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**Outdoor Recreation
Industry Office**

Outdoor Recreation Funding Opportunities

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How to Use this Guide

This guide is primarily designed for Colorado-based nonprofit and government partners who are seeking funding for an outdoor recreation project in their community. That being said, many of the resources may be of assistance to private businesses or individuals who are seeking support for a particular project.

About Our Office

The Colorado Outdoor Recreation Industry Office (OREC) provides a central point of contact, advocacy, and resources at the state level for the diverse constituents, businesses, and communities that rely on the continued health of the outdoor recreation economy.

OREC's mission is to champion industry, communities, and people to come to life through Colorado's great outdoors.

Colorado-Specific Funding and Technical Assistance

Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) : GOCO offers competitive grant programs for outdoor recreation and land conservation projects in the state of Colorado. Grant programs in 2021 included resilient communities grants for immediate COVID-19 pandemic relief efforts; conservation corps efforts; wetlands, river, and critical habitat restoration efforts; and generation wild to fund local coalitions, youth, and family programs. Programs anticipated for 2022 include many of the 2021 grants but also expand to include community impact grants for parks, trails, and schools; planning and capacity grants; and centennial program grants for high-value projects with lasting impacts.

Eligibility: nonprofits, local governments, educational institutions, Indian Tribes

- [Our Grant Programs | Great Outdoors Colorado](#)

Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) - Brownfields Cleanup

Grant Program: This program provides cleanup plan reviews for brownfields remediation projects, and offers assistance to property owners in the form of environmental site assessments, tax credits, revolving loans, and grants of up to \$250,000 a year in statewide project funding.

Eligibility: nonprofits, local governments

- [Brownfields Cleanup Grant Program | Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment](#)

Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) - Colorado Green

Business Network: This program provides free services to businesses interested in advancing the sustainability of their operations, including by assessing opportunities for cost savings, energy, water, fuel, and waste efficiency, and sustainable growth. Technical assistance, certification, and networking support are available.

Eligibility: businesses

- [Colorado Green Business Network](#)

Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade – Enterprise Zone

Program : Enterprise Zones were designated by the Colorado legislature as economically-distressed regions across the state that qualify for state income tax credits and sales and use tax exemptions for specific business investments. Local governments, nonprofits, and individual investors may also receive benefits. See the Enterprise Zone web page for a map of eligible areas.

Eligibility: businesses, nonprofits, local governments, individuals

- [Enterprise Zone Program | Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade](#)

Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade – Job Growth Incentive

Tax Credit : State income tax credits equal to up to 50% of the employer paid FICA for projects that create at least 20 net new jobs (5 if in an Enhanced Rural Enterprise Zone) and are competitive, meaning at least one other state or country is being considered for the project. Include other eligibility requirements. Mutually exclusive with Strategic Fund.

Eligibility: businesses

- [Job Growth Incentive Tax Credit | Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade](#)

Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade – Strategic Fund Job Growth Incentive : Cash incentive for projects that create net new jobs and are competitive, meaning at least one other state or country is being considered for the project. The award amount depends on the number and location of net new jobs, ranging from \$3,000 to \$6,500 per job. Includes other eligibility requirements. Mutually exclusive with JGITC. Depending on the average annual wage and the location of the business.

Eligibility: businesses

- [Strategic Fund Job Growth Incentive | Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade](#)

Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade – Rural Jump-Start Program : The Rural Jump-Start Program incentivizes new businesses to start in or move into rural, economically distressed areas and hire new employees. To be eligible, businesses cannot compete with similar businesses in the county or adjacent economically distressed county. The program provides both a grant and tax credit to businesses. Grant and tax relief amounts are dependent on the business's location.

Eligibility: businesses

- [Rural Jump-Start Program | Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade](#)

Colorado Outdoor Recreation Industry Office – Rural Technical

Assistance Program : The Rural Technical Assistance Program (RTAP) partners teams of graduate students from the Masters of the Environment (MENV) program at CU Boulder with the Colorado Outdoor Recreation Industry Office, CSU Extension, and the US EPA's Recreation Economy for Rural Communities (RERC) program to provide planning assistance for outdoor recreation and Main Street development for rural communities in Colorado. Graduate students take on the role as community consultants and walk their partner communities through a facilitated planning assistance process that is based upon the RERC program, to develop a Community Action Plan for the next 12-24 months. CSU Extension then provides support for the subsequent 2 year period to assist partner communities with the implementation of the Community Action Plan. All three phases are intended to create a solid framework for communities to respond to the opportunities and challenges presented by outdoor recreation by prioritizing common goals, connecting stakeholders, and identifying resources to support the implementation of the Community Action Plan.

Eligibility: local governments, economic development organizations, Indian Tribes

- [Rural Technical Assistance Program | Colorado Outdoor Recreation Industry Office](#)

Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade – Tourism

Management Grant : The Colorado Tourism Office's Tourism Management Grant provides funding for tourism-related projects that develop, enhance, or manage visitor experience in Colorado.

Eligibility: Chambers of commerce, destination management organizations (DMOs), nonprofits, Indian Tribes

- [Tourism Management Grant | Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade](#)

Colorado Outdoor Recreation Grants Summary List : Colorado State Parks and Wildlife, in

conjunction with the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA), have researched and developed a grants list that provides recreation user groups, government agencies, and other affiliated outdoor recreation interests with readily available information on some of the more pertinent grant providers.

- [Colorado Parks & Wildlife - Grant Programs](#)

Colorado State Forest Service – Forest Health & Wildfire Mitigation Industries Workforce Development Program: This grant provides qualifying for-profit businesses and non-profit organizations funding to hire and train new employees in the timber, forest health and wildfire mitigation industries. Up to 50% of the costs to hire and train new employees can be reimbursed under this program. Businesses and organizations should submit an application when they hire a new employee. All current funding has been awarded. Applications will be available when the CSFS receives the next round of funding, which we anticipate in early spring 2026.

Eligibility: nonprofit, business

- [Timber, Forest Health & Wildfire Mitigation Industries Workforce Development Program](#)

Colorado State Forest Service – Wildfire Mitigation Incentives for Local Government : The Colorado Legislature established the Wildfire Mitigation Incentives for Local Government Grant Program in 2022. This program provides state support through competitive grant funds to match revenue raised by local governments for forest management or fuels reduction, or for local governments to expand existing, long-term programs dedicated to forest management and wildfire mitigation. The Colorado State Forest Service has \$10 million available for grant awards through this program. More information about this grant program will be available in the Request for Applications.

