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Colorado Lottery Recognizes the City of Craig Breeze Park Development Phase II project in the Use of Lottery Funds

Lottery proceeds pass \$3.6 billion

Pueblo, Colo. – Colorado Lottery Starburst Awards recognize excellence in the use of Lottery funds for community and conservation projects. For fiscal year 2021, the Colorado Lottery recognizes the City of Craig's Breeze Park Development Phase II project with a Starburst Award. This year, Colorado Lottery proceeds have surpassed \$3.6 billion.

In 2015, the City of Craig broke ground on the Breeze Park Phase I project, which included significant improvements to the park's amenities and accessibility. With the help of Lottery Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) funds, the City executed a second phase of the project. Breeze Park Phase II focused on upgrades to the 35-year old irrigation system; construction of an 820-foot, ADA concrete trail, and the addition of three 144-square-foot picnic shelters.

Additionally, a 720-square-foot gazebo, two shade canopies, and a 3,400-square-foot safety surface were also installed. Updates to the park are expected to encourage the nearly 4,000 residents of Craig who live within a 10-minute walk of the park to engage in outdoor activities and participate in stewardship events organized by the parks and recreation department. Of the \$235,260 dollar project, \$150,000 dollars were provided by GOCO. [Photo](#)

More than \$10.5 million in Lottery funds are represented in 11 winning projects distributed statewide through grants via Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), the Conservation Trust Fund (CTF), Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), and Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST).

"Conservation is a key pillar for the Lottery. It includes not only conserving open space, but also upgrading recreational spaces, creating new places for Coloradans to play, and supporting ecosystems and wildlife," said Tom Seaver, director of the Colorado Lottery. "This year's Starburst Award winners aptly reflect the wide-ranging projects that our proceeds support. With now \$3.6 billion is going to our proceeds beneficiaries, we continue to look for new ways to grow revenue responsibly to protect more of Colorado's great outdoors."

Submissions include programs and projects such as parks, playgrounds, outdoor recreation facilities, land conservation, trail enhancement, open space acquisition, wildlife natural resource preservation, and public school improvements.





About Colorado Lottery:

Since 1983, the Colorado Lottery has returned more than \$3.6 billion to outdoor projects and schools through Great Outdoors Colorado, the Conservation Trust Fund, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and Building Excellent Schools Today. Proceeds from sales of Colorado Lottery games – Scratch, Powerball, Mega Millions, Colorado Lotto+, Lucky for Life, Cash 5, and Pick 3 – enhance, protect, improve parks, trails, and open space in Colorado. For more information, visit coloradolottery.com.

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