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▼ **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

This application's due date is/was November 1, 2018.

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▼ **APPLICANT INFORMATION**

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The applicant is GOCO's main contact for this project. The Primary Contact is the person affiliated with the applicant organization GOCO will contact with questions about the grant application. Contact information entered here is for this application only and won't affect or replace other e-mail addresses or phone numbers associated with the Primary Contact in GOCO's general database.

▼ **PARTNER INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)**

Partner Organization TEENS, Inc.

Partner Organization Address 151 East Street

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▼ PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title Barker Meadows Park

Brief Project Description

Barker Meadows Park is adjacent to Barker Reservoir on the east end of Nederland, Colorado. Nederland is a vibrant mountain community surrounded by nature on every side, but there is not much recreation space in town limits. This proposal is to make town land into a usable, natural space for residents to enjoy. It will include ADA accessible trails, landscaped open space, a pollinator garden, picnic areas, restrooms, a grassy lawn and a bike pump track. In addition to making this area more user friendly, it will improve wildlife habitat and serve as a beautiful gateway to the community.

Brief Project Description (In approximately 100 words or less), describe the proposed project and how it will benefit your community.

▼ - Budget Summary

Requested GOCO Grant Amount \$ 350,000

Enter the proposed GOCO grant amount, not to exceed \$350000. Use a whole number only (no decimals). This number must match the number in the Totals line of the GOCO column in your project budget.

Total Project Cost \$ 508,060

The total project cost should include the value of all in-kind and cash contributions to the project.

Percent of overall match (% of total project cost) 27 %

Overall match must be at least 25% of the Total Project Cost entered above.

Percent of Cash match (% of total project cost) 12 %

Cash match must be at least 10% of the Total Project Cost entered above.

▼ - Project Location

County Boulder

If your project is located entirely within one county, select it from the County list. If your project is in two or more counties, select Multi-County from the County list, and choose the actual counties in the box below it.

or Counties

City (please include cross streets) Nederland. It is located east of East Street and west of Barker Reservoir.

▼ SELECTION CRITERIA NARRATIVE QUESTIONS

Proposal Narrative Instructions

GOCO uses a 100-point system to evaluate projects based upon the following criteria, with projects ranked by total points. The maximum possible points for each section are shown in parentheses.

Please provide as much detail as possible for each of the questions.

Do NOT leave any questions blank. Failure to respond to these questions may substantially reduce your score, due to the difficulty of evaluating the project without this information.

1. **YOUR COMMUNITY:** Introduce the community this project will serve. Highlight any underserved populations that this project is intended to serve. Discuss the recreational interests of your community, how does this project tie in to those? Who are the existing and/or expected users of the proposed project - individuals, organized sports leagues and teams, school and youth groups, etc. the project will benefit? Provide user numbers for each user group, noting how you arrived at that estimate. **(10 pts.)**

LPOR/Mini Question 1 Response

Nederland, Colorado is a small community, with about 1,400 people living within town limits, and an additional 8,000 people living in the surrounding mountains. It is located in the mountains 17 miles west of Boulder. Due to its proximity to Denver and Boulder, Nederland sees tens of thousands of visitors each year. Visitors come to Nederland to hike, bike, fish, ski, attend music festivals and enjoy the beautiful natural setting. While our town is situated minutes from beautiful mountain bike trails and wilderness areas, there is not much opportunity for community members to recreate within their town. The people of Nederland value the environment and recognize the importance of trails and parks in their community as identified in Nederland's 2020 Vision Statement and the completed Parks and Trails Master Plan. The mission for the Gateway Park Area Master Plan is to "integrate immediate recreational opportunities with the downtown core of Nederland to provide a holistic experience of cultural and recreational offerings to locals and visitors, and to do so in an environmentally conscious and sustainable manner".

According to ESRI Business Information Solutions, which conducted surveys in 2011 for the Master Plan, the improvement/addition/expansion of pedestrian/bike paths and the proposed Gateway Park (which was the original name of this park, and has since been changed to Barker Meadows Park) were ranked as top priorities for residents of Nederland and the surrounding area. More specifically, 83% of respondents rated the importance of parks and recreational opportunities a "4" or "5", where 5 indicated that it was "very important"; and when asked which activities should be added, expanded or improved, the top rated category was "biking/hiking/running"(pages 95 and 105 in Nederland Area Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Master Plan February 2013, found in attachments). This grant seeks to expand these activities in Nederland, and is supported by a number of local organizations.

