorado small businesses which have been negatively affected by the COVID19 pandemic through 2023, and provides below-market interest rates and a one-year payment deferral option. This program applies to small businesses with between 5 and 99 employees. More information may be found at: <https://oedit.colorado.gov/climber-loans>





# Private Grants & Just Transition Resources

## **Anschutz Family Foundation General Grants**

**\$5000 - \$10,000**

*Provides funding to non-profits and government or tax-supported public entities, for the creation of outdoor and environmental education programs which build community capacity and promote self-sufficiency. More information may be found at: <https://anschutzfamilyfoundation.org/our-grantmaking/eligibility-guidelines/>.*

## **Gates Family Foundation Capital Grants**

**\$25,000 - \$750,000**

*Provides funding for building purchases, construction, expansion, renovation, and land acquisition. In the context of outdoor recreation and parks & recreation, this grant supports capital projects which protect and steward land and water resources, projects which construct and improve parks, trail systems and open space for public recreation and access, as well as project which provide environmental education for young people. Eligible entities include nonprofit organizations with capital projects which benefit Colorado and its residents. More information may be found at: <https://gatesfamilyfoundation.org/types-of-support/capital-grants/>.*

## **Gates Family Foundation Strategic Grants**

**Funding levels vary**

*Provides long-term funding for landscape conservation, land trust capacity building, balanced water management, stewardship, and ecosystem services. Funding levels vary. Eligible entities also vary. More information may be found at: <https://gatesfamilyfoundation.org/strategic-priorities/natural-resources/>.*





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## **Tony Hawk Foundation/The Skatepark Project**

**\$1000 - \$300,000**

Funds skatepark construction in underserved communities. Projects must have a creative mix of street obstacles, not require skaters or their parents to sign waivers, stay open during sunlight hours for 365 days per year, and do not charge an entrance fee. Eligible entities include individuals and local government agencies. More information may be found at: <https://skatepark.org/the-skatepark-project-grants/>.

## **National Forest Foundation Matching Awards Program (MAP)**

**Funding levels vary - must be matched 1:1 in nonfederal cash**

Funds trail maintenance, stewardship engagement, and the hiring of work crews. Projects must be in US National Forests and Grasslands, and all permitting and environmental compliance work must be completed before the submission of a MAP application. Eligible entities may include nonprofits, higher education institutions, and federally-recognized tribes. More information can be found at: <https://www.nationalforests.org/grant-programs/map>.

## **Just Transition Fund (JTF) Grants**

**Funding levels vary**

Funds projects related to community economic and workforce development, as well as policy and planning, in coalfield and power plant communities. JTF funds projects which: connect rural and urban markets, stimulate entrepreneurship, prepare workers for future industries, advance state and federal transition policies, and build local community capacity for transition. Eligible entities include 501(c)(3) nonprofits. More information may be found here: <https://www.justtransitionfund.org/grants-overview>

