

# **Town of Green Mountain Falls**

Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee Agenda – Regular Meeting Monday, July 25, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. In-person or Zoom Meeting

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#### **REGULAR MEETING:**

		DESIRED
	ITEM	OUTCOME
1.	CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL	
2.	ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTION TO THE AGENDA	FMC Action Desired
3.	PUBLIC COMMENT: 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER	Information Only
	NEW BUSINESS	
4.	Election of a Secretary	FMC Action Desired
5.	FMAC applicant(s) review and vote	FMC Action Desired
6.	Fire Chief Steve Murphy to discuss the chipper program.	Information Only
7.	Standing Dead Trees	FMC Action Desired
8.	GOCO/CYCA Conservation Service Corps Grant for 2023 work	FMC Action Desired
	OLD BUSINESS	
9.	Education Program review	FMC Action Desired
10.	Assessment Program review	FMC Action Desired
11.	Update from town staff regarding current mitigation projects	Information Only
12.	OTHER BUSINESS	Information Only
13.	ADJOURN	

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# **Committee Volunteer Application**

Volunteer Position applying for: Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee\_\_\_\_\_

Name: Paul L. Yingling

Street Address: 11120 Pueblo Avenue \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: Green Mountain Falls, CO\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: 80819\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (719) 368-0916\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email address: paul.l.yingling@gmail.com\_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you been a resident of Green Mountain Falls: 6\_\_\_\_\_

Current Employer/Occupation: Work Experiences that may apply: Technical Management Services\_/ Management Consultant, 28 years military service (US Army)

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Other Volunteer Experiences that may apply: 2 + years GMF Planning Commission\_\_\_\_\_

Any Special Qualifications that may apply to this volunteer position: 7+ years consulting public sector organizations in strategic planning and risk management\_\_\_\_\_

Other Current Volunteer Positions you hold: None\_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for choosing this Volunteer Opportunity: Reduce fire risk in GMF\_\_\_\_\_

\*Please attach any other relevant information/documentation that would enhance your application.

By signing below, you acknowledge that the Town of Green Mountain Falls IS NOT liable for any harm and/or injury sustained while volunteering at any Town facilities or activities.

You also agree that all information you have provided in this application is true to the best of your

Volunteer Signature:

knowledge.

Date: 7/18/22

Are you 18 years or older? YES\_

If NO, Guardian Signature:

#### Hi Nate and Becky,

Hope you both are doing well! I wanted to reach out to you about this annual opportunity (<u>GOCO/CYCA Conservation Service Corps Grant</u>) to pursue funds to support conservation corps work. Generally speaking, this grant opportunity typically funds 15-25% of our project season. Now that MHYC and the Town of GMF have developed a strong partnership and are getting some high quality work done, I'd like to encourage you to submit an application to keep this work going!

A couple of quick hits:

- The RFP is attached
- MHYC can review your app if you submit to us by **8/19 (at the latest)**
- RFPs due back to CCYA by 8/29 at 4:00pm

These funds can support a MHYC crew to complete trail work, fire mitigation, invasive species removal, habitat restoration, fencing, pesticide application, etc. If I've picked up on anything over the last few years, it is that this reviewing committee typically likes to fund new partnerships (such as ours) and projects that continue on other investments (like COSWAP). You could recycle content from the COSWAP application for this RFP – there are a lot of similar questions.

There really is no shortage of work out there. I think we could be successful in going after some additional weeks in 2023. Let me know if you'd like to set up a call to discuss this. I generally work pretty closely with partners to submit these applications.

I look forward to hearing from you, thanks!

#### **CJ RUNGE**

Regional Manager: Southern Front Range Land Conservation | Mile High Youth Corps 719-630-7421 | Ext. 402 719-822-6046 | Cell 417 E Vermijo Ave. | Colorado Springs, CO 80903 Pronouns | She/Her/Hers (<u>what is this</u>?)

From: Brandon Watkins - via list [mailto:cosa@emaildodo.com]
Sent: Friday, July 8, 2022 8:01 AM
To: CJ Runge <<u>cassandrar@mhyc.net</u>>

**Subject:** [External] [COSA] GOCO grant open: \$900K for Local Gov't & Open Space youth corps projects!

#### GOCO announces \$900k for Youth Corps Projects on Land Trust, Open Space, & Local Government Properties

Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) and the Colorado Youth Corps Association (CYCA) are pleased to announce a \$900K grant opportunity for open space, local government, and land trusts to hire conservation corps! Please note: in addition to public parks, open spaces, and private lands protected by conservation easement, **corps projects can now occur on federal lands**.

