



MANITOU SPRINGS OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

All upcoming OSAC meetings are scheduled to be on Zoom (remote).

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July 27, 2026

6:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER & ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEMBER OPENINGS

1. No openings for regular members or alternates.

B. AGENDA REVIEW

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Draft minutes of OSAC Meeting 06-22-2026 Meeting

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

E. REPORTS

1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PARAB) Update
 - a. Approved Minutes for PARAB 06-01-2026 Meeting
2. Director's Comments
 - a. BCOS Engineering Update
 - b. BBOS Environmental Impact Assessment Update

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Black Canyon Open Space
 - a. Volunteer Trail Workday Updates (Paul)
 - b. CPW Non-Motorized Trails Grant Progress (Gillian, Paul)

2. Trail Map Updates – Discussion (Andrea, Anthony, Dave)

3. Trailmixers Discussion and Planning (Cassandra)

G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

H. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Members:

David Conley, Chair (03/31/2028)
Paul Arlinghaus, Vice Chair (03/21/2029)
Cassandra Bresnahan, Committee Member (03/31/2029)
Judy Carnick, Committee Member (03/31/2029)
Robin Kovats, Committee Member (3/31/2030)
Anthony "TJ" Maltese, Committee Member (03/31/2029)
Andrea Sutela, Committee Member (03/31/2028)
Marion Ceruzzi, Alternate Member (03/31/2029)
Sheryl Cline, Alternate Member (03/31/2030)
Anthony Lane, Alternate Member (03/31/2030)

No vacancies

Staff and Liaisons:

Carey Storm, City Council Liaison
Gillian Rossi, Parks & Recreation Director

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**CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting Minutes
Remote Meeting via Zoom
June 22, 2026

A. CALL TO ORDER & ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEMBER OPENINGS

Chair Conley called the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT FOR ROLL CALL:

Chair David Conley
Vice Chair Paul Arlinghaus
Committee Member Cassandra Bresnahan
Committee Member Judy Carnick
Committee Member Andrea Sutela

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT FOR ROLL CALL:

Committee Member Anthony Maltese
Committee Member Robin Kovats
Alternate Committee Member Marion Ceruzzi
Alternate Committee Member Sheryl Cline
Alternate Committee Member Anthony Lane

1. No openings for regular members or alternates.

There was no discussion about member openings.

B. AGENDA REVIEW

Committee Member Bresnahan moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Carnick. The motion was carried (5-0).

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Draft minutes of OSAC Meeting 05-18-2026 Meeting

The May 18, 2026 meeting minutes were reviewed and it was proposed that the minutes be changed to reflect that the meeting was both in-person and remote via Zoom.

Committee Member Carnick moved to approve the May 18, 2026 meeting minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Bresnahan. The motion was carried (5-0).

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Cory Sutela of Medicine Wheel Trail Advocates thanked the Committee for its work.

E. PRESENTATION

1. Manitou Springs Fire Department – update on fire mitigation equipment purchase, hiring of field team and outline for open space projects

Administrative Captain Randy Perkins of the Manitou Springs Fire Department updated the Committee on the hiring of a field team and purchase of fire mitigation equipment with training to begin in mid-July. Perkins anticipated that the first mitigation project would be in open space on Oak Place which backs up to the City's Public Works yard.

F. REPORTS

1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PARAB) Update
 - a. Approved Minutes for PARAB 05-04-2026 Meeting

The PARAB minutes from May 5, 2026 were noted with comments supporting the potential for a bridge crossing Fountain Creek from Dillon Mobility Hub to Fields Park. The City of Colorado Springs has a surplus bridge that might be acquired for the project. Coordination with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is necessary as the bridge would sit on CDOT property on the south side of the creek.

2. Director's Comments

- a. Fire Mitigation Program Update

Director Rossi reported that no citizens have inquired about conducting mitigation in any of the small open space parcels. Committee Member Carnick shared that she intends to submit to Rossi a draft letter for soliciting fire mitigation tools via donation.