Eligibility: local governments, Indian Tribes

- [Wildfire Mitigation Incentives for Local Government | Colorado State Forest Service](#)

Startup Colorado : Startup Colorado is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that supports rural entrepreneurs and ecosystem builders in 53 rural counties across Colorado. Startup Colorado also maintains a comprehensive database of funding opportunities for businesses.

Eligibility: businesses

- [Startup Colorado](#)
- [Startup Colorado Funding Database](#)

Private Grantmaking Foundations

Access Fund - Climbing Conservation Grant Program : The Access Fund's Climbing Conservation Grant Program funds projects that preserve or enhance climbing access and opportunities and conserve the climbing environment throughout the US. The supports projects that demonstrate local climber support, collaboration with land managers, and a commitment to long-term change

Eligibility: local governments, nonprofits, individuals, Indian Tribes

- [Climbing Conservation Grant Program — Access Fund](#)

Adolph Coors Foundation: The Adolph Coors Foundation places a high priority on youth development and entrepreneurship programs. Rural nonprofits are also given priority during the grantmaking process. Applications are accepted three times annually.

Eligibility: nonprofits, businesses, local governments, Indian Tribes

- [Coors Foundation](#)

Anschutz Family Foundation: The Anschutz Family Foundation supports Colorado nonprofit organizations with an emphasis on self-sufficiency and community development programs aimed at the economically disadvantaged, children & youth, seniors, and people with disabilities. Applications are accepted in January and July of each year.

Eligibility: nonprofits, local governments, Indian Tribes

- [Our Grantmaking - Anschutz Family Foundation](#)

Boettcher Foundation: The Boettcher Foundation is one of Colorado's oldest and largest grantmaking foundations. Grants are made through three programs: Community Connections Grants; Rural Catalyst Grants; and Biomedical Research Awards. The foundation also supports leadership development through college scholarships and professional programming.

Eligibility: nonprofits, businesses, local governments, educational institutions, Indian Tribes

- [Grantmaking - Boettcher Foundation](#)

CoBank: CoBank, a cooperative bank serving agribusinesses, rural infrastructure providers and Farm Credit associations throughout the United States, launched the Rural Prosperity Grant Program in 2025 to focus on promoting prosperity and economic development in the nation's rural areas. The program offers unrestricted grants of \$100,000–\$250,000 to nonprofit organizations that act as regional development hubs, working in areas like entrepreneurship, food systems, education, health care, and civic leadership.

Eligibility: nonprofits, economic development organizations

- [CoBank - Rural Prosperity Grant Program](#)

Colorado Circular Communities : This program funds projects aimed at Circular economy projects include waste aversion and diversion efforts, accomplished through sustainable design, remanufacturing, distribution/market development, source reduction, reuse, repair, recovery, collection, recycling, composting, anaerobic digestion, or biochar production. Colorado businesses, local governments, and non-profits are eligible to receive \$50,000 to \$500,000 per project. Three grant cycles are open annually.

- [About C3](#)

Community Foundations : Community foundations regularly provide grants to a defined geographic area, typically through a set of priority focus areas. Colorado has a number of community foundations across the state which may be a good fit for your project. Use the link below to find your nearest community foundation.

- [Community Foundations: CO](#)

Daniels Fund: Daniels Fund is a Colorado-based grantmaking organization with eight focus areas, to include amateur sports and youth development.

Eligibility: nonprofits, local governments, educational institutions, Indian Tribes

- [Grant Eligibility - Daniels Fund](#)

El Pomar Foundation: El Pomar is a general purpose foundation, which means the Trustees approve grants across a wide spectrum of focus areas including: arts and culture, civic and community initiatives, education, health and human services. Under its competitive process it accepts applications for general operating, program and capital support. There are no deadlines for the competitive process. It accepts applications on a rolling basis throughout the year.

Eligibility: nonprofits, local governments, educational institutions, Indian Tribes

- [Grant Making - El Pomar Foundation](#)

Gates Family Foundation : Gates Family Foundation works collaboratively with a cross-section of partners, fellow funders, and grantees to conserve Colorado's unique landscapes, waterways, and agricultural heritage in ways that allow both natural and human systems to thrive. We believe that collaboration, innovation, and non-traditional partnerships are the key to balanced management of limited resources. Additionally, we are committed to closing the gap that exists for Indigenous and people of color in conservation decision-making, organizational leadership, and access to the outdoors.

Eligibility: nonprofits, businesses, local governments, Indian Tribes

- [Overview - Gates Family Foundation](#)

Laura Jane Musser Fund : The Laura Jane Musser Fund assists public or not-for-profit entities to initiate or implement projects that enhance the ecological integrity of publicly owned open spaces, while encouraging compatible human activities. The Fund's goal is to promote public use of open space that improves a community's quality of life and public health, while also ensuring the protection of healthy, viable and sustainable ecosystems by protecting or restoring habitat for a diversity of plant and animal species.

Eligibility: nonprofits, local governments, Indian Tribes

- [Environmental Initiative Program – Laura Jane Musser Fund](#)

The Maki Foundation : The Maki Foundation, established in 1981, makes grants for environmental protection in the western United States. In particular, the foundation is concerned with protection and preservation of the Rocky Mountain West's remaining wild lands, rivers, and wilderness, as well as the wildlife that depends on these lands. The Maki Foundation's geographic area of interest includes New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana.

Eligibility: nonprofits

- [Maki Foundation](#)

VF Foundation : The VF Foundation supports non-profit organizations in driving movements for the betterment of people and the planet, including movements that embrace the fact that Outside Matters, define Worthy Work, and empower diversity, equity and inclusion as we are Free to Be. VF does not accept unsolicited grant proposals.

- [The VF Foundation :: VF Corporation \(VFC\)](#)

Federal Funding and Technical Assistance

Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program: This FHWA competitive grant program supports planning and active transportation implementation at the network scale, rather than on a project-by-project basis. Grants will be for State and local governments or organizations to plan, design, and construct networks of safe and connected active transportation facilities that connect between destinations within a community or metropolitan region. Grants may fund projects to plan, design, and construct an active transportation spine, a facility that connects between communities, metropolitan regions, or States.

