

Proceeds from Lottery sales are used to create, improve and preserve parks, recreational facilities, open space, trails and wildlife in every community across the state. Lottery proceeds have created or enhanced more than 1,000 community parks, provided wildlife education for more than half a million children, built or maintained more than 700 miles of hiking and biking trails and protected more than 700,000 acres of beautiful Colorado wilderness. Since the Lottery began in 1983, it has returned more than \$4 billion to the people of Colorado.

Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund

Receiving 50% of Colorado Lottery proceeds revenue, the Lottery is the sole source of funding for [Great Outdoors Colorado](#) (GOCO). GOCO invests a portion of Lottery proceeds to help preserve and enhance the state's parks, playgrounds, trails, wildlife, rivers, fairgrounds facilities, and rodeo pavilions. And helps conserve Colorado's open spaces. Its independent board awards competitive grants to local governments and land trusts and makes investments through Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Created by voters in 1992, GOCO has committed more than \$1.4 billion in Lottery proceeds to more than 5,398 projects in all 64 counties without any tax dollar support.

Conservation Trust Fund

[The Conservation Trust Fund](#) (CTF) is administered by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) and receives 40% of Lottery proceeds dollars. It was established at the Lottery's inception to distribute a portion of the Lottery's net proceeds to local governments on a per capita basis. The Department of Local Affairs distributes CTF dollars quarterly to over 470 eligible local governments -- counties, cities, towns, and Title 32 special districts that provide park and recreation services in their service plans -- across the state. Funding can be used for the acquisition, development, and maintenance of new conservation sites or for capital improvements or maintenance for recreational purposes on any public site.



Colorado Parks And Wildlife

Receiving funding both through GOCO grants and 10% of Lottery proceeds directly, [Colorado Parks and Wildlife](#) (CPW) is a nationally recognized leader in conservation, outdoor recreation, and wildlife management. A division of the Department of Natural Resources, CPW manages 42 state parks, all of Colorado's wildlife, about 350 state wildlife areas, and a host of recreational programs. Its mission is to perpetuate the wildlife resources of the state, provide a quality state parks system and enjoyable and sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities that educate and inspire current and future generations to serve as active stewards of Colorado's natural resources.

Building Excellent Schools Today

For [Building Excellent Schools Today](#) (BEST), Lottery-funded revenue varies each year depending on Lottery sales. Best funding kicks in once GOCO reaches its proceeds cap. After that, GOCO's share of the proceeds revenue spills over to BEST. Since its inception in 2008, BEST has generated more than \$2.8 billion in school infrastructure projects, in nearly every Colorado school district, improving learning environments for more than 325,000 students. BEST provides funding to school districts, charter schools, institute charter schools, boards of cooperative educational services, and the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind. Funds can be used for the construction of new schools and renovation of existing school facilities. BEST is a competitive grant program housed within the Colorado Department of Education's Division of Public School Capital Construction.

Outdoor Equity Fund

The purpose of the Outdoor Equity Grant Program, established in June 2021, is to increase access and opportunity for underserved youth and their families to experience Colorado's open spaces, state parks, public lands, and other outdoor areas.

CPW Wildlife Cash Fund

This fund was established for use by CPW to implement its statewide wildlife action plan and the conservation of native species.

CPW Parks and Outdoor Recreation Fund

This fund was established for use by CPW for staffing and maintenance projects, and infrastructure and state park development projects.