The RFP can be found attached to this email and <u>www.cyca.org</u>. **The application deadline is Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 4:00 PM and we strongly encourage early submissions**. Successful projects will be announced in December 2022 and crews will complete the proposed work in 2023. Applicants can apply for corps crews (ages 16-35) to complete a variety of stewardship projects including (but NOT limited to):

- Trail construction and maintenance
- Tamarisk, Russian olive, and other invasive species mitigation chainsaw crews, including pesticide/herbicide application, are available
- Fence installation and de-construction
- Wildlife habitat improvement
- Riparian restoration
- Fire Fuels mitigation chainsaw crews available

To find the corps that serves your area, go to <u>https://www.cyca.org/hire-a-corps/</u> or contact Brandon Watkins at <u>Bwatkins@cyca.org</u> or 303-863-0602 with questions. Thank you!

#### **Brandon Watkins**

Associate Director Pronouns | He, Him, His

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To:Fire Mitigation Advisory CommitteeFrom:Nate Scott, Town Clerk/Treasurer/PlannerRe:GOCO/CYCA Conservation Service Corps Grant for 2023 work

From application packet: "Applications require a minimum of 10% match, 100% of which can be in-kind and may be from the applicant, the conservation service corps, or other contributing project partners. If the applicant is unable to meet this match requirement, due to COVID-19 or other factors, please reach out to CYCA to discuss a match waiver justification."

Town staff will be talking to CJ Runge at Mile High Youth Corps Tuesday morning (7/26) regarding this opportunity, and we plan to apply, pending budget considerations. We will discuss internally potential funding and "in-kind" sources for budgeting purposes.

Then we can report back to the FMAC for support with the grant application itself, as necessary.





# **Conservation Service Corps Grants**

Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) and the Colorado Youth Corps Association (CYCA) are pleased to announce the release of the 2023 Conservation Service Corps grant cycle with up to \$900,000 in funding for outdoor recreation, stewardship, and restoration projects completed by conservation service corps members. The goal of these funds is to employ youth and young adults (ages 14-25) throughout the state on critical outdoor recreation and natural resource stewardship projects using the network of conservation service corps accredited by CYCA.

**BACKGROUND:** As Colorado's economy recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, many young people are eager and excited to work and serve in the environmental stewardship sector. Before the pandemic, the unemployment rate for youth and young adults was significantly higher than the rest of the population. The COVID-19 virus has only made that worse. It is imperative to support and encourage the next generation of stewards to protect Colorado's natural resources and provide meaningful opportunities for them to grow their careers.

Just as young people are ready and eager to work, our public and protected lands require constant maintenance to ensure they remain accessible. 92% of Coloradans participate in some form of outdoor recreation activity every year—5.2 million people—and 64% recreate outdoors once a week. This growing engagement is matched by increasing challenges to our iconic resources. Our outdoor recreation infrastructure, such as trails and campgrounds, need more expansion and/or maintenance than ever. Climate change is producing conditions conducive to wildfires and the spread of invasive species threaten riparian areas and critical water flow.

Conservation service corps in Colorado engage more than 1,600 members annually to perform land, water, and energy projects to conserve resources and steward public lands. These efforts help mitigate the threat of natural disasters, such as flooding and wildfire; return delicate ecosystems back to balance; and maintain recreation infrastructure so they remain accessible for all.

**ABOUT US:** GOCO invests a portion 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. Created by voters in 1992, GOCO has committed more than \$1.3 billion in lottery proceeds to more than 5,500 projects in all 64 counties without any tax dollar support. For more information, please visit www.GOCO.org.

CYCA is a statewide coalition of 8 conservation service corps that employ and train youth, young adults, and veterans on land, water, and energy conservation projects. Corps are a proven strategy for engaging young people in service to their communities and stewardship of their environment while cultivating in them valuable skills to meet the challenges of the 21st century. For more information about conservation service corps, or to find the accredited conservation corps that serves your region, please go to www.CYCA.org.

# **General Guidance and Grant Information**

IMPORTANT DATES: Applicants must submit applications to CYCA **no later than 4:00pm on Monday**, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022. <u>We strongly encourage early submissions to avoid missing the application</u> <u>deadline</u>. A committee of the GOCO Board will meet to discuss funding recommendations in November 2022. The GOCO Board will make grant awards **on December 9<sup>th</sup>**, 2022 but note that this date is subject to change. Successful applicants shall have **one** year from the award date to complete the proposed project and submit final documentation.

**APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS:** After receiving an application, CYCA partners with GOCO staff and outside peer reviewers to review applications, assess the merits of each project based on the applicant submission, and develop a consensus on which projects to fund. The proposal review committee reserves the right to request additional or clarifying information; and/or request revisions on any component of the application.

**APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:** This program is open to the following entities eligible to receive GOCO open space and/or local government funds:

- a) Colorado municipality or county
- b) Political subdivision of the State of Colorado that includes in its mission the identification, acquisition, or management of open space and natural areas
- c) Title 32 special district eligible to receive distributions from the Conservation Trust Fund
- d) 501(c)(3) non-profit land conservation organization that includes in its mission the identification, acquisition, or management of open space and natural areas, e.g., land trusts

#### **PROJECT/PROPERTY ELIGIBILITY:**

- a) Applicants must apply for a minimum of **two weeks of conservation service corps work.** One week of work consists of a minimum of 320 hours of labor (8 people for 40 hours each, for example) inclusive of one-way travel and 4-5 hours per week of on-site education activities for the crew.
- b) The project's primary objective must consist of enhancing/restoring open space, wildlife habitat, or other ecosystem or enhancing/restoring trails or other passive recreational infrastructure including signs, fences, tent pads, etc.
- c) The project must occur on land owned or controlled by a:
  - i. municipality, county, or other political subdivision of the state;
  - ii. land trust or other private party when the land is permanently protected by a conservation easement or other permanent use restriction; or
  - iii. federal agency

Please note: while federal agencies are not an eligible applicant, projects that occur on federally-managed land are permissible if they are to perform stewardship or restoration projects; or develop improvements for or stewardship of passive recreation, e.g. soft surface trails. The applicant must be a local government or open space organization and they must clearly demonstrate how their community will benefit from the project—such as fire mitigation protecting local infrastructure, demonstrable impact on the local economy, etc.

- d) The project's primary objective must consist of enhancing/restoring open space, wildlife habitat, or other ecosystem (e.g. noxious weed removal, fire mitigation, fire recovery, flood recovery, riparian restoration) or constructing/enhancing/restoring trails or other passive recreational infrastructure including signs, fences, tent pads, etc.
- e) Projects must provide a public benefit and comply with any conservation easement, other use restriction, or government policies or procedures concerning management of the property's resources.
- f) Applicant must demonstrate capacity to host a conservation service corps crew, and coordinate closely with the corps in advance of submitting a proposal, to ensure the project is appropriate.

**TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION:** Successful applicants must complete the proposed work within one year of the grant award date. Applicants must respond to a CYCA-generated project evaluation upon completion of the project. GOCO may deauthorize a grant if the project is not completed within that time, or by any extended period of time authorized by staff or the board.

**COSTS AND MATCH:** The table below provides a brief description of available crews and the weekly rates for each crew. Please only include requests for conservation service corps labor; materials, equipment, staff time, and any other costs are ineligible for funding but may serve as match. Please discuss any potential project expenses with GOCO to determine the eligibility of those expenses prior to applying. Applications require a minimum of 10% match, 100% of which can be in-kind and may be from the applicant, the conservation service corps, or other contributing project partners. If the applicant is unable to meet this match requirement, due to COVID-19 or other factors, please reach out to CYCA to discuss a match waiver justification.

Weekly Crew Rates:				
Day Crew	crews go home each night and travel to the project daily	\$8,000/week		
Camping Crew	crews camp at or near the project, sponsors should work with the conservation service corps to help secure free camping	\$8,675/week		
Chainsaw and/or Herbicide Application Crew	includes day crew and camping crews, 80% of the crew is chainsaw trained, or meets state herbicide application compliance requirements	\$10,275/week		

#### WORKING WITH A CONSERVATION SERVICE CORPS:

From project planning to completion, it is easy to use a conservation service corps. Corps are highcapacity organizations that are well-prepared; they arrive with the equipment, skills and supervision to succeed. After talking with a potential sponsor, the conservation service corps will match the right type of crew for the project.