Eligibility: local governments, Indian Tribes

- [Award and Recognition Programs - FHWA](#)

Americorps – Americorps Seniors Native Nations and Indigenous Elders Senior

Demonstration Program : The program was created to invest in Americorps Seniors projects focused on Indigenous and Native communities, advancing opportunities for older adults to make an impact, through their time and experience. Through the Native Nations and Indigenous Elders SDP funding opportunity, applicants must demonstrate how they will engage adults ages 55 and older to address one or more of the Indigenous Elders SDP priorities.

Eligibility: Indian Tribes, nonprofits, local governments

- [FY 2023 AmeriCorps Seniors Native Nations and Indigenous Elders Senior Demonstration Program](#)

Bureau of Indian Affairs - Tribal Tourism Grant : This grant funding is to retain consultants to perform feasibility studies on Tribal tourism opportunities or develop a tourism business plan.

Eligibility: Indian Tribes

- [Tribal Tourism Grant Program \(TTGP\) | Indian Affairs](#)

National Endowment for the Arts - Citizen's Institute on Rural Design : CIRD is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts, in partnership with the Housing Assistance Council and design partner, To Be Done Studio. The program supports Local Design Workshops that address the selected community's specific rural design challenge, and a Design Learning Cohort program that will invite at least 15 rural communities to engage in peer learning and expert-led sessions online. All rural communities of 50,000 or less are eligible to apply for the CIRD opportunities. Applications from nonprofits, tribal or municipal governments, regional planning and arts organizations, and other community partners are accepted.

Eligibility: nonprofits, Indian Tribes, local governments

- [Citizens' Institute on Rural Design](#)

National Endowment for the Arts – Our Town : Our Town is the NEA's creative placemaking grants program. Through project-based funding, the program supports activities that integrate arts, culture, and design into local efforts that strengthen communities. Our Town projects advance local economic, physical, or social outcomes in communities, ultimately laying the groundwork for systems change and centering equity. These projects require a partnership between a nonprofit organization and

a local government entity, with one of the partners being a cultural organization. Grants range from \$25,000 to \$150,000, with a minimum cost share/match equal to the grant amount.

Eligibility: nonprofits, local governments, Indian Tribes

- [OUR TOWN | National Endowment for the Arts](#)

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) – Grant Opportunities : The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation provides funding on a competitive basis to projects that sustain, restore and enhance our nation's fish, wildlife and plants, and their habitats.

Eligibility: nonprofits, local governments, educational institutions

- [Apply for a Grant | NFWF](#)

National Park Service (NPS) – Community Assistance : This website provides an overview and links to NPS funding, project assistance, and special designation programs that are available to the public and community groups.

- [Community Assistance: National and Regional Programs for Public and Community Groups](#)

National Park Service (NPS) – Historic Preservation Grant Programs : The NPS Historic Preservation Grant Programs can assist communities with a variety of historic preservation and community projects focused on heritage preservation.

Eligibility: local governments, Indian Tribes

- [What We Do - State, Tribal, and Local Plans and Grants Division \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)

National Park Service (NPS) – Land and Water Conservation Fund : The Land and Water Conservation Fund provides grants to states for park and recreation-related land acquisition and development. Individual state pages for LWCF funding are most helpful.

Eligibility: local governments

- [State and Local Grant Funding - Land and Water Conservation Fund \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)

National Park Service (NPS) – Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Program : ORLP is a nationally competitive grant program that delivers funding to urban areas – jurisdictions of at least 50,000 people – with priority given to projects located in economically disadvantaged areas and lacking in outdoor recreation opportunities. These awards help underserved communities address outdoor recreation deficits by supporting projects in cities and densely populated urbanized areas that create new outdoor recreation spaces, reinvigorate existing parks, and form connections between people and the outdoors.

Eligibility: local governments, Indian Tribes

- [Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program — The Land and Water Conservation Fund](#)

National Park Service (NPS) – Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA) : RTCA Supports community-led conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the country. RTCA's network of planning and design professionals collaborate with community groups, nonprofits, tribes, and state and local governments to design trails and parks, conserve and improve access to waterways, and protect special places.

- www.nps.gov/rtca

National Telecommunications and Information Administration – Internet for All : Funding has been provided with the goal of connecting everyone in America to affordable, reliable high-speed internet. This multi-agency effort sponsors programs that support high-speed internet planning, infrastructure, and adoption.

- [Programs | Internet for All](#)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Continuum of Care : The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released a first-of-its-kind package of resources to address unsheltered homelessness and homeless encampments, including funds set aside specifically to address homelessness in rural communities. The \$322 million available under this NOFO will enhance communities' capacity to humanely and effectively address unsheltered homelessness by connecting vulnerable individuals and families to housing, healthcare, and supportive services. This Special NOFO strongly promotes partnerships with healthcare organizations, public housing authorities and mainstream housing providers, and people with lived expertise of homelessness.

- [Continuum of Care Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness \(Special NOFO\) | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#)

U.S. Department of Transportation – Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding Opportunities : The link below will take you to a table that indicates potential eligibility for pedestrian and bicycle activities and projects under U.S. Department of Transportation surface transportation funding programs. Activities and projects need to meet program eligibility requirements. Project sponsors should integrate the safety, accessibility, equity, and convenience of walking and bicycling into surface transportation projects.

- [Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding Opportunities](#)

U.S. Department of Transportation – RAISE Grants: This program helps communities around the country carry out projects with significant local or regional impact. RAISE discretionary grants, which were originally created under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as TIGER grants, can be used for a wide variety of projects. Recent examples of funded projects include dedicated bus lanes in Baltimore, highway and bridge repair in New Mexico, dock replacements in Alaska, and a rail-to-trail project in Arkansas. Overall, USDOT has awarded \$9.9 billion to more than 700 projects.

- [RAISE Discretionary Grants | US Department of Transportation](#)

U.S. Department of Transportation – Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program : The first-ever Federal program dedicated to reconnecting communities that were previously cut off from economic opportunities by transportation infrastructure. Eligible facilities can be a highway, including a road, street, or parkway or other transportation facility, such as a rail line, that creates a barrier to community connectivity, including barriers to mobility, access, or economic development, due to high speeds, grade separations, or other design factors. Funding supports planning grants and capital construction grants, as well as technical assistance, to restore community connectivity through the

removal, retrofit, mitigation, or replacement of eligible transportation infrastructure facilities.