- b. Wayfinding Signage Update

Director Rossi stated that the Mobility & Parking Department is creating signs which will be reviewed by OSAC during the July meeting.

c. Mile High Youth Corps Noxious Weed Mitigation Project Update

Director Rossi reported that the youth corps crew will be in the City through June 25, 2026, and has been doing weed removal on Intemann Trail at Spring Creek and elsewhere. The group kicked off their stay with a Noxious Weed Workshop on June 11, 2026.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. Trail Maintenance

a. Tool Trailer Update

Vice Chair Arlinghaus reported that the tool trailer is working well.

b. Update on 06/15/2026 Volunteer Trail Workday

Vice Chair Arlinghaus shared that the first evening work session was held on June 15, 2026, with work done on the new Black Canyon trail. The next evening session is scheduled for Monday, June 29, 2026.

2. Bill Bauers Open Space

a. Summary of proposals for Environmental Impact Assessment

i. Potential for wildlife assessment by Colorado Parks & Wildlife

Director Rossi reported that the City had received three bids for the environmental assessment. She shared that the State Department of Wildlife could only do a wildlife assessment and not the other components of the requested assessment. Since Blue Mountain is an experienced contractor, the Committee was comfortable concluding that it was the lowest responsible bid.

b. Consider motion to approve funding for Environmental Impact Assessment

Committee Member Bresnahan moved to recommend acceptance of the Blue Mountain bid. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Arlinghaus. The motion was carried (5-0).

3. Black Canyon Open Space

a. Trail Work

i. Update on RMFI contract work

Vice Chair Arlinghaus presented aerial photos and described the trail construction completed by the Rocky Mountain Field Institute (RMFI) under its three-week contract with the City. The work included two volunteer workdays, one corporate and one that was open to the public.

ii. Vision Quest Site – Update on proposed signage

On the signage for the Vision Quest Site, Director Rossi reported that she is waiting for the sign text to be submitted by Mike Maio, Manitou Springs Heritage Museum Board President.

b. Update on bridge and connector trail discussion via Kimley-horn and City of Colorado Springs

Director Rossi reported that the City Engineer planned a follow-up meeting with the City of Colorado Springs and that both parties were working well on the technical issues.

c. Update on trail interference by unknown person

Vice Chair Arlinghaus reported that debris is still being removed, opening the former trail alignment. Arlinghaus anticipated waiting until more of the lower trail segments have been completed and then to schedule a very thorough and extensive blocking of the old trail with significant tree and rock debris.

4. Potential Acquisition Updates

Chair Conley reported that he had not received any further response from Steve Beisel to any discussion on the potential acquisition of the Beisel parcels. Conley reported that he had met in person with Mark Rose who owns the parcel next to the Bill Bauer “pinch point” and that Mr. Rose would stay in contact to collaborate with the City on the environmental assessment and any survey work.

Chair Conley noted that Ben Walton was present and welcomed him to the meeting. Conley explained that the Committee sought a meeting to discuss avenues to maintain access through the Walton property for neighbors. Conley will email Mr. Walton to make that arrangement.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss Colorado Parks & Wildlife Non-Motorized Trails Grant

Vice Chair Arlinghaus and Director Rossi described the potential for this grant to fund construction of a Black Canyon Open Space trail, especially the “up track” that will require mechanized trail construction. The Committee supported the idea of the formation of a sub-committee of Arlinghaus and Conley to work with Rossi on the application which is due in October.

2. Trailmixers Program

Committee Member Bresnahan described her proposal for Saturday morning greeting teams to engage citizens and encourage them to try new trail segments. The

Committee was supportive of the concept and Bresnahan will submit more details at the July meeting.

3. COSA Conference – Consider OSAC Attendance

There was no discussion.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no discussion.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Member Bresnahan moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Sutela. The motion was carried (5-0).
The meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

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**CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Regular Meeting Minutes
Remote Meeting via Zoom
June 1, 2026

A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Fatt called the Parks and Recreations Advisory Board (PARAB) meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT FOR ROLL CALL:

Chair Danu Fatt
Secretary Jehan-Ara Khan
Board Member Christina Grow
Board Member Holley Murphy

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT FOR ROLL CALL:

Board Member Colin McAllister (Arrived at 6:07 PM)
Vice Chair Tim Bresnahan (Excused)

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board Member Grow moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Secretary Khan. The motion was carried (4-0).

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Draft Minutes from PARAB 05-04-2026 Regular Meeting

Board Member Grow moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Secretary Khan. The motion was carried (4-0).

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no public comment.

E. REPORTS

1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PARAB)

There was no discussion.

2. Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC)

OSAC minutes were included in the packet for informational purposes.

3. Parks and Recreation Department

a. Director's Report

Director Rossi reported on the upcoming Art Walk event at the pool, a stump removal quote of approximately \$800 for Library Park, ongoing seasonal staffing for parks maintenance and the downtown beautification crew, and an update on the Dillon Bridge project, including pursuit of a bridge currently located in Garden of the Gods Park for that purpose. Director Rossi stated she would follow up by email regarding wood treatment of the play structure at Soda Springs Park.

Note for the Record – Board Member Collin McAllister arrived at 6:07 PM.

b. Forestry Updates for Tree Advisory Committee

Director Rossi reported that chipping will begin next week in the Becker's Lane area, that spring tree planting is nearly complete, and that street tree pruning is expected to begin in early July.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Shuffleboard Court Resurfacing

The Board discussed potential resurfacing of the shuffleboard court to improve playability. Director Rossi was asked to inquire with the pickleball/tennis court contractor regarding shuffleboard surfacing options and cost.

2. Letter of Support for the *Women's Freedom Museum Project* / Karin Verlo Rose

The Board expressed support for the project. Chair Fatt stated she would draft an original letter of support for board review prior to submission, rather than the template provided by the project organizer.

Chair Fatt moved that PARAB approve a letter of support for the Women's Freedom Museum Project. The motion was seconded by Board Member Grow. The motion was carried (5-0).

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. Schedule July Budget Meeting

Board members discussed holding the July meeting in person in lieu of the regular remote meeting, given the proximity to the July 4th holiday. The Board tentatively agreed on July 6, 2026, as the date, pending confirmation of Vice Chair Bresnahan's availability. Council Liaison Carey Storm indicated she would likely be unable to attend.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fatt moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member McAllister. The motion was carried (5-0).
The meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.

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Black Canyon

State Trail Grant Application

Choose a Project

- Trail construction projects include: new trail or trailhead construction, including the installation or creation of new facilities where none currently exists.
- Trail maintenance projects include: maintenance, re-route or reconstruction of existing trails and trailheads, and improvement of current trailhead facilities.
- Trail planning projects include: trail layout, design, engineering, feasibility studies, inventory, use studies, analysis of existing and proposed trails and master plans.
- Trail support projects include: building and enhancement of volunteer organizations, increasing volunteer capacity, and implementing trail training and education.
- Trail stewardship crews projects include (2026 pilot project): funding two to eight person trail stewardship crews who complete work on an existing trail system.

Construction and Maintenance – no minimum, up to \$250,000

25% of the total grant request must be matched funds, 10% of that minimum amount must be cash

Project completion within 2 to 2.5 years of grant award.

Grant Deadlines

KEY TOPIC	DESCRIPTION	DATE	TIME
Application Opens		Friday, August 1, 2025	
Application Help Webinar #1	To help navigate the application process, a 45-minute webinar will be held to cover application requirements and commonly asked questions.	Thursday, August 7th, 2025	9:00 a.m. MT
Application Help Webinar #2	To help navigate the application process, a 45-minute webinar will be held to cover application requirements and commonly asked questions.	Wednesday, August 13, 2025	2:00 p.m. MT
Application Help Webinar #3	To help navigate the application process, a 45-minute webinar will be held to cover application requirements and commonly asked questions.	Tuesday, August 19th, 2025	11:00 a.m. MT
Letters of Intent Due	Pre-application letters of intent are due by this date.	Wednesday, September 3, 2025	5:00 p.m. MT.
Full Applications Due	Compile and email all required documents by this date.	Wednesday, October 1, 2025	5:00 p.m. MT.
Construction Grant Presentations	Applicants are asked to provide a 15-minute presentation (10 minutes plus a 5 minute question and answer session) to the subcommittee.	January 6, 2026	Presentation Schedule

