



# Grand County *Colorado*

## APPLICATION FOR OPEN LANDS RIVERS & TRAILS (OLTR) FUND

### A. General Information

1. Name/Title of Proposed Project: Grand Lake Metropolitan Recreation District Hiking and Mountain Biking Trail System
2. Please check type of Project: Open Land  River  Trail  X
3. Applicant: Grand Lake Metropolitan Recreation District (GLMRD)

In the case of a multi-jurisdictional/agency application, please provide the names of all the participating agencies and/or individual.

4. Name of Principal (lead jurisdiction/agency): George Coolen, president  
Name: 5-person elected board  
Mailing Address: PO Box 590, Grand Lake, CO 80447  
Telephone Number: 970-627-8008
5. Who will hold the property interest? GLMRD
6. Designated Contact Person for the Application:  
Name: Mandy Cluck  
Mailing Address: PO Box 590, Grand Lake, CO 80447  
Telephone Number: 970-627-8008
7. Total Project Cost:
  - a) Amount of OLRT funds requested: \$18,514
  - b) Percentage of OLRT funds request of total cost: 50%
  - c) Date request for funds to be available to applicant: May 1, 2018
8. Brief Description of Proposed Project (Please limit to 100 words)

The GLMRD property is over 500 acres, with almost 400 of that utilized as hiking and mountain-biking trails, which are also dog-friendly. Over the past two summers, over 100 acres have been logged, requiring extensive trail maintenance. The following is a summary of the proposed projects:



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- a) Perform maintenance and revegetation on the natural area trails after recent phase of lodgepole pine wildfire mitigation
- b) Install 2 small shelters or picnic areas -- one on river, and a second by pond
- c) Develop and install educational signage around important areas emphasizing water-resource conservation and associated wildlife

9. Why is the project needed? What are the specific goals of the project? How will the project success be measured? (Please limit to 100 words)

- a. The project is needed to mitigate the after-effects of a large logging project, such as clearing slash piles, repairing trails, and informing the public of the importance of wildfire mitigation. Also of top priority is to repair existing trails from erosion and general wear and tear.
- b. Specific goals initially are to make trails cleared and available in the spring and summer to trail users, and to provide improved trail conditions this year and in future years.
- c. The success will be measured by number of miles of trails that can be improved, as well as the number of trail users. This is a free trail system, and is also the only mountain bike-friendly and off-leash dog-friendly area in the Grand Lake area; success is measured by the quality of trails for these users.

10. What is the expected duration of the project?

This project is on-going, and will continue through the spring/summer/fall of 2018 and will continue through the coming years, indefinitely.

## B. Budget & Other Financial Information

1. Summary of Project Budget and Funding Sources (Cash amount only, no in-kind)

Project Activity	Requested Funds-OLRT	Requested Funds-other sources	Committed Funds-other sources	Total funds needed for project activity
1) Seed for Reveg	\$400	N/A	\$200	\$400
2) Building Supply	\$2,000	N/A	\$1,000	\$2,000



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3) Labor Costs	\$15,214	N/A	\$7,607	\$15,514
4) Equipment	\$900	N/A	\$450	\$900
Totals:	\$18,514	N/A	\$9,257	\$18,514

2. How were the financial needs estimated?

These trails were built approximately 10 years ago, and all trail construction and maintenance have been absorbed by the GLMRD. Needs were estimated using the GLMRD Budget and Payroll Information, by consulting with various local sources, including the Upper Colorado River Watershed Group, the Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce, and various trail-building resources (Trail Solutions by the International Mountain Bicycling Association & website [www.Americantrails.org](http://www.Americantrails.org))

3. Describe the project's in-kind support including estimated value.

In-kind support includes volunteers and consultants from local environmental and government groups. Volunteer and consultant hours are estimated to be 4 individuals, 8 hours a week from May to September (20 weeks) at a value of \$12/hour for 32 hours/week.  $\$384/\text{week} \times 20 \text{ weeks} = \$7,680$ .

4. What future work will be needed to complete this project and what will the associated cost be? What ongoing operational obligations will be required for this project? How does the applicant plan to address these additional costs?

- a. The plan for this trail system is to continue to provide excellent customer service by way of continual trail improvement, including expanding the interpretive and educational opportunities, continue to improve trail erosion partly due to poorly built trails, and also mountain bike use. The associated cost will depend on budget (we are a recreation district receiving monies from Property Tax Revenues).
- b. The operational obligations will continue to rely on both seasonal and full-time employees, the continued application for grants, and building a volunteer base.
- c. We will address these additional costs by budget sessions, fundraising opportunities for the Trails Program (as the trail system here is free), and additional grant applications.



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## C. Other information

1. Describe local support for the project not included with in-kind information above.

The General Recreation budget portion of the multi-use trails system is \$9,257, including trail crew, supplies and equipment.

2. How does this project meet the OLRT fund criteria?

The 500-acre area within the Recreation District property is a unique landscape of high wildlife habitat value, extreme biodiversity of plants, animals, geography and habitat types, and high recreational value and potential as an important outdoor classroom. About one mile of the Upper Colorado River lies within our trail system, a mixed conifer forest of lodgepole pine, Engelmann spruce, and subalpine fir of a wide age variety, interspersed kettle ponds with sedge and pond lilies, willow and alder thickets, and glacial moraines. The trails have been increasingly popular with locals, 2<sup>nd</sup> homeowners, and tourists over the past several years. As we are surrounded by National Park lands, we are the only trail system in the area that provides recreational opportunities for hiking with dogs and mountain biking. We also provide winter recreation by means of Nordic skiing, which also requires considerable trail maintenance.

3. Provide a map showing the project area and surrounding location.

See attached PDF map.

4. Describe the monitoring plan

Monitoring will be conducted by staff, volunteers and trail users. Routine inspections will be made consistently weekly and monthly by the Full Time Trails Manager, Mandy Cluck. Programs already put into place will be used, such as the estimated Useful Life of a trail using criteria including erosion, nearness to wetlands (NEPA), percent grade of trail, condition of bridge, picnic tables, benches, and overlooks. The GLMRD will also use advice from the Upper Colorado River Watershed Group.



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To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information hereby submitted is true and accurate.

Principal Signature:	Grand Lake Metropolitan Recreation District
Date	3-15-2018
Applicant Signature:	Amanda Cluck, Trails Manager
Applicant Organization Affiliation/Title	
Date:	3-15-2018

Please email completed application to: Open Lands, Rivers, and Trails Advisory Committee, Grand County, at [olrtac@co.grand.co.us](mailto:olrtac@co.grand.co.us)

Questions? Contact Anna Drexler-Dreis, Administrator, at [aldrexler@gmail.com](mailto:aldrexler@gmail.com)

Further information may be requested. If funds are awarded, a grant report will be required.



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CLARIFICATION OF BUDGET ITEMS FOR:

- A) TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND REVEG
- B) SMALL SHELTERS / PICNIC AREAS
- C) INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE

A) TRAIL MAINTENANCE:

Seed for Reveg: \$400

Labor Costs: \$10,214

Equipment: \$300

TOTAL: \$10,914

B) SHELTERS / PICNIC AREAS

Building Supply: \$1,500

Labor Costs: \$4,000

Equipment: \$400

TOTAL: \$5,900

C) INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE

Building Supply: \$500

Labor Costs: \$1,000

Equipment: \$200

TOTAL: \$1,700

TOTAL: \$18,514