Typical projects include:

- constructing and maintaining Colorado's trail system
- improving outdoor recreation amenities such as playgrounds and parks
- mitigating fire fuels
- restoring wildlife habitat
- installing and dismantling fences
- mitigating and removing invasive species

#### Shared Project Responsibility

Hosting a conservation service corps requires cooperation, communication, and shared responsibility. Many sponsors ask, "what do I need to provide?" The chart below details how corps generally share responsibility. Of course, a project may require a different breakdown of responsibilities which you can discuss with corps staff as you plan the project.

Conservation Service Corps Responsibilities	Project Sponsor Responsibilities		
Pre-project walk-through with sponsor's staff	Project planning		
Adult supervision	Pre-project walk-through with corps staff		
Youth/young adult crew (at least 8 people and 320 hours of labor)	Specialty tools (if necessary)		
Basic tools	Sponsor staff person available to answer questions and check work regularly		
Transportation	Complete an end-of-project evaluation		

#### What Conservation Service Corps Are

- Youth, young adult and veteran workforce development programs
- Programs focused on developing youth and young adults through service
- Programs focused on providing veterans experience for post-service conservation careers
- Programs focused on environmental education and ethic of stewardship

#### What Conservation Service Corps Are Not

- Professional contract-work crews
- Volunteer programs
- Recreation or summer camp programs
- Court-ordered or juvenile-offender diversion programs
- Wilderness therapy or mental health counseling

**PROJECT PROMOTION:** Applicant must agree to promote a funded project using social and traditional media.

**CONTACT:** We encourage you to thoroughly review all application materials and to discuss any questions or concerns that arise throughout the process in advance of submitting your proposal. We look forward to working with you!

Please direct questions about applicant or project eligibility to:

Tilah Larson Manager of Programs 720.576.7138 tlarson@goco.org

For all other inquiries, please contact:

Brandon Watkins Associate Director 303.863.0602 bwatkins@cyca.org

To locate and contact the conservation service corps serving your area, please visit <a href="https://www.cyca.org/hire-a-corps/">https://www.cyca.org/hire-a-corps/</a>



Submit the following documents to Nancy Weil, <u>nweil@cyca.org</u>. CYCA strongly encourages submission via email but please contact CYCA if you wish to submit via an alternative means, e.g. fax, standard mail, FedEx, in-person, etc.

#### Document 1: Full Project Proposal

Please submit a single document (PDF preferred) comprised of the following in the order listed:

- □ Summary Form
- Proposal Narrative Please include the HEADINGS with your answers; limited to THREE (3) pages
- Proposals should include at least **TWO** (2) maps: 1) a project location map showing the general location and surrounding context, and 2) a detailed map for each discrete project location showing the specific project area and components in sufficient detail. Please label the maps and appropriately reference them in the narrative proposal. Format maps for 8 ½" x 11" paper.
- □ Assurance and Signature Page
- □ Letter of authorization from holder of the conservation easement or other use restriction that indicates that the anticipated work does not violate the easement/use restriction (**IF APPLICABLE**)

Please note that CYCA will not accept CDs, DVDs, videos, brochures, or any other additional attachments.

Applicants will be provided a receipt upon submission to CYCA.



Applicant Information				
Name:	Title:			
Organization Name:				
Organization Type: Sele	ct an Organization Type			
Phone:	Email:			
Partnering Conservation	Select a Youth Corps			
Service Corps:	·	_		
	<b>TECHNICAL CONTAC</b>			
Contact person for coord	ination of technical aspects o	f project (if different f	rom applicant	t, above)
Name:	Title:			
Organization Name:				
Phone:	Email:			
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Property Name:				
Landowner Name:				
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County/Counties:				
What entities will facilitate the required 4 hours of education per week: (check all that apply)				
□ Applicant □ Conser	vation service corps 🛛 Exte	rnal facilitator 🛛 🗆 Ot	her:	
	<b>BUDGET INFO</b>	ORMATION		
<b>Select from the pulldown menu</b> the type of conservation service corps crew requested and number of weeks for that crew type:				
Example Crew Type:	Select a Crew Type	Weeks:	2 Total \$:	\$16,700
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		TOTAL AMOUNT	REQUESTED:	
Match Information				
Please input the matching funds provided, cash or in-kind (if applicable):				
Item	Source	Calculation		Cost
Example: Chipper	Trees R Us	4 weeks at \$	1,000/wk	\$4,000

TOTAL MATCH PROVIDED:



### **BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

In the box below, provide a brief summary/overview of your proposal (100 words or less):



Answer each of the following Selection Criteria questions: Three (3) pages maximum, 11-point type, 1inch margins. Please include the question title (not the entire question) and answer each question.

