Lynn Padgett

From: Zimmerer - DNR, Daniel <daniel.zimmerer@state.co.us> on behalf of Zimmerer - DNR, Daniel
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 11:21 AM
To: Lynn Padgett
Cc: btisdel@ouraycountyco.gov
Subject: Congrats: ORCA Grant Purchase Order Complete - POGG1 2022*2261
Attachments: POGG1 2022-2261 ORCA - Finalized.pdf

Lynn,

Congratulations! I am happy to inform you that we have the purchase order for your Regional Partnerships Grant finalized. Please see attached.

Per our previous discussion, you are now able to begin work that will be charged back to the grant for reimbursement with the first report/reimbursement request due on December 1st.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Dan Zimmerer
Statewide Partnership Coordinator

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STATE OF COLORADO

Department of Natural Resources

ORDER

Number: POGG1,PMAA,202200002261

Date: 9/9/21

Description:

DPWS/Grant/CO-OP Regional Partnership/ OurayRec&ConservAllia

Effective Date: 09/09/21

Expiration Date: 06/30/23

*****IMPORTANT*****

The order number and line number must appear on all invoices, packing slips, cartons, and correspondence.

BILL TO

EDUCATION SECTION
6060 BROADWAY
DENVER, CO 80216

BUYER

Buyer: Rachael Kamlet

Email: rachael.kamlet@state.co.us

VENDOR

OURAY COUNTY
Administrator
PO BOX C
OURAY, CO 81427-0683

Contact: Ben Tisdel

Phone: 970.318.1037

SHIP TO

EDUCATION SECTION
6060 BROADWAY
DENVER, CO 80216

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

Delivery/Install Date: -

FOB:

VENDOR INSTRUCTIONS

EXTENDED DESCRIPTION

Attached to this POGG1 is the following:

Exhibit A - Scope of Work
Exhibit B - Budget and Timeline

Line Item	Commodity/Item Code	UOM	QTY	Unit Cost	Total Cost	MSDS Req.
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Description: DPWS/Grant/CO-OP Regional Partnership/ OurayRec&ConservAllia

Grant: CO-OP Regional Partnership - Ouray Recreation and Conservation Alliance (ORCA)

Service From: 09/09/21 Service To: 06/30/23

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

https://www.colorado.gov/osc/purchase-order-terms-conditions

DOCUMENT TOTAL = $60,000.00

COLORADO
Parks and Wildlife
Department of Natural Resources

June 30, 2021

Ouray Recreation and Conservation Alliance (ORCA)
Ouray County
Ben Tisdel, Chair, Ouray County Board of County Commissioners
PO Box C, Ouray, CO 81427

Dear Ouray Recreation and Conservation Alliance and Ben Tisdel,

We would like to thank you for submitting an application to join the Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships Initiative. Please accept this letter as a formal approval of your grant application for the Ouray Recreation and Conservation Alliance. On behalf of Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), we would like to present Ouray County with a grant in the amount of $60,000.

This funding is meant to support new and existing regional partnerships whose work aligns with the Colorado Outdoor Partnership's (CO-OP) state-level vision while advancing the development of local and regional planning elements to inform a Statewide Conservation and Recreation Plan in accordance with Executive Order B 2020 008.

The term of this grant is 23 months and it will expire on June 30, 2023. However, participation in the Regional Partnerships Initiative is long term and CPW intends to provide sustainable support for selected coalitions.

In order to release grant funds, please reply to this email and include:

1. A statement that shows your formal acceptance of the grant and the below terms **by July 14, 2021**.
2. A copy of your organization's W-9 dated July 2020 or after.
    a. **Please note:** Funds will be disbursed to the address listed on the organization's W-9, if the address above does not match the address on the W-9, please advise so CPW can change the address on this award letter to ensure payment is not delayed.

This is a reimbursable grant, however, CPW won't be able to reimburse any costs for this project until a signed agreement is in place. The next step in receiving grant funds is the contracting phase. You will be contacted by a Contract Administrator within CPW's Procurement, Contracts, and Legal Services Office after CPW receives the proper W-9 and enters it into the state system. In the meantime, if you have a need for a limited advance payment, please advise CPW via email and provide a justification.

Please also note the following stipulations/requirements for this award:

- You are receiving this grant under the Capacity Building category; these funds may be used for administration and capacity building of your coalition. In subsequent rounds of funding coalitions are expected to draft a Regional Conservation and Recreation Plan.
- Recipients must submit semi-annual (every 6 months) grant reports providing the status of their coalition and progress made.
    - Reports are due December 1st and May 1st.
    - It is the responsibility of the recipient to submit these reports to CPW's Partnership Program via email.