Stewardship/Maintenance Grant Presentations	Applicants are asked to provide a 15-minute presentation (10 minutes plus a 5 minute question and answer session) to the subcommittee.	January 7, 2026	Presentation Schedule
Maintenance Grant Presentations	Applicants are asked to provide a 15-minute presentation (10 minutes plus a 5 minute question and answer session) to the subcommittee.	January 8, 2026	Presentation Schedule
Planning/Support Grant Presentations	Applicants are asked to provide a 15-minute presentation (10 minutes plus a 5 minute question and answer session) to the subcommittee.	January 9, 2026	Presentation Schedule
Projects Reviewed	Subcommittee scoring, ranking and funding recommendations to the State Trails Committee.	January, 2026	
Grants Awarded	CPW Commission review and approval to award grants. CPW awards grants.	March, 2026	
Projects Start	CPW commences contracting. Grantee may begin grant funded work once the contract or purchase order with CPW is finalized.	April through June, 2026	

Compile Your Full Application

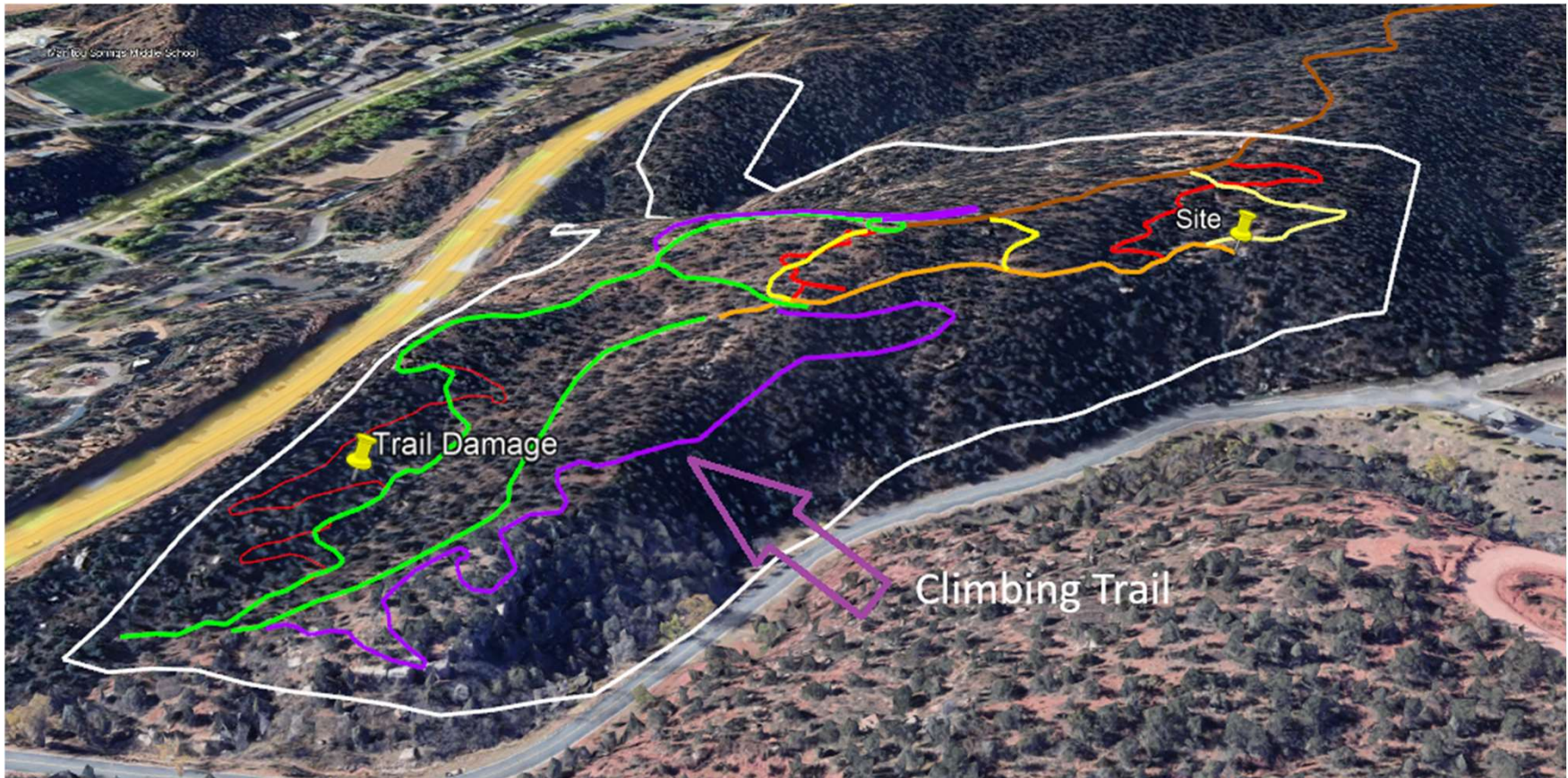
You will need to include:

- your Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)
- letters of support (up to 5 in a single PDF)
- a signed letter of resolution
- your application (construction, maintenance, trail stewardship, planning, support)
- any maps or photographs (5 page limit)
- your project budget or multi-project budget
- either the federal environmental form or non-federal environmental form
- an environmental impact assessment from NEPA (for projects on federal lands only) approved and finalized before grants are awarded

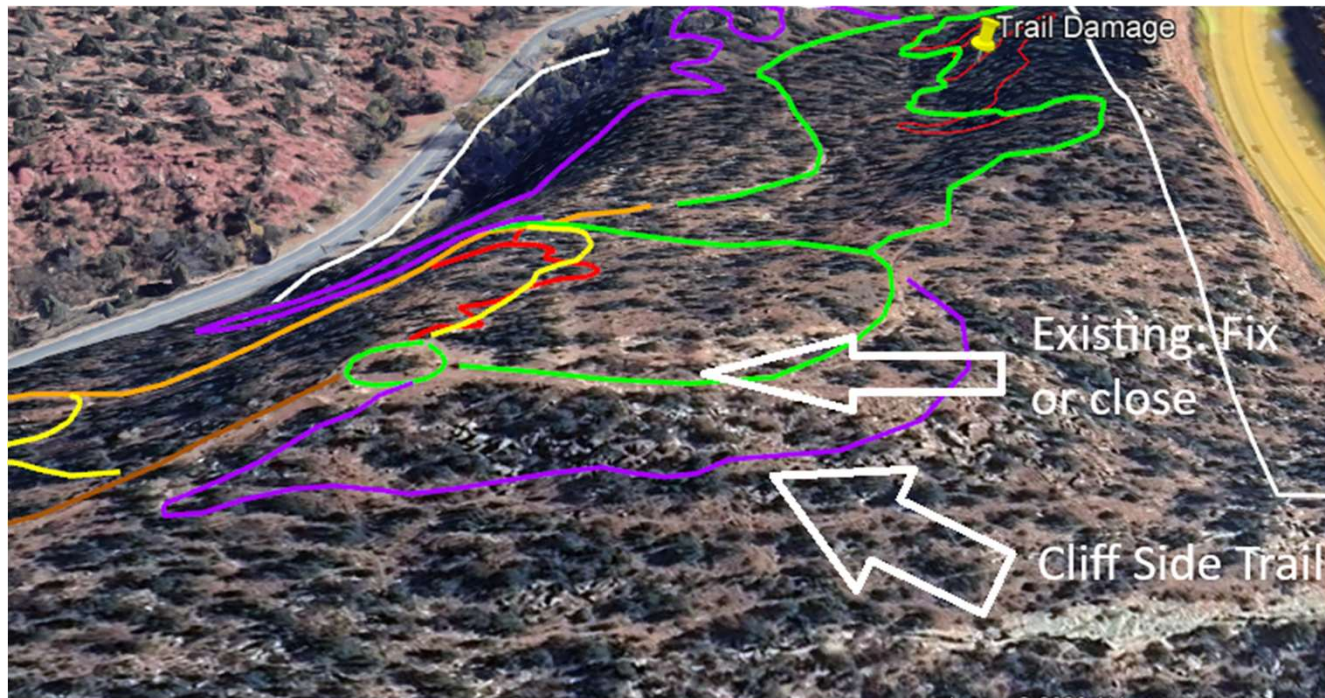
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Document checklist		
NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION – CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE		
		