- [Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant Program | US Department of Transportation](#)

U.S. Department of Transportation – Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES) : An initiative to address disparities in rural transportation infrastructure by developing user-friendly tools and information, aggregating DOT resources, and providing technical assistance. The ROUTES Initiative aims to ensure rural transportation infrastructure's unique challenges are considered in order to meet priority transportation goals of safety, mobility, and economic competitiveness.

- [Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success \(ROUTES\)](#)

U.S. Department of Transportation – Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) : This is a discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over the next 5 years. In fiscal year 2022 (FY22), up to \$1 billion is available. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. The following activities are eligible for the SS4A program: Develop or update a comprehensive safety action plan (Action Plan); Conduct planning, design, and development activities in support of an Action Plan; Carry out projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan.

- [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\) Grant Program | US Department of Transportation](#)

U.S. Department of Transportation – Thriving Communities Program : The Thriving Communities Program (TCP) aims to ensure that disadvantaged communities adversely or disproportionately affected by environmental, climate, and human health policy outcomes have the technical tools and organizational capacity to compete for federal aid and deliver quality infrastructure projects that enable their communities and neighborhoods to thrive.

- [Thriving Communities Program | US Department of Transportation](#)

U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration – Federal Lands Access Program : Improves transportation facilities that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within Federal lands. Funds, distributed among States by formula, supplement State and local resources for public roads, transit systems, and other transportation facilities, with an emphasis on high-use recreation sites and economic generators.

- [Federal Lands Access Program \(FLAP\) | FHWA](#)

U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration – Recreational Trails Program : The Recreational Trails Program provides funds to the States to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non motorized and motorized recreational trail uses. Each State administers its own program, usually through a State resource agency, and has a state coordinator.

- [State Recreational Trails](#)
- [Recreational Trails Program \(RTP\) Database](#)

U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration – Transportation

Alternatives Set-Aside : These set-aside funds from the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program funding include all projects and activities that were previously eligible under the Transportation Alternatives Program, encompassing a variety of smaller-scale transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, recreational trails, safe routes to school projects, community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management, and environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity.

- [Transportation Alternatives - FAST Act Fact Sheets - FHWA](#)

U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) – Economic Development Integration

(EDI) Funding and Resources : EDA's Economic Development Integration (EDI) team works with a wide range of federal partners to help communities access programs and coordinate resources to optimize federal assistance. The funding and resources page provides useful and relevant information about tools and funding opportunities available to communities.

- [Economic Development Funding and Other Resources](#)

U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) – Local Technical Assistance and Short

Term Planning : Through its Planning and Local Technical Assistance programs, EDA assists eligible recipients in developing economic development plans and studies designed to build capacity and guide the economic prosperity and resiliency of an area or region.

- Local Technical Assistance: The Local Technical Assistance program strengthens the capacity of local or State organizations, institutions of higher education, and other eligible recipients to undertake and promote effective economic development programs through projects such as feasibility studies, market research impact analyses and other projects leading to local economic development.
- Short Term Planning: The Planning program helps support organizations, including District Organizations, Indian Tribes, and other eligible recipients, with Short Term and State Planning investments designed to guide the eventual creation and retention of high-quality jobs, particularly for the unemployed and underemployed in the Nation's most economically distressed regions.

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<https://www.eda.gov/funding/funding-opportunities/fiscal-year-2021-2023-eda-planning-and-local-technical-assistance>

U.S Economic Development Administration (EDA) – Public Works and Economic

Adjustment Assistance Programs : Through this program, EDA provides grants ranging between \$100K to \$30million (with EDA Funding 50-80% of project costs depending on certain criteria). Each project funded under this program must be consistent with at least one of EDA's Investment Priorities:

1. Equity 2. Recovery & Resilience 3. Workforce Development 4. Manufacturing 5. Technology-Based Economic Development 6. Environmentally-Sustainable Development 7. Exports & Foreign Direct Investment. Each project must be consistent with the region's current Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), or if a CEDS does not exist, an equivalent

EDA-accepted regional economic development strategy that meets EDA's CEDS or strategy requirement.

- [Funding Opportunity by Category | U.S. Economic Development Administration](#)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – Brownfields Program : EPA's Brownfields Program provides direct funding for brownfields assessment, cleanup, revolving loans, environmental job training, technical assistance, training, and research. To facilitate the leveraging of public resources, EPA's Brownfields Program collaborates with other EPA programs, other federal partners, and state agencies to identify and make available resources that can be used for brownfield activities.

- [Types of EPA Brownfield Grant Funding](#)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) : The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program is a federal-state partnership that provides communities low-cost financing for a wide range of water quality infrastructure projects.

- [Clean Water State Revolving Fund \(CWSRF\) | US EPA](#)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – The Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (EJ TCTAC) Program : EPA's new EJ Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers Program will establish technical assistance centers across the nation providing technical assistance, training, and related support to communities with environmental justice concerns and their partners. The services provided will include training and assistance on writing grant proposals, navigating federal systems such as Grants.gov and SAM.gov, effectively managing grant funds, community engagement, meeting facilitation, and translation and interpretation services for limited English-speaking participants.

- [The Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers Program | US EPA](#)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – The Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving (CPS) Cooperative Agreement Program : EPA's EJ Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Program provides funding for eligible applicants for projects that address local environmental and public health issues within an affected community. The CPS Program assists recipients in building collaborative partnerships to help them understand and address environmental and public health concerns in their communities.

- [The Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Program | US EPA](#)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – The Environmental Justice Small Grants Program : EPA's EJ Small Grants Program supports and empowers communities working on solutions to local environmental and public health issues. The program is designed to help communities understand and address exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks.

- [Environmental Justice Small Grants Program | US EPA](#)

The Environmental Justice Government-to-Government (EJG2G) Program : The EJG2G

program provides funding to governmental entities at the state, local, territorial and tribal level to support and/or create model government activities that lead to measurable environmental or public health results in communities disproportionately burdened by environmental harms and risks.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – Office of Community Revitalization: EPA's Office of Community Revitalization works with communities to help them grow in ways that expand economic opportunity while protecting human health and the environment. The Office of Community Revitalization conducts research; produces reports and other publications; provides examples of outstanding smart growth communities and projects; and works with tribes, states, regions, and communities through grants and technical assistance programs on a range of smart growth topics.

- [Smart Growth | US EPA](#)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – The State Environmental Justice

Cooperative Agreement Program (SEJCA) : EPA's State Environmental Justice Cooperative Agreement Program provides funding to eligible applicants to support and/or create model state activities that lead to measurable environmental or public health results in communities disproportionately burdened by environmental harms and risks. These models should leverage or utilize existing resources or assets of state agencies to develop key tools and processes that integrate environmental justice considerations into state governments and government programs.

