

City Council Communication

AGENDA DATE: May 5, 2025

LEGISTAR ITEM #: Res 2025-025

SUBMITTED BY: Jenny Penoncello DEPARTMENT: Finance

□Ordinance	⊠Resolution	□Presentation
□Admin Business	□Public Hearing	□Other

REQUEST

Request to support and approve the Generation Wild Northeast Coalition ("GenWild NEMC") 2025 Great Outdoors Colorado ("GOCO") Generation Wild application.

BACKGROUND

The GenWild NEMC has been collaborating since 2015 for the purpose of conducting the planning and implementation of various projects to improve youth and family connections with the outdoors in the underserved communities near the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge. The GenWild NEMC is made up of:

- City of Commerce City
- City of Aurora
- Bluff Lake Nature Center
- Boy & Girls Club of Metro Denver
- Environmental Learning for Kids
- Groundwork Denver
- Mile High Youth Corps
- Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership
- The Urban Farm
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services
- Friends of the Front Range Wildlife Refuges
- Colorado Parks & Wildlife

The GenWild NEMC is re-applying for Generation Wild funding to connect youth with the opportunities to engage with the outdoors. The City will serve as the sponsoring jurisdiction for the application.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT

Contractor	Great Outdoors Colorado	
Amount of Request/Contract	\$To be determined	
Amount Not To Exceed	\$0	
Amount Budgeted	\$N/A	
Budget Year	FY2025 to 2030	
Funding Source	Great Outdoors Colorado	
Additional Funds Needed	\$N/A	
Funding Source (if funds needed)	N/A	

PROJECT TIMELINE

Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date	
2025	2030	
Years and Months of Contract	Number of Times Renewable	
5 Years	TBD	

JUSTIFICATION

□Council Goal	□Strategic Plan	⊠Work Plan	□Legal
Citation	This project aligns with PRG Master Plan as it aims to heighten programming. A priority need/finding was to increase nature program offerings (Priority Finding 3.6).		

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS ASSIGNED

Board or Commission	N/A
Recommendation	N/A
Date of Recommendation	N/A

PUBLIC OUTREACH

N/A

AVAILABLE ACTIONS

- Available Action #1 Approve Resolution 2025-025 as submitted.
- Available Action #2 Opt not to approve and not apply for the grant.
- Available Action #3 Provide alternative direction to city staff.

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• Available Action #4 – N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Action #1, approve as submitted.

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