

Parks and Recreation – My Outdoor Colorado Fact Sheet

Department of Parks and Recreation

Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) – through the My Outdoor Colorado (MOC) program, is seeking qualified contractors for contracted services related to delivery of programs and pathways of outdoor programs, education, and employment opportunities through the Generation Wild GOCO grant.

Purpose and Use of Agreements:

The purpose of these On-Call contracts is to increase outdoor opportunities for youth and families in the Westwood and Cole neighborhoods.

Services include outdoor education, recreation, and workforce programs.

Procurement:

Nine (9) organizations were part of DPR’s previously established My Outdoor Colorado Coalition and have been providing these services during the previous grant cycle. Funds will be received by DPR and distributed to partner organization for ongoing program and services mentioned above.

Contracts Description:

Each contract term is April 2021 – December 2024 and an overall capacity of \$3.9 million. The firms selected for these agreements are listed alphabetically. Only those firms with an asterisk (*) by it are over \$500,000 in awarded funds.

- Boys and Girls Club of Metro Denver*
- Denver Youth Programs*
- Groundwork Denver
- The Kiva Center
- Lincoln Hills Cares*
- Mile High Youth Corps
- The Greenway Foundation
- Vive Wellness
- Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado

Background information on grant agreement funding the program:

Grant with the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund (GOCO) for the My Outdoor Colorado coalition programming.

Grant duration: January 4, 2021- September 30, 2024

Grant amount: \$3,935,700.04

Purpose of grant: The My Outdoor Colorado coalition is a visionary approach to connecting youth with the outdoors through strategic partnerships that provide access to nature education, recreation, and skill-building opportunities. Access to the outdoors fosters a greater appreciation of



the natural environment, provides opportunities to build an ethic of stewardship, and helps youth experience potential careers in the outdoors. This grant provides funding for Denver Parks and Recreation to work with nine community partners to engage youth and families in outdoor programming.

In April of this year, grant acceptance was approved by City Council through resolution 21-0345.