



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request Form for Discretionary Grant Requests

This form must be completed and attached to all supporting documentation for items to be included in the Garfield County Board of Commissioners Agenda. One (1) form is required per agenda item.

Note: The BOCC occasionally receives requests for funding through its discretionary fund. Entities that are eligible for funds are either non-profit organizations with current 501(c)3 status or are public entities including special districts. All such requests must be for bonafide public purposes, must be for \$5,000 or less, and usually require matching funds after the grant is awarded.

Requesting Entity (public or non-profit): Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers RFOV _____

Submitted By: Rebecca Schild, Executive Director _____

Phone Number: 970-927-9241 _____ E-mail: rschild@rfov.org _____

Date of Board of County Commissioners Meeting to consider this item: May 4, 2026 _____
(Must be submitted by Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. prior to Monday meeting)

Topic of Request: Stewardship of regional public lands - 2026 project season. This includes trail maintenance, invasive species mitigation, ecological restoration, and fire mitigation. RFOV plans to contribute over 4,000 volunteer and 2,000 professional staff hours to steward over 30 different project sites in Garfield County.

Name(s) of presenters: Rebecca Schild _____

Board Action Requested: Approve funding _____

Funding Requested: \$5,000 _____

Specifically explain what the funding will be used for: Funds will be used to support up to 70 stewardship projects (trail maintenance, ecological restoration, fire mitigation) on public lands in Garfield County

Fund Balance (Current Year): \$767,933 _____
(Please provide summary of current year P&L Statement)

PLEASE PROVIDE: Seven (7) paper copies and one (1) E-mail copy of all documentation to support the agenda request to Vola Mercer, email: vmercer@garfieldcountyco.gov or mail to 108 8th Street, #101, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601, no later than Wednesday, 11 a.m. prior to the Monday meeting. Failure to provide backup material timely and as requested may result in removal or continuance of your agenda item at the County's discretion.



Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers (RFOV)
April 23, 2026

Garfield County Board of Commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers (RFOV) respectfully requests \$5,000 in discretionary funding to support stewardship projects in Garfield County. The County's past support has been essential to caring for our shared public lands. While we understand funding was not renewed in 2026 due to budget constraints, we hope discretionary funds may be available to continue this impactful partnership.

Stewardship at Scale

RFOV's mission is to promote stewardship of public lands through community engagement in education, restoration, and conservation. Each year, we complete projects at 60–80 sites across four counties, including more than 30 in Garfield County. In 2026, we plan to contribute over 4,000 volunteer hours and 2,000 professional staff hours locally, multiplying the impact of public investment.

Over the past five years, RFOV has more than doubled stewardship hours and increased volunteer participation by 64 percent. Our work focuses on three program areas:

- **Sustainable Recreation:** Trail and infrastructure maintenance
- **Healthy Landscapes:** Habitat and wetlands restoration and invasive species mitigation
- **Fire Adaptation:** Wildfire mitigation and recovery

Programs and Community Engagement

RFOV delivers projects through volunteer events, group workdays, youth programs, and a seasonal trail crew. Community volunteer projects engage 10–85 participants and address high-priority needs identified with land managers.

To increase accessibility, we offer flexible group workdays for businesses, schools, and organizations, now engaging over 50 groups annually. Our Youth Service Learning and Young Stewards Initiative foster environmental responsibility from an early age, while the Adopt-A-Trail program enables organizations to make sustained contributions to local trails.



Our seasonal trail crew, launched in 2022, completes technical projects and ensures high-quality outcomes. Demand for this crew continues to exceed capacity.

Measurable Impact

Environmental Benefits: In 2025, RFOV worked on 80 sites, including 35 in Garfield County, improving 40 miles of trail, restoring 27 acres of habitat, and mitigating fuels across 7 acres. These efforts enhance resilience, safety, and accessibility of public lands.

Individual Benefits: Participants gain physical, mental, and social benefits through outdoor stewardship. Volunteers report increased well-being, environmental awareness, and a strong sense of contribution and connection.

Community Benefits: RFOV strengthens community bonds by bringing diverse groups together for a shared purpose. These experiences foster trust, collaboration, and long-term civic engagement, particularly when youth are involved.

Economic Benefits: Healthy public lands are vital to Garfield County's economy. RFOV's work protects these resources while supporting workforce development through seasonal jobs and youth internships that connect participants to careers in the outdoor sector.

Conclusion

RFOV is grateful for Garfield County's longstanding support. A \$5,000 discretionary grant is an investment in preserving the iconic outdoor recreation opportunities and critical natural resources that define Garfield County. Leveraging thousands of service hours to maintain and enhance public lands for all.

Thank you for your consideration. We welcome the opportunity to discuss this request further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rebecca Schild'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rebecca Schild
Executive Director
Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers

Statement of Activity

Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers

January 1-April 23, 2026

	Total
Revenue	
4002 Program Revenue	2,130
4004 Individual	28,332
4006 Foundation Grants	16,500
4008 Government Grants	34,000
4010 Corporate	52,315
4012 Other Organizations Contributions	7,164
4016 Merchandise	32
4030 Fire Fund Released from Restriction	12,094
4031 Prior Restriction Released	60,377
4050 Interest Income	337
Total for Revenue	\$213,282
Gross Profit	\$213,282
Expenditures	
5000 PROGRAM EXPENSES	
5011 Program Expenses	4,112
5012 Community Education	7,252
5100 Volunteer Projects	
5102 Volunteer Food & Beverage	194
5106 Volunteer Tools Equipment	2,751
5112 Volunteer Marketing & Development	4,281
Total for 5100 Volunteer Projects	\$7,227
5200 Young Stewards Program	
5202 YSP Food & Beverage	118
5208 YSP Gear Tools Equipment	1,038
5210 YSP Marketing	722
Total for 5200 Young Stewards Program	\$2,002
5300 Professional Services & Trainings	
5300 Professional Services & Trainings	\$529
5302 PST Food & Beverage	295
Total for 5300 Professional Services & Trainings	\$824
5400 Automobile	
5404 Mileage/Gas	151
5406 Auto Insurance Maintenance Other	2,966
Total for 5400 Automobile	\$3,117
Total for 5000 PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$24,534

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Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers
January 1-April 23, 2026

	Total
6000 SALARIES & BENEFITS	
6002 Salaries & Wages	129,515
6004 Health Stipend	5,427
6006 Health Insurance	3,414
6008 IRA Benefit	4,935
6016 Professional Development	560
6018 Workers' Compensation	3,558
6020 Payroll Taxes	13,549
Total for 6000 SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$160,958
6300 MANAGEMENT & GENERAL	
6302 Office Rent & Storage Rent	11,993
6304 Office Expense	2,606
6306 Insurance	2,291
6308 Dues, Permits, Fees	252
6310 Financial Processing	215
6350 Professional Fees	\$2,550
6352 Bookkeeping	2,282
Total for 6350 Professional Fees	\$4,832
Total for 6300 MANAGEMENT & GENERAL	\$22,188
6500 FUNDRAISING	
6502 Meals & Travel	21
6504 Printing	144
6508 Postage & Mailing	277
Total for 6500 FUNDRAISING	\$443
6800 EVENT EXPENSE	3,558
Ask My Accountant	2,300
QuickBooks Payments Fees	60
Uncategorized Expense	802
Total for Expenditures	\$214,843
Net Operating Revenue	-\$1,561
Other Revenue	
8010 Prior Restricted Income Released	-72,471
Total for Other Revenue	-\$72,471
Net Other Revenue	-\$72,471
Net Revenue	-\$74,032