- [The Environmental Justice Government-to-Government Program | US EPA](#)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Grants Programs : The USFWS issues grants and other financial assistance to a variety of groups and organizations aimed at conservation and restoration efforts.

- [Financial Assistance | U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service](#)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Recovery Land Acquisition Grant : Recovery Land Acquisition grants promote State and Federal cooperation in listed species conservation by leveraging funds to acquire specific parcels of land, through fee simple or conservation easement, in support of Service-approved recovery plans and outlines. The ESA conveys the importance of recovery plans as a central organizing tool for guiding the recovery process by requiring their development for every listed species.

- [Recovery Land Acquisition Grants | U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service](#)

USDA Forest Service – Citizen Science Competitive Funding Program : Citizen Science Competitive Funding Program (CitSci Fund) was launched in 2017 to support innovative projects that address science and resource management information needs while connecting people to the land and one another. It is an opportunity for USDA Forest Service units and partners to apply for up to \$60,000 over the course of 6 years for collaborative citizen science projects.

- [Citizen Science Competitive Funding Program | US Forest Service](#)

USDA Forest Service – Community Forest & Open Space Program : The Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program provides financial assistance grants to local governments, Indian tribes, and qualified nonprofit organizations (including land trusts) to establish community forests that

provide defined public benefits such as recreational opportunities, the protection of vital water supplies and wildlife habitat, demonstration sites for private forest landowners, economic benefits from timber and non-timber products.

- [How the Community Forest Program Works | US Forest Service](#)

USDA Forest Service – Forest Legacy Program : The Forest Legacy Program is a conservation program administered by the USDA Forest Service that provides grants to state agencies to permanently conserve important forest lands that support strong markets for forest products, protect air and water quality, provide recreational opportunities, and sustain important fish and wildlife habitat.

- [Forest Legacy | US Forest Service](#)

USDA Forest Service – Forest Stewardship Program : The Forest Stewardship Program (FSP) works in partnership with state forestry agencies, cooperative extensions, and conservation districts to connect private landowners with the information and tools they need to manage their forests and woodlands. FSP works to assist landowners to actively manage their land and related resources, keep land in a productive and healthy condition for present and future owners and increase economic benefits of land (e.g., timber harvesting) while conserving the natural environment. FSP also helps landowners identify goals for their land and the management activities needed to realize them.

- [Forest Stewardship | US Forest Service](#)

USDA Forest Service – Regional Research Stations : Forest Service R&D research needs to reflect the diversity of natural resources across the country. To accomplish this, research is conducted at nearly 80 locations across the United States, organized around five regional research stations plus the International Institute of Tropical Forestry in Puerto Rico and the Forest Products Laboratory in Madison, Wisconsin. R&D laboratories are complemented by a network of 80 experimental forests. In addition, research includes collaborations in other countries.

- [Research Stations | US Forest Service Research and Development](#)

USDA Forest Service – Urban & Community Forestry Program : The Urban and Community Forestry Program supports the health of all our nation's forests by creating jobs, contributing to vibrant regional wood economies, enhancing community resilience, and preserving the unique sense of place in cities and towns of all sizes. By working with our state partners to deliver information, tools and financial resources, the program supports fact-based and data-driven best practices in communities, maintaining, restoring, and improving the more than 140 million acres of community forest land across the United States. Technical support is provided to communities by state forestry agencies and non-profit partners for local actions, such as conducting tree inventories, preparing management plans and policies, and planting and caring for trees.

- [Urban and Community Forestry Program | US Forest Service](#)

USDA Forest Service and American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA) – NATIVE Act: This program will award grants of up to \$250,000 out of a total funding amount of approximately \$900,000 and is intended to advance the intent and purpose of the NATIVE Act through

supporting and investing in efforts to enhance and integrate cultural tourism/cultural recreation to empower Native American communities and to advance the National Travel and Tourism Strategy. The program seeks applications from Tribal Nations, Tribal Enterprises and native nonprofits that border and/or have historic ties to USFS managed lands and USFS Regions.

- [Request For Proposal - US Forest Service/AIANTA NATIVE Act Grant](#)

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) : The NRCS has several grants and technical assistance programs that support community conservation efforts. Some of them include:

- **Conservation Technical Assistance** : NRCS can provide farmers and landowners technical assistance to manage their natural resources in a responsible and sustainable way.
- **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)** : Provides landowners and land managers with financial assistance to address natural resource concerns on private, working lands through conservation practices. Issues addressed can include soil erosion, water quality impacts, soil quality degradation (soil compaction, soil productivity/health), low plant productivity, and degraded wildlife habitat.
- **Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)** : Provides financial assistance to conservation minded agricultural and forestry producers by paying for existing conservation activity AND for newly adopted conservation measures. Adopting a new conservation activity is a requirement for program participation.
- [Natural Resources Conservation Service](#)

USDA Rural Development – Business and Industry Loan Guarantees: Provide guarantees on loans made by private lenders to help new and existing businesses gain access to affordable capital by lowering the lender's risk and allowing for more favorable interest rates and terms.

- [Business & Industry Loan Guarantees | Rural Development](#)

USDA Rural Development – Community Facilities Program: Provides affordable loans, loan guarantees, and grants to construct, expand, or improve facilities that provide essential public services in rural areas, such as health care, education, public safety, and others.

- [Community Facilities Programs | Rural Development](#)

USDA Rural Development – Inflation Reduction Act Funding for Rural Development (IRA):

IRA represents the largest single investment in rural electrification since the passage of the Rural Electrification Act in 1936. The Act provides funding to USDA Rural Development to help eligible entities purchase renewable energy and zero-emission systems and make energy-efficiency improvements that will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

- [Inflation Reduction Act | Rural Development](#)

USDA Rural Development – Rural Business Development Grants: Help small and emerging private businesses and/or nonprofits in rural communities startup or expand businesses. Funds may be used to acquire or develop land, buildings, plants, and equipment; build or improve access roads, parking

areas, utility extensions, and water and waste disposal facilities; provide technical assistance; establish revolving loan funds; and support rural distance learning programs that provide educational or job training.

