



# Grand County *Colorado*

## APPLICATION FOR OPEN LANDS, RIVERS AND TRAILS (OLRT FUND) SPRING 2022

*Funding may only be requested for projects that fit within the scope of the OLRT funding resolution, ballot language, and OLRT funding criteria.*

Please email completed application in PDF format by 5pm on March 11, 2022 to [olrtac@co.grand.co.us](mailto:olrtac@co.grand.co.us). Further information may be requested. If funds are awarded, you will be required to sign a MOU with Grand County and complete a final grant report.

### A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Name/Title of Proposed Project:** Grand Lake Metro Rec District Trails and Weed Control

**Please check type of project:**  Open Land  River  Trail

2. **Applicant (who will receive the grant funds):** Grand Lake Metropolitan Recreation District (GLMRD)

3. **In the case of a multi-jurisdictional/agency application, please provide the names of all the participating agencies and/or individuals:** Click or tap here to enter text.

4. **Name of principle (lead jurisdiction/agency):** GLMRD

**Name:** Ryan Lokteff **Title:** Trails Manager

**Mailing Address:** 1415 County Rd 48 Grand Lake, CO 80447

**Email address:** rlokteff@gmail.com

**Telephone number:** 970-627-8008

5. **Who will hold the property interest?** GLMRD

6. **Designated contact person for the application:** GLMRD

**Name:** Ryan Lokteff **Title:** Trails Manager

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7. **Total project cost (do not include in-kind amounts):** \$130,000

a. **Amount of OLRT funds requested:** \$20,000

b. **Percentage of OLRT funds request to total cost:** 15%

c. **Date request for funds be available to applicant:** 6/1/2022



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- 8. Brief description of proposed project (please limit to 100 words):** GLMRD would like to bring back the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps (RMYC) for 4 weeks of trail restoration. GLMRD has logged to rest of the area affected by the East Troublesome Fire. GLMRD has already budgeted 2 weeks of RMYC and is asking OLRT to match us for the other half. GLMRD would also like to purchase equipment and weed spray to help control the thistle that have become a big problem after the fire. GLMRD will use a combination of spray and manual removal to try and control thistle.
  
- 9. Why is the project needed? What are the specific goals of the project? How will project success be measured? (please limit to 100 words):** Due to the East Troublesome Fire, many of GLMRD's hiking and biking trails remained closed last year (2021). GLMRD logged the area in the Fall of 2021 and now trails are in need of restoration. One of our main goals is to restore the River Trail so that trail users can make it to the Colorado River again. GLMRD needs to try to control thistle that established itself after the East Troublesome Fire.
  
- 10. What is the expected duration of the project? Please attach a project timeline that includes the start and completion dates for the project.** Restoration of the trail system will be done once spring snow has melted (May?) until snow arrives again in the fall of 2022. Weed control will occur from June through August of 2022.
  
- 11. If funded, how will you acknowledge receiving funds from Grand County's OLRT Fund (i.e. signage, newspaper article(s), social media, etc.)** GLMRD will acknowledge OLRT on their website as well as on trail signs showing the map of the trail system. Last year we acknowledged OLRT on special signs at the trailhead acknowledging project partners.



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**B. BUDGET AND OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION – Grant match is not required but is encouraged and considered in grant ranking.**

**1. Summary of Project Budget and Funding Sources (cash amounts only, no in-kind).**

<b>Project Activity</b>	<b>Requested Funds – OLRT</b>	<b>Requested Funds – other sources</b>	<b>Committed Funds – other sources, please include your organization's committed funds</b>	<b>OLRT funds requested / committed*</b>	<b>Total funds needed for project activity</b>
Rocky Mountain Youth Corps (4 weeks)	\$18,000	0	\$18,000	0	\$36,000
Noxious Weed Spray		\$5,000	\$2,000	0	\$7,000
Weed Control Equipment (sprayer, tank, weed whacker)	\$2,000	0	0	0	\$2,000
GLMRD Staff Time			\$5,000		\$5,000
Hazard Tree Clearing (2021)			\$30,000		\$30,000
Tree Chipping and Erosion Control (2021)				\$25,000	\$25,000
Trail Restoration (2021)			\$25,000		\$25,000
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>



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**\*Please include OLRT funds that have been requested or committed in prior grant applications for this same project.**

- 2. How were the financial needs estimated?** Financial needs are estimated based on GLMRD staff time in the field (250 hours x \$20/hour) and the cost of weed spray and equipment (\$2000) as well as 4 total weeks of RMYC (\$9000/week).
- 3. Describe the project's in-kind support including estimated value.** We have volunteer trail days. Last year we also had an Eagle Scout project that enhanced one of our newly built mountain bike trails.
- 4. What future work will need to be completed for 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?**  
Future work includes continued trail maintenance and restoration. Continued weed control will also include spraying and removal of noxious weeds. This work will be paid for by GLMRD through regular staff wages and normal equipment needs. **Grand Lake Rotary is contributing \$5,000 to help us with continued weed control.**
- 5. Please describe in detail exactly what OLRT funds will be used for.** OLRT funds will be used to bring the RMYC for 4 weeks. GLMRD would like to restore the River Trail to give trail users access to the Colorado River. If time allows, other trails are in need of restoration including Scout's Trail, and Eagle Trail. Funds will also be used to control noxious weeds. We will be buying weed spray and equipment including a backpack sprayer, new weed whackers, and a mobile tank for our 4 wheeler. GLMRD would like to hire a staff person to primarily conduct weed control over the 2022 season.
- 6. What percentage of the funds requested are for direct project management and what is being funded in regards to direct project management?** 100% of requested funds will be directly used to fund restoration including the cost of the RMYC and weed control.
- 7. Please attach to this grant application your organization's annual (previous year) profit and loss statement and current balance sheet. Please limit this to two pages total.**