- The report should address the following topics:
    - A narrative describing the status of the work required under the scope of the project agreement, including progress toward the stated criteria in the Regional Partnerships Initiative application including wildlife and natural resources, sustainable outdoor recreation, collaboration, including identification of new members, community need, public comment to include both critics and supporters, and involvement of stakeholders.
    - The percent of work completed and percentage of work billed along with an explanation of any delays, cost overruns or other similar problems encountered and their expected impact on the project.
    - A statement as to whether the project is on schedule, ahead or behind and why.
    - A list of grant funds expended (e.g. vendor, amount, date, description of goods/services).
    - If no activity has occurred within the reporting period, an explanation as to why should be given in detail.
    - Reimbursement requests or advance payments can be submitted with this report (if applicable).
- Statewide participation and collaboration should include:
    - Annual attendance at the Partners in the Outdoors conference.
    - Consistent interaction with CPW and members of the CO-OP and recommended participation in CO-OP meetings.
    - Collaboration and communication with other Regional Coalitions.
- Reports, advance payment requests, and questions should be directed to Carlee Koutnik, at dnr_cpwpartners@state.co.us

CPW reserves the right to discontinue, modify or withhold any payments to be made under this grant award or to require a total or partial refund of any grant funds if such action is necessary. Conditions for grant termination include but are not limited to (1) not complying with the terms and conditions of the grant; (2) lacking in performance and not achieving grant results; (3) protecting the purpose, objectives, and integrity of the Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships Initiative.

Please promote your project and this Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships Initiative grant via a press release, your website and social media channels, and be sure to credit CPW and GOCO as supporters of the project.

Congratulations on your successful grant application and the best of luck as you collaboratively work to solve conservation and recreation challenges!

Sincerely,

Carlee M Koutnik

Carlee Koutnik

Deputy Director

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships

Background:

Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnership and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) are working together to implement a bold vision outlined in the Governor's Executive Order to ensure that Colorado's land, water, and wildlife thrive while also providing for equitable access to quality outdoor recreation experiences. To advance this initiative, CPS and Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) solicited applicants to join the Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships Initiative. Funding will provide for established and just forming coalitions that have met the program criteria and development of local/regional planning elements to inform Statewide Conservation and Recreation Plan (Statewide Plan).

Entity Contact Information:
Ouray County
Ben Tisdel
Chair, Ouray County Board of County Commissioners
P.O. Box C
Ouray, CO 801427

Coalition Name:
Ouray Recreation and Conservation Alliance

Coalition Description:
A coalition of federal and state land management agencies, local leaders, and elected officials are excited to harness community energy and the unprecedented opportunity provided by the CO Outdoor Regional Partnerships Initiative to launch the proposed Ouray Recreation and Conservation Alliance (ORCA). Ouray County is 46% federal public land managed by the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG) and by the Bureau of Land Management. Roughly 4% of Ouray County is managed as Ridgway State Park or State Wildlife Areas by Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Most recreation takes place on public lands. Recreation visitor numbers exploded in 2020 and are overwhelming the local population of 5,000 people and local capacity to support public health, safety, sanitation, search and rescue, and law enforcement. ORCA will provide adaptive leadership to balance competing local and national demand for quality outdoor recreation opportunities and related infrastructure with conserving and enhancing our environmental integrity to support healthy ecosystems, wildlife, water resources, and Ouray County's incredible scenic beauty. OCRA will build bridges across our jurisdictional and land ownership boundaries to plan for wildlife and natural resource conservation along with the growing demand for recreation access. We will collaboratively address emerging issues and safeguard areas identified as significant for conservation, working lands, and recreation access.

Coalition Location:
The proposed ORCA is envisioned to be a balanced coalition in the broader Ouray area. We will serve the geographic area of Ouray County, as well as some areas within Hinsdale and Gunnison counties, to connect to National Forests and other public lands. Specifically, as shown in the map, the spatial extent of the proposed ORCA includes 300,000 acres of National Forest, including two wilderness areas, in addition to thousands of acres of Bureau of Land Management-managed lands, Ridgway State Park,

county and private lands, ranging from large agricultural tracts to small mining claims. The area includes the Big Cimarron portions of Gunnison County, and through our working relationship with Gunnison County, we anticipate partnering and aligning with the Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Recreation (STOR) Committee on relevant issues. The Hinsdale County portions of the proposed ORCA include the Cimarron Forks and Uncompahgre Wilderness sections of Hinsdale County. This area encompasses communities, including the City of Ouray and Town of Ridgeway, which were once driven by agriculture and mining and are now transitioning to a more integrated economy with the increase in tourism and outdoor recreation. For example, the City of Ouray began as a bustling mining camp in the late 1800s and has transformed into an outdoor enthusiast's playground, with an abundance of winter activities, such as ice climbing, backcountry skiing, and snowmobiling