- [Rural Business Development Grants](#)

USDA Rural Development - Rural Community Initiative Grants: RCDI grants are awarded to help non-profit housing and community development organizations, low-income rural communities and federally recognized tribes support housing, community facilities and community and economic development projects in rural areas. These funds can be used to support economic development planning efforts.

- [Rural Community Initiative Grants](#)

USDA Rural Development – Rural Innovation Stronger Economy (RISE) Grants: The Rural Innovation Stronger Economy (RISE) Grant Program offers grant assistance to create and augment high-wage jobs, accelerate the formation of new businesses, support industry clusters and maximize the use of local productive assets in eligible low-income rural areas.

- [Rural Innovation Stronger Economy \(RISE\) Grants](#)

USDA Rural Development – Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program: The program provides loans and grants to Microenterprise Development Organizations (MDOs) to help microenterprises startup and growth through a Rural Microloan Revolving Fund. The program also provides training and technical assistance to microloan borrowers and micro entrepreneurs.

- <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=343324>

USDA Rural Development – Single Family Housing Programs: Provide loans, loan guarantees, and grants to give families and individuals the opportunity to buy, build, repair, or own safe and affordable homes located in rural America. Includes grants and loans for rural housing, housing preservation, and direct home loans. Eligibility for these loans, loan guarantees, and grants is based on income and varies according to the average median income for each area.

- [Single Family Housing Programs | Rural Development](#)

USDA Rural Development – Summary of Major Programs: A summary document that catalogs the more than 40 programs USDA has to support rural America, including telecommunications, electric, community facilities, water and environment, business and cooperative programs, and single and multi-family housing programs.

- [USDA Rural Development Summary of Programs](#)

USDA Rural Development – Telecom Programs: Loans and grants to build and expand broadband networks in eligible rural areas. Loans build broadband networks and deliver service to rural households and businesses and provide capital for rural telecommunications companies and broadband providers. Grants are reserved for communities with the highest need.

- [Telecom Programs | Rural Development](#)

USDA Rural Development – Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Programs: Provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas.

- [Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program | Rural Development](#)

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA): Created in 1953, SBA helps small business owners and entrepreneurs pursue the American dream. The SBA is the only cabinet-level federal agency fully dedicated to small businesses and provides counseling, capital, and contracting expertise as the nation's only go-to resource and voice for small businesses. If you need access to capital to help you achieve your business goals, the SBA offers various funding programs for all business types. Whether you need to create a successful business plan, get expert advice on expanding your business, or train your team, SBA's resource partner network is here to help!

- For Funding Programs: [Funding Programs | U.S. Small Business Administration](#)
- For Local Assistance visit:
<https://www.sba.gov/local-assistance/find?address=87107&pageNumber=1>

Non-Federal Funding and Technical Assistance

AARP Community Challenge Grants: These grants fund projects that help communities make immediate improvements and jump-start long-term progress towards livability for people of all ages in communities across the nation. 2019 projects were designed to create vibrant public places, demonstrate the tangible value of “Smart Cities,” deliver a range of transportation and mobility options, and/or support the availability of a range of housing choices.

- [AARP Community Challenge](#)

America Walks – Technical Assistance for Walkable Communities: America Walks provides technical assistance and “rapid-response” services at no charge. We regularly receive questions on a variety of walking topics, including starting community groups, getting a crosswalk installed, passing a Vision Zero policy, and more. We respond with advice, best practices, case studies, and provide connections to other practitioners.

- [Walk2Connect - America Walks](#)

American Trails – Legacy Trails Grant Program: American Trails has partnered with the U.S. Forest Service to create the Legacy Trails Grant Program. The goal of the program is to support projects that restore, protect, and maintain watersheds on our national forests and grasslands. The Forest Service identifies and prioritizes watershed acres or areas where Forest Service roads and trails may impact water quality in streams and water bodies. American Trails will be looking to fund projects that restore fish and aquatic organism passage, improve trail resiliency, preserve trail access, decommission unauthorized trails, and convert unneeded Forest Service roads to trails. American Trails is administering this grant program, and is soliciting applications for funding, with awards up to \$100K per project.

- [Legacy Trails Program](#)

Blue Zones – Made to Move : The Made to Move program is a competitive funding opportunity created to assist communities in advancing active transportation through local project development, implementation, and supporting policies. With the ultimate goal of promoting more walkable, bikeable, transit-friendly environments for all ages, incomes, and abilities, this funding opportunity will be awarded to five mid-sized communities in the United States. Each community will receive \$100,000 plus technical assistance from the Blue Zones, LLC, built environment team.

- [Grant Application - Blue Zones](#)

Causality Brand Grant : Causality offers both full (pro bono) and matching (partial, funding requirement of 50 percent) service grants to nonprofits for brand marketing and creative services such as brand assessment and development, identity design or logo refresh, marketing materials, marketing campaign development, website design and build, digital/social media graphics, and more.

- [Causality Brand Grant](#)

Clif Family Foundation : The Clif Family Foundation awards grants on an annual basis for general

operational support as well as for specific projects. The Foundation's funding priorities include strengthening food systems, enhancing equitable community health outcomes, and safeguarding the environment and natural resources. Priority is given to applicants that address two of their funding priorities at the same time, demonstrate strong community ties, and operate within visible and clearly defined plans for positive change.

- [Our Grants Programs](#)

Community Transportation Association of America – Rural Passenger Transportation

Technical Assistance Program : Funded by USDA Rural Development, this program helps rural communities enhance economic growth and development by improving transportation services. The program provides planning assistance for facility development, transit service improvements and expansion, new system start-up, policy and procedure development, marketing, transportation coordination, training, and public transit problem-solving activities.

- [rural & tribal passenger transportation technical assistance through ctaa](#)

Fox Factory - Trail Trust Grants : Trail Trust is Fox Factory's signature community partnership program. Our products are an integral part of outdoor adventuring – from mountain biking and motorcycling, to off-roading and snowmobiling. With that, comes the responsibility to promote the responsible use of land amongst outdoor enthusiasts and protect our shared playground. We also want to expand access to outdoor sports, acknowledging the importance of providing under-represented groups with opportunities to participate in activities that have historically engaged a fairly homogenous population.

- [Trail Trust](#)

GrantWatch : A website listing thousands of current grants, funding opportunities, awards, contracts and archived grants.

- [GrantWatch](#)

HydroFlask Parks For All : Funding falls into four categories: New Parks; Park Maintenance & Restoration; Park Access/Education; and Single Use Plastics Reduction. Eligible 501(c)3 organizations in designated states may apply for funding each year.

