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Project Number	Project Name	Project Sponsor	Grant Type	Amount Requested	Total Cost
2	Norwood-Burn Canyon Recreational Trails Project	Norwood Park and Recreation District	Planning	\$45,000	\$59,000
Description	<p>Norwood Park and Recreation District is requesting funds for continued planning efforts on the Norwood-Burn Canyon Recreation Trails Project. This project will fulfill the need to create trail linkages to existing and planned trails on public land from the Town of Norwood, a goal identified in the Norwood Master Plan (2010). This project provides a non-motorized stacked-loop trail system, including over 20 miles of new single-track trails, in the Burn Canyon area on BLM public lands about 5 miles southwest of Norwood. This trail system will connect to Norwood via planned non-motorized trails along the county road (within the road right-of-way). A conceptual trail plan and public meeting was completed for the project in 2011. Funding from CO State Parks will be used primarily to: 1) complete trail layout and design (specifically pin flagging of the trail system); 2) provide design, layout and development of interpretive materials, brochures, and signs; 3) develop a trails website; and 4) hire a project coordinator</p>				
12	RFOV 2012 Capacity Building Plan	Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers	Planning	\$45,000	\$58,500
Description	<p>RFOV has developed an expansion plan that has the potential to more than double the number of volunteers working on our trails and public lands through RFOV. The three key elements of the plan are producing new evening projects, actively recruiting groups and businesses into our Adopt-A-Trail program, and building a proactive youth program. Each of these components builds on RFOV's existing relationships, resources and mission. State Trails funds will be used to help pay expenses related to employing a seasonal Field Coordinator and a Youth Program Coordinator and youth program materials.</p> <p>The Field Coordinator would facilitate the set-up and supervision of the work plans for all three components: the group work days program, the new youth program projects and assist with evening projects. The Youth Program Coordinator will help develop the new program, engage youth groups and schools in both the development and implementation phases, and coordinate relationships and scheduling.</p> <p>After 14 years, the growth of our organization has hit a plateau. Implementing and expanding the three programs in our expansion plan will allow us to significantly expand RFOV's contribution to our trails, public lands and community.</p>				
17	Paonia River Park Trails Project	NFRIA-WSERC Conservation Center	Planning	\$45,000	\$58,500
Description	<p>The scope of Paonia River Park Trails Project is to prepare a plan to construct 14 acres of upstream trails in the riparian corridor of the North Fork of the Gunnison River adjacent</p>				

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	<p>to the Town of Paonia. Development of Paonia River Park has been divided into two phases. Phase One is the downstream part of the park and is the only entry to the full 24-acre park. Phase One construction will be complete in the spring of 2012. We are proposing to plan the Phase II area through our Paonia River Park Trails Project. Phase II is the upstream area which will involve major river restoration and bank stabilization work. The trail plan will include an extensive network of trails, wildlife viewing areas, and features that local stakeholders have requested, including safe entry into the water for kayakers, educational areas, and interpretive signage. This project will result in a plan for the only public trails along the North Fork of the Gunnison River. The trails would enhance recreation, education and community development in Delta County.</p>				
19	Vista Grande Trail System Planning	Bureau of Land Management San Luis Valley Field Office	Planning	\$27,310	\$35,503
Description	<p>The Vista Grande Trail System Planning project seeks to complement the community recreation area currently being established by the Town of Saguache, with the assistance of numerous partners, including GOCO and the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife. The Town of Saguache is working hard to develop a recreation area with numerous amenities, such as a stocked reservoir, campground, archery range and interpretation in order to provide members of the community a nearby outdoor recreation opportunity, as well as serve as a tourist attraction to the northern San Luis Valley. One aim of the Town, which is highly supported by BLM, is to encourage its youth to participate in an active, outdoor-oriented lifestyle that realizes a lifetime appreciation for Colorado's incredible landscapes, while also promoting healthy, enriching experiences that produce compounding benefits for individuals, the community and the environment. BLM is excited to be a principal partner in this effort and has identified that one of the main ways the agency can contribute to the realization of the Town's inspired idea is to link the municipality and recreation area to public lands by means of a multi-skill level, stacked-loop, non-motorized singletrack trail system. Preliminary efforts to plan such a system have recently begun with the Town and BLM is now at a point where we need to go beyond just concept and really explore the opportunities on the ground in preparation for actual trail construction in the years ahead.</p>				
22	Planning for Salida Siding/UP Trail	City of Salida	Planning	\$45,000	\$58,500
Description	<p>This planning grant is intended to fund planning and design elements of a substantially larger project whose funding is anticipated from other sources (GOCO). The full scale project includes the purchase of land along the undeveloped north bank of the Arkansas River in Salida, development of 5,000 feet of non-motorized trail, a pedestrian bridge across the river to a city park, a grade-separated underpass under rail lines, connection to existing trails, parking, a restroom, interpretive exhibits, restoration and landscaping and other facilities. When completed the full project will result in City ownership and control of extremely valuable recreational and green space resources on both sides of its</p>				

