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Colorado Lottery Recognizes the Cañon City Area Metropolitan Recreation & Park District's Rouse Park Playground 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 Cañon City Area Metropolitan Recreation and Park District's Rouse Park Playground project with a Starburst Award. This year, Colorado Lottery proceeds have surpassed \$3.6 billion.

This \$270,035 project could not have been completed without funding from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) and the Conservation Trust Fund (CTF) through Lottery proceeds. With a \$157,895 GOCO Local Parks and Outdoor Recreation (LPOR) grant in the spring of 2020 and a \$25,605 CTF grant, the Cañon City Area Recreation and Park District was able to replace the highly used and well-loved playground equipment at Rouse Park.

Rouse Park is the District's most heavily used facility, hosting youth and adult sports programs and special events throughout the year. It serves as an outdoor place to play, walk, and picnic area for Cañon City residents and visitors. By Jan. 9, the playground was open for play. [Photo](#)

Although the new playground has only been open a short while, it provides families and children a new and exciting place to get outside and play. One young visitor gave it "five thumbs up!"

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 reflect the wide ranging projects that our proceeds support. With \$3.6 billion going to our proceeds beneficiaries since the Lottery's inception, 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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