Coalition Representation:
The ORCA concept is developing at the "grasstops" – by visionary, collaborative discussions between key partners including Ouray County, Gunnison County, Hinsdale County, City of Ouray, Town of Ridgway, Ridgway State Park, the Ouray Ranger District of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests, the Bureau of Land Management, Uncompahgre Field Office, Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership, and the National Forest Foundation (NFF). Our next step will be to dramatically expand our coalition to include organizations working at the "grassroots" level throughout the Ouray area, as well as additional government partners from all levels. The NFF has experience designing collaborative processes and has committed to help us through the initial phase by thoughtfully designing our membership so that balanced interests are represented. A key part of our process would be to identify and recruit representatives from underrepresented communities. To that end, we have worked together to develop an initial list, which we would work to refine and formalize if we receive critical capacity support through the Outdoor Regional Partnerships Initiative. Our list, which is described in more detail in the responses below, includes a range of balanced and diverse interests.

Proposal:
Like many places in Colorado, the Ouray area has seen a boom in visitation and an urgent need to address the resulting natural resource impacts. We developed this proposal to join the Regional Partnerships Initiative so that we may proactively plan for future use and coordinate community priorities with a statewide vision. We have been working together in a grassroots way to build relationships, and we anticipate quickly growing our partnership. We are excited to advance our shared goals of outdoor recreation and natural resource conservation priority setting, collaboration, and planning. From Blue Lakes to Yankee Boy Basin, Ironton, and the East, Middle, and West Forks of the Cimarron River, visitors are flocking to the area because of its spectacular public lands. OCRA's priorities and objectives are aligned with Colorado's Statewide Comprehensive Action Plan (SCORP). Our most urgent needs are to:

- Develop strategies to provide sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities, including trail networks;
- Proactively manage visitors and maintain infrastructure to provide positive outdoor recreation experiences while limiting resource impacts;
- Strengthen public-private relationships and collaborative efforts to connect more people to on-the-ground activities, enhance habitat restoration and conservation, and build capacity for organizations engaged in this work; and,
- Leverage limited local, state, and federal resources with creative public-private partnerships.

Partnership Criteria:

- **Wildlife and Natural Resources**: ORCA would establish high-priority land, water, and wildlife conservation needs by taking the following steps under the guidance of a skilled, neutral facilitator: (1) Develop a charter, code of conduct, and governance documents to formally establish ORCA and its protocols. (2) Set the stage and gather information to ensure all coalition participants have the full picture of management complexities across the landscape. Host scientific panels as needed to ensure all relevant information is discussed. (3) Using the Mutual Gains Approach or another method supported by ORCA, create options for collective prioritization by the entire group. For example, identify five wildlife conservation needs to address over three years that will align with the statewide planning effort and result in "gains" for the majority of participants. (4) On a quarterly basis, identify and review priorities that all participants share, which are supported by local communities and in alignment with statewide planning efforts. Our process would be guided by Objective 1 in the SCORP: Objective I: Advance Landscape-scale Conservation - Work across jurisdictional and land ownership boundaries to plan for wildlife and natural resource conservation along with the growing demand for recreation access. Collaborate to tackle pressing and emerging issues and to identify and safeguard important areas for conservation, working lands, and recreation access across the state
- **Sustainable Outdoor Recreation**: ORCA would establish high-priority outdoor recreation needs by taking the following steps under the guidance of a skilled, neutral facilitator: (1) Develop a charter, code of conduct, and governance documents to formally establish ORCA and its protocols. (2) Set the stage and gather information to ensure all coalition participants have the full picture of management complexities across the landscape. Host scientific panels as needed to ensure all relevant information is discussed. (3) Using the Mutual Gains Approach or another method supported by ORCA, create options for collective prioritization by the entire group. For example, identify five trail-related needs to address over three years that will align with the statewide planning effort and result in "gains" for the majority of participants. Or, the ORCA could better plan recreation sites with wildfire risk in mind. (4) On a quarterly basis, identify and review priorities that all participants share, which are supported by local communities and in alignment with statewide planning efforts. Our process would be guided by Objective 1 from the SCORP: Objective II: Address Recreation Impacts - Proactively manage visitors and maintain infrastructure to provide positive outdoor recreation experiences while limiting resource impacts. Utilize best practices when developing new trails or other outdoor infrastructure. We would also follow strategies 1 and 2 as provided for in the SCORP.
- **Collaboration**: Through ORCA, Ouray County will convene partners to address shared issues. We will look to models, such as the STOR Committee, for guidance, and will align with similar coalitions. In addition to the entities who have worked together to develop this proposal (Ouray County, Gunnison County, Hinsdale County, City of Ouray, Town of Ridgway, Ridgway State Park, the Ouray Ranger District of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests, the Uncompaghre Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management, Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership, NFF), ORCA would unite other entities as a next step:
    - Trails and Recreation - Ouray Trail Group, Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Association, Six Basins Project, Western Slope 4 Wheelers, Western Colorado Riders and Enthusiasts, Uncompahgre Valley Trail Riders, Thunder Mountain Wheelers, American Mountain Guides Association, Great Old Broads for Wilderness, San Juan Mountains Association
    - Wildlife Conservation - Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, Colorado Parks & Wildlife
    - Hunting and Fishing - Trout Unlimited