- [HYDRO FLASK PARKS FOR ALL](#)

Institute of Museum and Library Services – Native American Library Services

Enhancement Grants : This program is designed to assist Native American tribes in improving core library services for their communities. Reflecting IMLS's agency-level goals of championing lifelong learning, strengthening community engagement, and advancing collections stewardship and access, the goals for this program are to improve digital services to support needs for education, workforce development, economic and business development, health information, critical thinking skills, and digital literacy skills; improve educational programs related to specific topics and content areas of interest to library patrons and community-based users; and enhance the preservation and revitalization of Native American cultures and languages.

- [Native American Library Services: Enhancement Grants](#)

International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) - Trail Accelerator Grant : Projects that serve mountain bikers as the primary users, though multi-purpose human-powered trail uses are viable as well. Projects that will result in a visible and substantial increase in access, improved mountain bike experiences, and greater community benefit. Projects where the Trail Accelerator grant stands to leverage additional resources to ensure the success of the project. Projects that promote community development, volunteer recruitment, new rider development, youth riding, and engaging marginalized community members. Higher preference will be given to projects that demonstrate a focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

- [Trail Accelerator Grants | IMBA](#)

KaBoom! Playground Grants : Several KaBoom! grants support the development of playgrounds in communities.

- [Grants - KABOOM! Playground and Playspace Grants for Communities](#)

Mighty Arrow Foundation : Mighty Arrow Foundation stewardship grants focus on one or two watersheds for a three-year period. This allows the space to complete deep learning around the specific issues in that particular watershed, identify what solutions are needed, and then build long-lasting relationships with partners. Currently, efforts are focused around the Poudre River in Fort Collins, CO and the middle reach of the Yampa River in Moffat County, CO.

- [Land & Water — Mighty Arrow Family Foundation](#)

Move United - Adaptive Equipment Grants : Move United, in partnership with The Hartford, is empowering youth and adults with disabilities to achieve amazing things by making adaptive equipment and sports more accessible. The program goal is to make a significant impact in adaptive sports by empowering 60,000 people, including youth and adults with disabilities, to participate in sports and recreation over 10 years.

- [2024 The Hartford Adaptive Sports Equipment Grant Opportunity for Member Organizations - Move United](#)

National Center for Rural Road Safety : A national hub of training, resources, and technical assistance for rural road safety improvements. The center is intended to develop and share multidisciplinary rural road safety training, resources, and technical assistance that is dynamic, collaborative, and responsive. The funding page provides updated links to grants and funds that focus on rural transportation safety.

- <https://ruralsafetycenter.org/resources/funding/>

National Fish and Wildlife Federation (NFWF) Grants : The NFWF supports vital conservation projects across the United States and its territories. Please use the link below to search the grants library.

- [Grants Library | NFWF](#)

National Forest Foundation - Matching Awards Program : This program supports projects oriented towards on-the-ground conservation and restoration projects that improve forest health and outdoor experiences. Must benefit a national forest or national grassland.

- [Matching Awards Program - National Forest Foundation](#)

National Forest Foundation - Ski Conservation Fund and Forest Stewardship Fund : The National Forest Foundation Ski Conservation Fund (SCF) and Forest Stewardship Fund (FSF) provide funding for action-oriented on-the-ground or citizen-based monitoring projects that improve forest health and outdoor experiences on National Forests and Grasslands. Award funds come from guest contributions at ski areas and lodges operating on or adjacent to National Forest System lands, with added National Forest Foundation federal funds for SCF.

- [Ski Conservation and Forest Stewardship Funds](#)

National Parks Service: The Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program is complementary to the RERC process and can be utilized by communities as they seek to implement their action items – particularly as it relates to rivers, trails and conservation.

- [Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program \(NPS-RTCA\)](#)

National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) : NRPA provides information about grant and fundraising opportunities that are available for park and recreation agencies and affiliated friends groups and 501(c)(3) nonprofits.

- [Grant Opportunities, Fundraising Resources, Funding | National Recreation and Park Association](#)

National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance : NWSA is a network of volunteer-based organizations to provide stewardship for America's enduring resource of wilderness. They have a variety of funding grant programs (\$2-10,000 range) related to stewardship and trails. Applications are usually due by late March of each year.

- [Funding Programs - National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance](#)

Otto Bremer Trust : Examples include early education and parenting programs, community recreation, physical and mental health services, youth support and enrichment, post-secondary education and job skills.

- [Otto Bremer Trust](#)

Outride Bike - Outride Fund : Outride Fund supports projects related to youth cycling, including education, youth rider development, bike-cooperatives, earn-a-bike programs, and trail/bikepark/pump track projects.

- [Outride Fund](#)

Patagonia Environmental Grants : We support innovative work that addresses the root causes of the environmental crisis and seeks to protect both the environment and affected communities. We focus on places where we've built connections through outdoor recreation and through our network of retail stores, nationally and internationally. We believe local battles—campaigns to protect a specific stand of

forest, a stretch of river, a native wild species or a community suffering from pollution—build public support and confront larger, more complex issues like climate change, loss of biodiversity and environmental justice. We encourage work that brings historically marginalized communities to the forefront of the environmental movement and defends communities whose health and livelihoods are threatened by environmental exploitation. We support multi pronged campaigns that push for greater environmental protections and force the government to abide by its own laws.

- [How We Fund](#)

People for Bikes : The People for Bikes Community Grants Program provides funding for important projects that build momentum for bicycling in communities across the U.S. These projects include bike paths and rail trails, as well as mountain bike trails, bike parks, BMX facilities, and large-scale bicycle advocacy initiatives. Grant cycles are 1-2 per year and are up to \$10,000.

- [Grants | PeopleForBikes](#)

Project for Public Spaces – Community Placemaking Grants : Provides funding to US-based nonprofits and government agencies to address inequalities in public space access by working directly with local stakeholders to transform public spaces or co-create new ones. We do this by providing direct funding, technical assistance, and capacity building facilitated by Project for Public Spaces.

- [Community Placemaking Grants](#)

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy: This website lists many federal, state, and local government funding mechanisms, as well as grants, partnerships, and other creative funding methods available for trail building – for acquisition and maintenance.

- [Acquisition Funding | Rails-to-Trails Conservancy](#)
- [Maintenance Funding | Rails-to-Trails Conservancy](#)

REI Cooperative Action Fund: The REI Cooperative Action Fund provides grants to outdoor organizations that work to promote health, equity and access to the outdoors. The action fund works with non-profit organizations and community groups.