## C. OTHER INFORMATION

- 1. Describe local support for the project not included with in-kind information above.** Restoration of the GLMRD trails is supported by GLMRD, the Town of Grand Lake, and trail users across Grand County. We would like to make trails that remained closed last year available to trail users again as soon as possible.
- 2. How does this project meet the ORLT fund criteria?** The GLMRD trails restoration project meets the criteria of “maintenance of hiking and biking trails” by restoring existing trails affected by the East Troublesome Fire.
- 3. Provide a map showing the project area and surrounding location.**

See Attached

- 4. Describe the monitoring plan.** Trails are monitored by GLMRD staff on a regular basis. We will be keeping a close eye on trail maintenance and erosion throughout the 2022 season. We will also monitor and manage weeds throughout the season.
- 5. Are there any current issues with noxious weeds on the property and what is the revegetation and noxious weed management plan for the project, if needed?**  
Noxious weeds (thistle) have already become a problem after the East Troublesome Fire. This year, we plan to aggressively spray and remove thistle across the GLMRD property.

## FOR RIVER/WATER REQUESTS, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. What portion(s) of the project will acquire water rights and/or water storage rights, increase Grand County storage/river flows, conserve and protect water for agriculture, ranching, and outdoor recreation, or provide public access?** Click or tap here to enter text.



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## FOR LAND/CONSERVATION EASEMENT REQUESTS, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. Please describe what type of property transfer (easement, fee simple, etc.). Have the terms of the proposed conservation easement/property transfer been finalized? If so, please provide a summary of the terms and conditions.** Click or tap here to enter text.
- 2. What are the total acres of the parcel and what is the total amount being protected through this transaction?** Click or tap here to enter text.
- 3. Describe the qualifications of the proposed easement holder/landowner. How will the terms of the conservation easement be enforced?** Click or tap here to enter text.
- 4. What will the status of water rights and mineral rights be for the property?** Click or tap here to enter text.

## FOR TRAIL REQUESTS, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. If the project is located on federal land, what are the Travel Management Objectives for the trail or trail system?** The project is not on federal land. GLMRD owns the land.
- 2. Is there a fee associated with usage of this trail? If so, how much and how are these funds collected?** There is no fee associated with GLMRD's hiking and biking trails. They are free to the public during months without snow.
- 3. Please estimate the trail/trail system usage by user groups (i.e. motorized vs. non-motorized, hikers, bikers, xc skiers, etc.). Include how you estimated your numbers.** GLMRD's hiking and biking trails are used by many people each day throughout the summer season. We estimate that as many as 100 people per day use the trails during peak times.
- 4. Has any planning and public outreach occurred for this project?** No public outreach has occurred for this project. We are simply trying to restore the trail system after the East Troublesome Fire.



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5. **Is the maintenance of the trail subsidized by OHV/motorized registrations?** GLMRD's trails are not subsidized by OHV registrations and OHVs are not allowed on the trails.
  
6. **Is this trail part of an adopt-a-trail program?** GLMRD's trails are not part of an adopt-a-trail program.

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

**Principle Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Organization Affiliation/Title:** Don Campbell – GLMRD General Manager

**Date:** 2/28/22

*This signature should be the owner of the land (in the case of conservation easements), the owner of the water (in the case of water projects), or the agency that manages the land (in the case of trail projects).*

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Organization Affiliation/Title:** Ryan Lokteff – GLMRD Trails Manager

**Date:** 2/28/22



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Map of proposed trail restoration. In 2021 we restored Moose Meander and Warbler trails. Salamander Stomp, Tinder Box, and Flight of the Osprey were new trails built to give trail users hiking and biking opportunities in the area that was least affected by the East Troublesome Fire. In 2022, we would like to restore the River Trail (priority 1 - red line) now that the area has been logged and made safe. If time allows, we will also restore Eagle Trail (priority 2 – yellow line).





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## PRELIMINARY TIMELINE ESTIMATE

Task	Mar '22	Apr '22	May '22	Jun '22	Jul '22	Aug '22	Sept '22	Oct '22	Nov '22
Grant Notification		█							
Coordinate with RMYC		█	█						
RMYC Trails Crew				█	█				
Early Weed Spray				█					
Manual Weed Control				█	█	█			
Late Weed Spray					█	█			
Assess Trail Restoration Progress							█	█	
Assess Weed Control Effectiveness							█	█	