

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Kate Newman, Acting County Manager 

RE: Trails Partnership Program Awards

DATE: January 31, 2023

Staff Recommendation:

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners reviewed the recommendation made in Open Space Advisory Committee Resolution No. 22-15 authorizing the allocation of funds from the 2023 Jeffco Open Space Trails Partnership Program to the City Wheat Ridge, Evergreen Recreation & Park District, Clear Creek County Open Space, and Jeffco Transportation and Engineering in the total amount of \$1,738,100.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby approves the recommendation made in Open Space Advisory Committee Resolution No. 22-15 and authorizes (1) the allocation of funds from the 2023 Jeffco Open Space Trails Partnership Program to the City Wheat Ridge, Evergreen Park & Recreation District, Clear Creek County Open Space, and Jeffco Transportation and Engineering, in the total amount of \$1,738,100; and (2) the Director of Open Space or his designee to sign the individual Grant Terms and Conditions Agreements.

Resolution No. CC23-021

Background:

The Jeffco Open Space Trails Partnership Program (TPP) provides funding for trail projects that support the goals and implementation of the Jeffco Trails Plan adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in 2020. The TPP may fund up to 25% of a local trail project and up to 50% of a regional project. Proposals are accepted from eligible public and nonprofit partners on an annual basis and evaluated by a committee comprised of staff and Open Space Advisory Committee members. For 2023, Jefferson County Open Space received five TPP proposals, all for regional trails that are eligible for up to a 50% match. Recommended projects include:

Entity	Project	Recommended Funding
City of Wheat Ridge	Tabor Lake Trail	\$410,000
Evergreen Park and Recreation District	Evergreen Lake North Trail	\$1,000,000
Clear Creek County Open Space	Trailhead improvements	\$275,000
Jeffco Transportation and Engineering	Pedestrian Crossing at Crestone & 58th Avenue	\$25,000
Jeffco Transportation and Engineering	Pedestrian Crossing at Dakota Ridge & County Road 93	\$28,100
Total		\$1,738,100

Fiscal Impact: \$1,738,100 from the 2023 Open Space adopted budget.

BCC Briefing Presented on: December 20, 2022

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