PROJECT DETAILS		
Organization		
Project title		
DOCUMENTS		
PRE-APPLICATION - SEPTEMBER		
Document	Source	Submission format
☐ 1. Letter of Intent [Scope of work]	Applicant's own	PDF
☐ 2. Project map	Applicant's own	PDF
FULL APPLICATION - OCTOBER		
Document	Source	Submission format
☐ 3. Application	CPW template	PDF
☐ 4. Budget	CPW template	Unprotected Excel file
☐ 5. Photographs & maps	Applicant's own	Merged PDF (5 pages max)
☐ 6. Letters of support	Various	Merged PDF (5 letters max)
☐ 7. Resolution	Applicant's own	Signed PDF
☐ 8. Environmental forms	CPW Template	Signed PDF
☐ 9. Formal EA or NEPA*	Federal Template	Web link or PDF
ADDITIONAL PROJECT INFORMATION		
☐ 10. Required match funding secured (including cash match funds)		
☐ 11. Construction projects have been evaluated for permits and, if required, permits obtained.		
☐ 12. Project area is owned by a public land agency or has an easement that designates the area be open to the public for at least 25 years.		
☐ 13. Conservation/Youth Corps or other organization will be used on the project. Name of organization:		
☐ 14. Volunteers will be utilized on the project Name of organization:		

*Must be completed prior to application presentations in January.

Climbing Trail: Professionally Built Trail



Cliff Side Trail: Volunteer Built Trail



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT									
Project details					Match details				
CPW Grant #					Source of match	Type	Date available	Amount	
Organization									
Project title									
Grant Request (auto	\$	-							
Local match	\$	-	Min. Match	\$	-				
Project Total	\$	-					Match Total	\$ -	
Minimum match is 25% of the grant request (auto calculated). You must list at least 10% of the minimum match amount as cash (secured by application due date) in the Match details.									
Description	Qty	Unit type	Cost per unit	Total	Type	CPW Grant	Local match	Balance	
Contracted Services									
Trail #1 Overlook	2250	ft	\$ 20.00	\$ 45,000.00	Cash			\$ 45,000.00	
Special Trail Features (Crib walls, Switch Backs,	12	each	\$ 900.00	\$ 10,800.00	Cash			\$ 10,800.00	
				\$ -				\$ -	
Trail Cats	3	event	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	In-Kind			\$ 4,500.00	
VOC	1	event	\$6,000	\$ 6,000.00	Cash			\$ 6,000.00	
RMFI	3	weeks	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	Cash			\$ 18,000.00	
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Salary/Wages									
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Materials/Supplies									
Trail Tools	30	each	\$ 90.00	\$ 2,700.00	Cash			\$ 2,700.00	
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Additional Categories									
OSAC Volunteers	150	Hour	\$ 38.74	\$ 5,811.00	In-Kind			\$ 5,811.00	
Project/Grant Administration City Staff/OSAC	20	Hour	\$ 60.00	\$ 1,200.00	In-Kind			\$ 1,200.00	
Project Construction Management staff / OSAC	50	Hour	\$ 100.00	\$ 5,000.00				\$ 5,000.00	
				\$ -				\$ -	
TOTAL				\$ 99,011.00		\$ -	\$ -		

Bridge: Bridge could be added to the grant. Need a design and quote. If it is a modular bridge, then volunteers and park staff may be able to install.



TRAILMIXERS

Ever feel like you hike the exact same neighborhood loop every single week?

It is time to mix things up! Introducing **Trailmixers**, a brand-new monthly pop-up hosted by your local Manitou Springs Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC).

On Saturday mornings from 8 AM to 9 AM, look for our OSAC trail guides at rotating trailheads across town. We are hanging out for one hour to help you "mix" your routine with fresh destinations.

- Come learn about newly rolled-out tracks like Black Canyon
- Discover our two optimized bike-to-trail options
- Meet the OSAC members working behind the scenes
- Grab a free bag of custom trail mix for your morning trek!

Come explore every corner of our beautiful open spaces.

4 MONTH PLAN

DATES:

1/MONTH? SAT VS SUN? 8 or 9am? Start AUG or SEPT?

AUG 8/9

SEPT 12/13

OCT 10/11 (MANITOU 5K ON 10)

NOV 7/8 or 14/15

TRAILS: (where did bike racks go, laguna and spring?) - Did we get an electronic map done with PARAB for the Chamber?? We could reference that

- Intemann trail (Spring street)
- Red Mountain (Laguna point or Spring street)
- Iron Mountain (Laguna point)
- Mustang way to Cemetery (Park at high school, depends on construction)
- Crystal Park rd to Peace Wheel
- Black Canyon (Fields Park)
- Williams canyon (can we do this one? Can we get MOU with this organization?)
- Ute Indian Trail (from Incline)
- Ute Pass Trail loop (Mesa not using Waltons property)
- Gog/Magog (from Intemann at Spring street)



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