- [REI Cooperative Action Fund](#)

Safe Routes Partnership – Safe Routes to Parks : The Safe Routes to Parks Activating Communities program provides in-depth technical assistance and grant funding to ten communities working to improve safe, secure park access for people of all ages and abilities in low-income communities and communities of color.

- [Safe Routes to Parks](#)

Shell Oil Grant Program : Shell partners with leading organizations that are aligned to our global footprint and have proven track records for making a difference in our three areas of focus: Community, Education, and Environment. While the program generally funds large national non-profit organizations it also invests in local communities where Shell has a strong presence. Typically, Shell chooses to work with community organizations with which we have established or proactively developed relationships.

- [Shell Sponsorship and Social Investment Funding](#)

Smart Growth America - Community Connectors Grants : The Community Connectors program to help advance locally driven projects that will reconnect communities separated or harmed by transportation infrastructure and tap available federal and state funds to support them. 15 teams from small to mid-sized cities (between approximately 50,000 and 500,000 in population) will be selected to receive a capacity-building grant to advance these projects.

- [Community Connectors Program - Smart Growth America](#)

T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program : T-Mobile's Hometown Grant program is investing big in small towns by awarding up to 100 towns a year with project funding—up to \$50,000 each. The program focuses on projects that revitalize community spaces in towns with 50,000 people or less. Recipients are selected and awarded on a quarterly basis.

- [Hometown Grant Program: Revitalizing Small Towns | T-Mobile](#)

Temper of the Times Foundation Grants : Temper of the Times Foundation provides funds only to nonprofit organizations classified as 501(c)(3) public charities by the Internal Revenue Service. The Foundation does not provide grants to individuals, for-profit organizations, or government agencies. Grants are typically between \$5,000 and \$15,000 and are awarded for projects that will lead to measurable outcomes for wildland ecosystem conservation and restoration in the United States. Grants may be used to fund the production of print, radio, or television ads, to pay for advertising space or airtime, or to produce or distribute pamphlets, books, videos, or press packets. Because grants are for wildland ecosystem advertising campaigns, not for general organizational support, they may not be used to cover costs associated with the production of organization newsletters, membership campaigns, or for staff salaries. In addition, the Foundation cannot fund lobbying efforts or candidates for political office.

- [Temper of the Times Foundation](#)

The Conservation Alliance : The Conservation Alliance Grants Program seeks to protect threatened wild places throughout North America for their habitat and recreational values. These grants are given to registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations working to protect the special wild lands and waters in their backyards. While these funds are often for protecting land, they have been utilized for providing pedestrian access to wildlands, which includes trail development.

- [Grants Overview - The Conservation Alliance](#)

Together Outdoors – Grant Programs : The goal of Together Outdoors is to fund outdoor inclusion initiatives that are “by the community, for the community.” They use a trust-based approach to dismantle historical barriers to funding. In this initial pilot round of grants, Together Outdoors will make one-time awards of \$5,000 to \$10,000. Funding supports two main initiatives. “Research + Resources” provides monetary support for the development of research and resources concerning inclusion in the outdoors, such as toolkits, educational resources, audio and video resources and linguistic translations. “Activating Change Outdoors” supports outdoor recreation-related programming, events and leadership

development initiatives that benefit communities of color and intersecting minority groups.

- [Together Outdoors Pilot Grant Program](#)

Toshiba America – Toshiba America Foundation Grants : Sixth to 12th grade teachers can apply for a grant of up to \$5,000 and more than \$5,000 to help bring an innovative project to improve STEM (Science, technology, engineering, and math) learning in their classroom. Applications must be for project-based learning.

- [Toshiba America Foundation - Grants for Grades 6 - 12](#)

Trout Unlimited - Embrace a Stream (EAS) : Embrace A Stream (EAS) is a matching grant program administered by TU that awards funds to TU chapters and councils for coldwater fisheries conservation. Trout Unlimited (TU) chapters and councils are asked to submit project proposals that best address the needs of native and wild salmon, steelhead and trout following TU's protect, reconnect, restore, and sustain conservation model. Find your local TU chapter [here](#).

- [Embrace A Stream - Trout Unlimited](#)

Union Pacific Foundation Local Grant Program : As part of the Community Ties Giving Program, Local Grants help UP achieve their mission by providing small and medium-sized grants within priority cause areas to local organizations spread widely across Union Pacific's footprint. Priority cause areas include safety; workforce development; community spaces; and environmental sustainability.

- [UP Foundation Local Grants Program](#)

U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities – Innovative Finance for National Forests Grant Program : This grant program, developed in partnership with the USDA Forest Service National Partnership Office and the National Forest Foundation, develops, refines, and scales tools, templates, and approaches that direct private investment capital to improve the health of the National Forest System through projects that deliver environmental and social outcomes and financial returns. Project activities may take place on the National Forest System; on adjacent state, private or tribal lands; or across boundaries provided outcomes contribute to the health of Forest Service ownership.

- [Innovative Finance for National Forests - U.S. Endowment for Forestry & Communities, Inc.](#)

Vision Maker Media – Fund Your Film : Vision Maker Media funds Native American and Alaska Native media at all stages of development, including Native Youth media projects, creative shorts, and public media.

- [Fund Your Film – Vision Maker Media](#)

Waste Management - Community Impact Growth : With a commitment to sustainability and reducing dependence on fossil fuels, we give priority consideration to organizations and programs that preserve and/or enhance renewable resources. We're committed to enhancing communities through programs that make them cleaner and better places to live. When we ensure that our neighborhoods and communities are safe and sustainable, we provide the best living environment for customers, employees and stakeholders.

- [Community Impact - Social Impact | WM](#)

Wildlife Conservation Society - Climate Adaptation Fund : The WCS Climate Adaptation Fund strives to increase the pace and scale of impact in adaptation for wildlife and ecosystems by increasing innovation, accelerating learning, and mainstreaming proven adaptation approaches.

- [Program Information — WCS Climate Adaptation Fund](#)

Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative : Grant awarded to non-profit or tax exempt groups (clubs & associations), public riding areas (local, state and federal), outdoor enthusiast associations and land conservation organizations, and communities with an interest in protecting, improving, expanding and/or maintaining access for safe, responsible and sustainable use by motorized off-road vehicles.

- [Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative](#)