1. **PROJECT OVERVIEW, NEED, and BENEFITS:** Describe in detail the work activities that will be performed during this project. Include the expected outputs of the project, such as miles of trail built, acres of invasive species to be removed, acres of forest thinned, etc.

How this project is a priority for your community? Describe the specific needs being met by this project, who will directly benefit from this project, and the impacts and outcomes if this project is not undertaken.

2. **PLANNING & READINESS, and SUSTAINABILITY**: Describe the planning process for this project, including who was involved in the project development. Are all approvals, permits, and other required components in place? If not, describe the status of those components. Are there any barriers to completing the project by December 31, 2023?

Describe the sustainability of this project and its impacts, and who will be directly responsible for those activities. For example, consider the following when reflecting on the long-term stewardship plans for your project:

Specific to invasive species projects: describe the upstream contamination and how that will impact this project's sustainability. Describe the downstream contamination and how this project may impact those areas. Who will provide monitoring? Who will eradicate re-growth? What resources are in place to commit to those efforts in future years?

Specific to trail construction projects: describe what the planned maintenance for this trail will be in future years, based on use, location, weather, etc. Who is committed to performing this monitoring and maintenance? What resources are in place to commit to those efforts in future years?



#### ASSURANCE

I certify that I am authorized to sign on behalf of the applicant and that, if awarded a grant for this project, the applicant will comply with the grant administration requirements of both GOCO and CYCA. I further certify that the applicant collaborated on this proposal with the conservation service corps indicated and that the conservation service corps is fully aware of and agrees to the scope of the project, budget, and timeline.

Name and title of conservation service corps staff consulted on this proposal:

Name: Title:

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE FUNDS**

Applicant recognizes that it will not receive payment from GOCO. By its signature below, applicant hereby authorizes GOCO to make payment on its behalf directly to CYCA in the event this project is chosen for funding.

#### SIGNATURE

(electronic and pdf signatures are accepted) Name: Title: Organization Name:

Signature:

Date:



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То:	Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee
From:	Nate Scott, Town Clerk/Treasurer/Planner
Re:	Fire Mitigation Report, July 22, 2022

#### <u>UPDATES</u>

- COSWAP Fire Mitigation:
  - MHYC crew has implemented a grid system with the work area, with one team marking trees based on the prescription and the others following and cutting.
  - Report for June 6 June 23 ( $1^{st}$  three weeks):
    - Per crew: not cutting to firewood is saving a lot of time (limbing but not bucking)
    - Total project hours:
      - Total hours, not including education: 943.25 hours (320 avg/week is the goal)
      - This crew has 9 members including crew leaders
    - Total trees felled = 419 (up to 12" DBH Diameter at Breast Height)
    - 195 bucked and limbed
    - 162 cu. Feet of firewood stacked
  - Report for June 27 July 14 ( $2^{nd}$  three weeks):
    - Hours worked: 6/27-30 = 342 hours; 7/5-9 = 272 hours; 7/11-14 = 252 hours (hours reduced to due COVID outbreak, a couple of minor injuries, and lightning/weather protocols)
    - Accomplishments
      - 1119 total trees felled (700 trees felled from 6/27 7/14)
      - 935 total trees bucked/limbed (758 trees bucked/limbed from 6/27 7/14)
      - 2.29 acres of slash spread (0.56 acres of slash spread from 6/27 7/14)
      - 4.46 total acres improved
  - Nate meeting with MHYC on Monday to talk about fuel removal/cleanup strategies.
    - Will likely have MHYC cut more into firewood piles near access points.
    - Will also cut some 30-footers into smaller chunks for easier scattering to improve aesthetics along the trail.
  - Confirmed fall season weeks:
    - 9/6-9; 9/12-15; 9/19-22; 9/26-29; 10/3-6
  - Let's plan a cookout for the crew at the end of this summer season Wed, August 10 would be ideal. Kelly has agreed in concept to use her deck/grills for this purpose. Let me know and I will start planning with the crew.
- CUSP work:
  - SWIFT crew didn't work out. They were coming from a different facility this year and the logistics didn't allow for much on-site work time.
  - o CUSP is meeting with other potential contractors now.
  - Cost per acre will likely increase, meaning less acres done this cycle.
  - o lona/Scott cutting is done wood is free for the taking.