  - Agriculture and Industry – Ouray County Cattlemen's Association, Idarado/Newmont, Ouray Silver Mines
  - Economic Development - Ouray Via Ferrata, Ouray Ice Park, Ouray Chamber Resort Association, Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce
  - Water - Ouray County Water Users Association, Tri-County Water Conservancy District, Ouray Hydro Powerplant, American Whitewater
  - Historical –Trust for Land Restoration, Ouray Cty Historical Society
- **Community Need**: If successful, ORCA would thoughtfully and deliberately gather local stakeholders to plan, set priorities, and address the mounting natural resources conservation and recreation needs in our region. Our initial goal will be to work across jurisdictional and land ownership boundaries at a multi-county scale to plan for wildlife and natural resource conservation along with growing demand for recreation access. There are many existing needs and opportunities related to outdoor recreation and conservation in the Ouray area:
  - GMUG National Forests Plan Revision - ORCA could provide useful feedback to the USDA Forest Service as the plan moves forward.
  - Great American Outdoors Act Implementation - GMUG National Forest received funding for more projects than any other National Forest in the country except for the Tongass National Forest in Alaska, and is set to receive additional funding at least for the next four years. This coalition could help GMUG prioritize projects, identify and develop sources of matching funding.
  - Set priorities for management and resource investments, and jointly determine how to respond to proposals for new trails and other infrastructure in the following federal and state-managed areas: ○ West Fork, Middle Fork, and East Forks of the Cimarron River ○ Big Cimmaron ○ Ironton Park Area ○ Camp Bird Corridor ○ Blue Lakes/Sneffels Wilderness ○ Ridgway State Park ○ Dennis Weaver Trail System ○ Ridgway Area Mountain Bike Trails System
- **Public Comment and Involvement**: Through ORCA, Ouray County and the other involved entities are planning to take the following steps to involve the public and capture community input as we develop conservation and sustainable recreation priorities:
  - Identify and contract with a facilitator to provide immediate coordination and facilitation support.
  - With the facilitator's assistance, complete the following organizing tasks: ○ Refine and finalize our initial, broad list of balanced stakeholders. ○ Reach out to discuss the effort with each identified stakeholder. Use a "snowball" approach to learn about any new or emerging interest groups that we should include in our coalition. ○ Kick-off our coalition with an initial meeting, where we will adopt a vision and create a code of conduct for participants.
  - As the coalition begins to meet (likely monthly) and strengthens our relationships, we will also plan a series of public workshops designed to garner public input and potential solutions in response to specific recreation and conservation challenges. These workshops will directly inform our strategies and planning effort.
  - As our coalition gels and continues working together, we anticipate holding "open houses" in conjunction with our monthly coalition meetings - likely at least once per quarter - to ensure that we hear from our community.

PROJECT BUDGET

	Source of Funds	Totals
Requested Funds	Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships Initiative	$60,000.00
Matching Funds: Cash	Ouray County, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison	$10,000.00
Matching Funds: In-Kind	National Forest Foundation	$2,500.00
Total Matching Funds		$12,500.00
TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS		**$72,500.00**

Use of Cash Funds	**Total Funding**
Contracted facilitator/coordinator (assuming facilitation of 10 mtngs/year plus committees	$66,500.00
Meeting supplies, including food (assuming $100/meeting, 10 meetinsg/year for 2 years)	$2,000.00
Communications - Website URL and content, email updates, and news releases	$4,000.00
Colorado Outdoor Partnership Funds Total	$60,000.00
USE OF FUNDS - CASH SUBTOTAL	**$72,500.00**

Note that the total project cost (C29) must equal the Total Source of Funds (C10)

MATCHING REQUIREMENTS	**Required**	**Actual**	**Status**
Overall Match (% based on	10%	17%	Pass

Preliminary Timeline Estimate

Using the table below, please provide a breakdown of project checkpoints and an estimate of their anticipated completion.

Task	Jul '21	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan '22	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan '23	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Launch ORCA																								
Year 1: Meet monthly																								
Year 1: Produce charter and governance																								
Year 1: Form committees																								
Year 1: Finalize strategic plan																								
Year 1: Reach other CPW milestones																								
Year 2: Meet monthly																								
Year 2: Implement plans via committees																								
Year 2: Reach other CPW milestones																								