

Colorado Nonprofit Development Center Board Meeting
Project Report
August 24th, 2022

ACTIVE PROJECTS: 70

2021	Jan.	Feb.	March	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Total
New Projects	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	3				14
Closed Projects	0	2	3	1	1	2	2	0				11

Note: The Active Projects list only includes fiscally-sponsored Projects and not Intermediary/Contract Services, such as contracts with the City and County of Denver.

NEW PROJECTS (since last board meeting)

Yarrow Collective: Peers of Larimer
Delwest Community Support Pods
Team Marshall
The Greater Than One Collective

Our Life Journeys
Recovery Friendly Leader
Community Hire
Seedlings

CLOSED PROJECTS (since last board meeting)

Challenge Denver
FaithBridge

Jeffco Bright Futures
Benefits in Action

Important Project Updates

Assuring Better Child Health & Development and The Efshar Project – both Projects received Community Innovation and Resilience for Care and Learning Equity (CIRCLE) grants through Early Milestones Colorado. The grant program provided nearly \$23 million in grants to child care providers and other partners to pursue innovative solutions to challenges worsened by the pandemic. The grant program is a partnership with Colorado Department of Human Services and is funded as part of over \$275 million from the federal American Rescue Plan and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act.

El Sistema Colorado – Whitney Luther, employee of El Sistema since 2019 and Executive Director since 2020, has decided to step down from her role to focus on her family. Dr. Ingrid Larragoity-Martin will be taking over as Executive Director on 8/15/22. Ingrid brings experience as a conductor and instrumental music educator for over 20 years in public schools, collegiate settings, and symposiums.

Horsetooth International Film Festival – will hold their first film festival under CNDC on 9/9-9/11.

The Colorado Trust communities – all funding will cease for these communities (10 in total) 12/31. We have worked with The Colorado Trust to develop budgets for each community that outlines funding/spending through the end of the year. As of now, half of the communities think they will close and the other half would like to try to fundraise to remain Projects of CNDC. One community has decided to spin-off to become their own 501(c)(3).

Project Spotlight: Rocky Mountain Ranger Association (RMRA)
Project Since: October 2020



Vision & Mission: Rocky Mountain Ranger Association is a membership association for park rangers in Colorado. They provide networking and training opportunities throughout the year, in addition to hosting an annual conference focused on professional development.

History & Partnership with CNDC: In the spring of 2019, a group of rangers from Larimer County, Boulder County, and the City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks all attended a conference in California put on by the Parksaw Enforcement Association (PLEA). This conference was coupled with a conference for the Park Rangers Association of California (PRAC). There, the small group of rangers from Colorado's Front Range saw the enormous benefit of getting rangers together, which further planted the seed of developing a ranger association in the Rocky Mountain Region. In November of 2019, a working group was formed in collaboration with many more rangers and agencies in the region. In October of 2020, RMRA became a Project of CNDC.

Impact: The purpose of the Rocky Mountain Ranger Association is to bring together rangers from across our region; together, they can do their jobs with greater skill and a higher degree of confidence, while building a unified voice for the profession and strengthening conservation and recreational experiences in the region. They serve at the frontline where people and the places they love intersect and have a passion for the Rocky Mountain Region's outdoors.

Programs & Outreach: RMRA provides training for rangers, including first responder training and mental health first aid. They participate in the Preserve and Protect Campaign through the City of Louisville and promote World Ranger Day, July 31st, to commemorate rangers killed or injured in the line of duty, and to celebrate the work rangers do to protect the planet's natural treasures and cultural heritage. In addition, RMRA has recently hosted two fundraising events, Crafts with a Cause, to support fallen or injured rangers.

RMRA Project Director: Benjamin White-Patarino is a Ranger Naturalist for Louisville Open Space & Parks. He worked for six seasons with the Boulder County Youth Corps, then six seasons as a Seasonal Park Ranger with Boulder County Parks and Open Space before earning his current position with the City of Louisville. His experience in the field has shown him how important it is to have connections with other agencies, as mentorship and networking opportunities are relatively hard to find. By sharing resources and mentoring new rangers, all rangers can better face the issues confronting public lands management and cultivate the best talent with which to accomplish this goal.