Nederland is a very dog friendly town and according to the 2011 survey,

dog walking is the second most common outdoor activity that respondents took part in. Improving the walking trails around the park and the reservoir will enhance residents' experience while walking their dogs. Residents would also have a nice grassy area and open space where they could play fetch with their dogs without disturbing fishermen.

Reclaiming the fisherman's parking lot and making it a beautifully landscaped area will encourage more visitors to walk around the creek and the reservoir, which will be good for local businesses relying on tourism to keep their businesses alive. PROSAB is working with the Nederland Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) to make this reclaimed space into a pollinator garden. Additionally, reclaiming the parking lot will serve to improve the water quality of Middle Boulder Creek and North Beaver Creek, which border the proposed garden. Water quality improvement was noted as having a strong support and consensus according to the survey results from the Nederland Area Open Space, Trails, Parks and Recreation Survey Report.

Nederland Area Trails Organization (NATO), whose mission "is to support, sustain and improve the trails around Nederland, Colorado", supports the building this park, and expects a high number of its 1500 followers on Facebook to use the park regularly, especially the open space, trails and pump track. The improved open space will make this area a beautiful place to spend time, and having a pump track in town will enable people of all ages to bike locally and improve their skills before going out into the National Forest trails. The improved trails will be ADA accessible and will allow a wide range of users to enjoy the park.

TEENS, Inc. which is located adjacent to the proposed park, is a youth center and serves an average of 40 teens each day. The grassy fields, open space and pump track will be great places for the local youth to recreate in a healthy manner. Because Nederland is a small town, there are limited options for youth without means of transportation to engage in healthy

2. **SCOPE:** Describe the state of the existing facilities. If this project is intended to enhance or replace existing facilities, discuss why are they no longer acceptable? Include site photos. Describe the scope of the project – what exactly will be built? What is the useful life of the project components and how was that useful life determined? Describe consultations you have had with outside experts, other communities, or knowledgeable individuals about building this sort of project. The budget attachment will also be evaluated as part of this response. **(15 pts.)**

**LPOR/Mini Question 2
Response**

activities. This park would provide another safe place for teens and families to spend their time.

The proposed project seeks to create a “Gateway” to Nederland, embracing the town’s character while encouraging residents and visitors to engage in healthy outdoor activities

The proposed Barker Meadow Park location is currently a series of unimproved fields with no facilities. There is a large open area specifically set aside for the purpose of building a park. A portion of this area, known as Guercio Field, is currently being rented as a parking lot in order to support the necessary funds needed for a GOCO Grant match. Over the last several years, it has turned into a compacted dirt lot and is used periodically by people to play fetch with their dogs or play kickball. The second lot closer to the reservoir was once part of the waste water treatment plant. It has been reseeded with grasses, but it is not properly graded and fills with large puddles and mud whenever there is precipitation. There is a narrow trail along the reservoir, with some sections being social trails and other sections made with gravel. Neither of these sections of trail are ADA accessible. There are also a few benches next to the trail for people to sit and enjoy beautiful views of the reservoir and creeks .

Nederland proposes the following:

1. Build 36” wide, ADA accessible trails and improve existing trails that will connect to existing town facilities and provide access to Boulder Creek and Barker Reservoir. There will be a total of a half mile of walking trails and 1000 feet of trails used mainly to access the pump track. TEENS, Inc. Youth Corps and Nederland Area Trails Organization are working with the Town of Nederland Public Works to create the best layout and sustainable trails for this area.

2. Create pollinator garden built on a reclaimed area currently known as “Fisherman’s Parking Lot”. This area is located between North Beaver Creek and Middle Boulder Creek. The ecologist we consulted with, Rhea Orthner, was very supportive of this addition to the park as it will improve the watershed. Because

pollinators need a constant food, the pollinator garden will contain plants that bloom at different times from early spring to late autumn. It will also contain an assortment of trees, shrubs, perennials, grasses and groundcovers, and there is already has a large number of willows and grasses on the edge of the creek. By having such a diversity of plants, the garden can replicate nature. This pollinator garden will expand the natural area and allow wildlife to flourish.

3. Build a presentation greenhouse. (This part of the project already has funding and will break ground this fall.)

4. Create a landscaped open space. The 2013 Nederland Master Plan identified this as a restored open space which will give visitors and residents a natural area to relax and enjoy their beautiful surroundings.

5. Construction of a pump track. There is currently a skate park adjacent Barker Meadow Park that does not allow bikes, so installing a pump track will give cyclists, skateboarders and skaters a place to recreate, develop and refine skills. The track will be approximately 3000-5000 square feet. According to WorldTrail, an organization specializing in pump tracks, the useful life of an asphalt pump track is 20 years. Velosolutions, Daniel Hounshell from American Ramp Company, and Tony Boone of Tony Boone Trails have been consulted regarding this part of the project.

6. Construction of bathrooms: The City of Boulder has also agreed to build a restroom facility in the Guercio Field area, and the town will create picnic structures near the restroom.

7. Changes in parking: While visitors will no longer be able to park in the Fisherman's Parking Lot, about 25 on-street parking spaces will be created on East Street, adjacent to the park. The dirt lot that was rented to gain money for the match was used as employee parking for the local ski resort. The ski resort is working on creating more parking for their employees, and this was never meant to be a permanent parking area.

3. **ACCESS:** Describe access to the proposed project. How many people live within a 10-minute walk of the project site (within one mile or less)? Is it accessible by means other than automobile? How do/will users access the site? How is it situated in relation to where users live: is it near or linked to schools, other recreational amenities, or community gathering spots? Are there obstacles to getting to the project site; if so, how do you intend to overcome them? Will ADA accessibility be incorporated? (5 pts.)
4. **NEED:** What makes this project unique? Why is the project needed? How will the project enhance recreational offerings, including programming, and/or environmental education opportunities in the community? Do similar amenities exist in the community? How are potential users of the project compensating now for the lack of the project? (15 pts.)

LPOR/Mini Question 3 Response

Nederland additionally has either consulted or has the following consultants on hand:

- Elizabeth Agee, Earth Hop Designs : coordinating greenhouse operations and public educational outreach
- Rea Orthner, Ecologist : environmental considerations
- JVA, Inc, the Town's on-call engineers for structural advice
- Kerry Luna, Electrician, understands electrical loads of the new facility

This park is centrally located in Nederland's downtown area and within walking distance of most areas within town. About 1,400 residents live within a 10 minute walk of Barker Meadow Park. The proposed park is envisioned to help increase connectivity with our current park facilities as identified in the Town's Master Plan. It will be situated next to the town's teen center and alternative high school, and an existing skate park. There is parking adjacent to the park for visitors accessing the reservoir and the RTD and school buses have stops 2 minutes away from the park and a sidewalk leading to the park. Barker Meadows Park has been a gathering spot for special events, farmers markets, dog walkers, fishermen, and recreational users for many years. Nederland hopes to improve this space with these specific uses in mind. ADA accessibility will be incorporated into this design with trails and parking spaces specifically constructed to accommodate ADA challenges.

LPOR/Mini Question 4 Response

The Barker Meadows Park plan was developed with careful consideration as a part of the Nederland Trails Master Plan (as funded by GOCO). It was identified as being the "Gateway" to the community and is described in the Master Plan as follows, "The Nederland gateway park area has the potential to become a truly special place, a treasure to residents, and a destination for visitors".

This project will offer opportunities for many different user groups that call Nederland home as well as those who come to recreate in the area.

There will be an improved open space, walking trails for dog walkers and wildlife viewers, picnic shelters for families to enjoy, a pollinator garden for the six legged residents as well as the two legged ones, a grassy lawn for youth and adults to play on, a pump track for those who want to improve their biking skills and trails meandering through the park to join everything together. The plan also includes the addition of new restroom facilities.

This facility will accommodate dog walkers and runners by improving existing trails and making them ADA accessible. There will be approximately a half mile of pedestrian trails. Currently, the reservoir is not easily accessed by persons using wheelchairs. Widening the existing walking trails will give everyone the opportunity to enjoy the reservoir area as well as allow people to access the pollinator garden and open space. The garden will enhance the beauty of the area while improving the natural ecosystem near Middle Boulder Creek. It will also benefit the local children, as it can be used as an area for outdoor education. Wild Bear Nature Center in Nederland offers outdoor education programs for local children year-round, and will be able to use this area in their programming. Currently, they do much of their programming at Mud Lake Open Space, but it would be beneficial to have a pollinator garden to show to the children, in order to teach them about pollinators and their role in the ecosystem. The area of the proposed pollinator garden is presently used as a parking lot for fishermen, as well as by teens to engage in unhealthy behaviors. Reclaiming this space into a useful and beautiful area will encourage healthy behavior.

A need for a bike park was identified in Nederland's Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Master Plan, and is strongly supported by local business and youth organizations. After school activities for local youth will be supported by this project. The closest pump track (located in Valmont Bike Park, Boulder) is a 40 minute drive from Nederland, which makes it difficult for youth to reach independently. The opportunity to bike locally gives community

residents a place to socialize, provides a sense of place and enables the community to bond. Furthermore, the facility will drastically improve programming for local youth and adults. The Nederland High School Mountain Bike Team, Alp Cycle Training, and SMBA plan to offer a variety of opportunities to kids, teens and adults. Finally, bike rental is locally available at Tin Shed Sports which is within walking distance of Barker Meadows Park.

There is one other developed park in the area, called Chipeta Park. It is located across the creek from Barker Meadows Park. It has a kids' fishing pond, a small lawn, a bathroom, a pavilion, a play structure, a basketball court and a trail along the creek. This park is loved by the community and sees a large amount of visitors each day and is becoming burdened by overuse.

Barker Meadows Park will extend the reach of outdoor recreational spaces in the community, which is something that Nederland residents have wanted to do for many years. The first park plan was drafted in 2001, and it has been revised and improved several times. While it has been a dream of many residents to create a beautiful park in this area, there has yet to be any physical improvements to the area. This grant will enable that dream to become a reality.

5. **PLANNING/OUTREACH:** Describe the public planning process that identified this specific project as a priority. Discuss specific plans or targeted public outreach efforts that prioritized this project and the opportunities the public had to comment. Discuss your efforts to engage youth and underserved populations in the planning process. What priority is this project to the community? If this project is not a top priority discuss why it is being pursued at this time. If a survey was distributed, how many people and what groups were surveyed? Provide one copy of a blank survey. Summarize the feedback received from the public and how it was determined that your constituents want and will use the project? What did you learn from the processes discussed above? **(15 pts.)**

LPOR/Mini Question 5 Response

The 2013 Nederland Trails Master Plan, funded by GOCO, used comprehensive data and surveys to identify community needs.

In 2012, the town of Nederland conducted a public meeting and focus groups were formed regarding the park. They also conducted 2 surveys (which generated 361 responses) and analyzed town facilities and demographic projections. The findings were used to create the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan.

In February 2013, the Master Plan was officially adopted.

In 2017, the Nederland Board of Trustees prioritized this project by renting out the field to Eldora Mountain Resort as a parking area.

Funds from this contract have been set aside as matching funds for this project. The contract was extended for the 2018-2019 season.

The majority of planning took place in 2012. Five focus groups took part in the discussion about the current state and the future of the parks, recreation, open space and trails in Nederland. The focus groups were: teens, seniors, active recreation, business, and conservation, open space and trails. There were 3 public meetings and 2 public workshops where input was collected and used to create the Master Plan.

The survey conducted as part of the master planning process provided some insights into community priorities. The activities and programs that were identified by survey respondents as most important to be added, expanded, or improved include the following:

- Biking/hiking/running
- Indoor swimming/aquatics
- Non-motorized boating
- Events (e.g., movies, concerts, festivals)
- Cultural/arts/dance/music/crafts
- Snow and ice activities

In addition, the 2012 Nederland Area Open Space, Trails, Parks, and Recreation Survey results shows the following value statements for parks and recreation activities in the Nederland area:

- Maintaining what we have
- Promoting healthy active lifestyles
- Promoting environmental stewardship
- Providing connectivity/alternative non-motorized transportation
- Providing positive activities for youth
- Strengthening sense of community

The top ranked facilities to be added, expanded, or improved by survey respondents include the following:

- Pedestrian/bike paths (soft surface)
- Community gardens
- Indoor swimming pool
- Community greenhouse
- The proposed gateway park area at the end of Barker Reservoir
- Boating on the Reservoir
- An outdoor amphitheater

(see pages 105-106 in Nederland Area Parks, Recreation, Open

Space, and Trails Master Plan
February 2013, found in
attachments)

We have also attached a variety of letters of support from a number of different user groups. Nederland will be accommodating the majority of the current uses of the park while making it more accessible, attractive, and user friendly for all members of the community.

Due to the five year gap between creating the Master Plan and implementation, this winter, PROSAB will also hold a series of public meetings and oversee a design advisory board to provide public opportunity to refine the plan. While the Master Plan used extensive surveys and focus groups, it was several years ago and PROSAB is working hard to ensure that the wants and needs identified in the plan are still relevant today.

Nederland Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board (PROSAB) brought this proposal to the town Board of Trustees (BOT) and were given input on this project. Originally, the pump track was placed in the narrow section of the park, but they were afraid of a bottleneck, so the pump track was moved from that area. BOT members also did not want the bike and walking trails to be next to each other as the bikes could detract from the walkers' tranquility. Therefore, we have adjusted the plan to allow for separate biking and walking trails. They also did not approve of making a dog park because they did not want to put up fences. For this reason, the area of the proposed dog park will be an open space with trees and boulders scattered about, with trails meandering through it. Beyond the direct feedback provided by the BOT, PROSAB is unaware of any opposition. By engaging the public in the design refinement, we hope to identify and address any further opposition.

6. **OPPOSITION:** Who is opposed to the project? Have neighbors, user groups, or other parties objected to the project? Include any letters, petitions, news articles, or other documents evidencing opposition. What has been done to address the concerns of those opposing and how has the opposition responded? (5pts.)

**LPOR/Mini Question 6
Response**

7. **TIMELINE:** When will the project be ready for construction and when will it be complete? Discuss any design, engineering and/or permitting that is outstanding. (5 pts.)

**LPOR/Mini Question 7
Response**

Should GOCO fund this project, the town plans to break ground in spring of 2019, with completion in the fall of 2020. The City of Boulder has an agreement with the Town of Nederland to build a bathroom facility in the park. Nederland PROSAB has formed a design committee to finalize plans for Barker Meadows Park.

8. **MAINTENANCE:** Estimate the annual costs to maintain the project. How did you derive those numbers; how do you intend to fund maintenance; and who is responsible for maintenance? (5 pts.)

**LPOR/Mini Question 8
Response**

While the general plan has been agreed upon, we wish to further enlist public input for final plan details. PROSAB and Nederland Public Works are working with an engineering firm to design trails and a pump track that will fit well in the space. Nederland Sustainability Advisory Board is also assisting in creating the layout of the pollinator garden. Permitting will be minimal and will be assumed by the Town of Nederland.

The Nederland Parks department estimates the scope of maintenance to be as follows: trash and recycling (2hrs/wk), irrigation maintenance (5hrs/wk), lawn and trail maintenance (10hrs/wk), and general facility upkeep (3hrs/week). Nederland will dedicate one park worker to work 20 hours a week (approximately 80hrs/month) to fulfill these duties. The parks department is currently run 7 days a week and has staffing to fulfill current and additional demands. It will budget for the park includes \$20,000 in labor and \$10,000 in materials for ongoing maintenance. Public Works will continue to prioritize outdoor recreation and will ask for more staffing in future. Additionally, local bicycle organizations will volunteer time to help maintain the bike park and Nederland Sustainability Advisory Board will maintain the pollinator garden.

9. **YOUTH INVOLVEMENT:** Will a Youth Corps or other local youth organization be used to implement the project? Keep in mind this could be anything from planning and fundraising to construction. If so, describe what the youth organization will be doing and discuss the collaboration you've had with them. Submit a letter of support from the organization that you will be collaborating with. If there will not be youth involvement in this project, provide an explanation of why. (5 pts.)

**LPOR/Mini Question 9
Response**

TEENS, Inc. Youth Corps employs local area teens and these teens will be constructing the pedestrian and biking trails. These young community members will be able to regularly use the trail that they build, which is a unique opportunity for them. Whenever these teens have worked on past projects in Nederland, they tell us that it feels really good to contribute to the community, and they proudly showed their work to friends and family. Last summer, TEENS, Inc. