



City Council Communication

AGENDA DATE: March 2, 2026

LEGISTAR ITEM #: Ord 2750

SUBMITTED BY: Theresa Wilson

DEPARTMENT: Finance

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation
<input type="checkbox"/> Admin Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

REQUEST

Approve an ordinance to amend the 2026 Budget by recognition of the Generation Wild Grant Funding from Great Outdoors Colorado for \$168,000.

BACKGROUND

The GenWild Northeast Metro Coalition (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

In 2025, the GenWild NEMC re-applied for Generation Wild funding to connect youth with the opportunities to engage with the outdoors. The

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City served as the sponsoring jurisdiction for the application. The City was awarded \$168,000 to provide opportunities to connect the youth and families with the outdoors. The match is \$12,500 over five years and will be provided within existing Parks, Recreation & Golf Department appropriation (account #: 010-16-501-731-000).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Contractor	Great Outdoors Colorado
Amount of Request/Contract	\$168,000
Amount Not To Exceed	\$0
Amount Budgeted	\$N/A
Budget Year	FY2025 to 2030
Funding Source	Great Outdoors Colorado
Additional Funds Needed	\$12,500
Funding Source (if funds needed)	Account #: 010-16-501-731-000

PROJECT TIMELINE

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

JUSTIFICATION

<input type="checkbox"/> Council Goal	<input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> 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

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AVAILABLE ACTIONS

- Available Action #1 – Approve Ord 2750 as submitted.
- Available Action #2 – Opt not to approve and not accept grant funding.
- Available Action #3 – Provide alternative direction to city staff.
- Available Action #4 – N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Action #1, approve as submitted.