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	<p>tremendously popular whitewater river park and facilitate legal access to miles of additional trails on City, BLM, and Forest Service Land. This vision has been strongly supported for years by the City, Chaffee County the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area (AHRA), recreational trails groups, the rafting and kayaking industry and local tourism-related businesses. This planning grant includes an appraisal of the UP land (approx. 14 ac). Phase I environmental assessment, interpretive exhibit planning, 60% level design and engineering for the underpass, riverfront trail design, and alignment/abutment design for a prefabricated river bridge. Greater-than-required cash match funds have been secured, and substantial in-kind match has been pledged by the City of Salida, AHRA and Historic Salida, Inc. Approval of this CSTP application would make a major contribution to Salida’s ambitious full scale plan, which might otherwise be beyond the means of a small community.</p>				
25	Hoosier Pass Trail Planning Project	Summit County Open Space and Trails	Planning	\$45,000	\$58,500
Description	<p>This project will begin the planning for a Recreation Path from Park County to Summit County connecting the communities of Fairplay, Alma, Blue River, and Breckenridge. The planning process will review multiple options such as a multi-use grade separated path or Highway 9 shoulder improvements. This trail would be approximately 17 miles and would potentially connect to over 55 miles of RecPath throughout Summit and Eagle counties. This project will initiate a 13 county trail connectivity objective in Colorado.</p> <p>Study components will include researching landownership, contacting public resource managers and private landowners and evaluating their concerns, assessing options for easements or acquisition to assure access, contributing to country wide trail planning, developing priorities and providing preliminary cost estimates. The Planning Project will produce a draft trail plan with sufficient routing, easement, design and engineering detail to move to implementation and construction without further extensive planning.</p>				
29	2012-2013 Colorado 14er’s Planning and Design	US Forest Service Colorado 14ers Program	Planning	\$37,067	\$48,187
Description	<p>This proposal seeks funding for Planning and Design activities of the US Forest Service (USFS) Fourteeners Program, Colorado Fourteeners Initiative (CFI), and the Rocky Mountain Field Institute (RMFI) partnerships for the 2012 & 2013 summer field seasons. This request for a Colorado State Trails Program Trail Planning Grant seeks planning and support funding primarily for the design of three major re-construction/restoration projects on three separate peaks; and, secondarily, pre-design, pre-NEPA and Pre-Analysis work on several other peaks. Grant funding will be applied to the costs of creating two internships through CFI each season for the 2012 & 2013 field seasons. Intern salaries will be the main expense of the proposal. CFI will be the employer of the interns, as private sector staffing is favorable to federal hiring requirements. Additionally, some expense will be applied to RMFI for design work consultation on Kit</p>				

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	Carson. CFI interns and RMFI staff will work directly with USFS 14er Program staff to accomplish our design and program goals during the 2012 & 2013 field seasons. For clarity and Budgeting purposes each of the three peaks of primary concern will be considered and described as a separate, individual Design Projects. The secondary design-need peaks, which require somewhat shorter field time at this stage, will be grouped as a fourth project for Budget and discussion. The three peaks that are proceeding into the Design phase in the 2012 & 2013 planning work commitments that must be completed, include shorter field visits to: Holy Cross, Castle Pk. Princeton, Snowmass, Eolus, El Diente's Kilpacker Basin, Antero, S. Elbert, Shavano, and Mt. Sherman.				
31	14er Trail Conditions Inventory and Maintenance	Colorado Fourteeners Initiative	Planning	\$45,000	\$58,500
Description	The project will inventory 25 14er summit trails, most of which have been previously constructed, to record detailed GPS-based conditions data of constructed features and current maintenance deficiencies. GPS-based photographs will be taken of features and deficiencies. Data collected will be combined with data for 12 additional summit trails collected in 2011 as part of a pilot phase. Condition value scores will be created for all inventoried 14er trails and individual segments on each trail. A modeling program will be developed that uses the segment and trail scores to prioritize future trail maintenance needs, costs and personnel requirements (both staff and volunteers). The modeling program will help ensure future funding is directed toward the highest priority trail maintenance projects.				
38	Volunteer Courtesy Trail Patrol Program	Denver Parks and Recreation	Planning	\$45,000	\$58,500
Description	The Volunteer Courtesy Trail Patrol Program is a partnership between Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) and Bike Denver to build capacity for a volunteer-based bike and foot patrol program along trails within Denver's urban park system. Within the grant period, this project seeks to build upon the successes of its inaugural year by expanding its service area and by recruiting and training approximately 150 new volunteers. DPR's Volunteer Courtesy Patrol works in tandem with our Park Ranger Program to address user conflicts, encourage personal responsibility, promote safety, and encourage trail etiquette in some of the more congested trail areas and parks within our system. With this partnership, Denver Parks and Recreation and BikeDenver will craft a new training curriculum, enhance our volunteer recruitment and retention strategies, perform outreach to various communities, and improve techniques in our volunteer reporting system. In addition, DPR and BikeDenver will develop a mentoring program for volunteers to ensure retention and ongoing training opportunities to improve the skill sets of volunteers.				
40	The Old Sopris Trail (Phase I)	City of Trinidad	Planning	\$45,000	\$58,500

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Description	<p>The City of Trinidad and Las Animas County are proposing to develop a connector trail between the Corazon de Trinidad Historic District and Trinidad Lake State Park. The trail would begin at the southerly terminus of the existing River Walk Trail in the City of Trinidad and roughly parallel the County-owned Old Sopris Road in a westerly direction toward the Trinidad Lake Dam and the southern entrance to Trinidad Lake State Park. There are several conceivable routes for the trail including (1) an abandoned, privately-owned railroad bed, (2) existing dirt roads in the floodplain of the Purgatoire River and (3) the shoulder of the Old Sopris Road. In addition to appearing as a featured trail segment in the City of Trinidad’s 2009 Purgatoire River Trail System Plan, this route is included as an “Envisioned Trail” in the Colorado State Parks Colorado Front Range Trail Comprehensive Implementation Plan. As proposed, the project would be completed in multiple phases. Phase I (“Trail Planning”) will produce a technical trail implementation plan that will be used in subsequent phases to guide the physical development of the trail. The plan will include (1) examination of potential routes for the trail, (2) route selection recommendations based on a thorough analysis of topographic and other constraints and (3) all the technical information necessary to develop the identified trail segments including maps, engineering, & design, construction cost estimates, environmental reviews and other required information. Phase I will determine the number of subsequent phases that will be needed to develop the trail.</p>
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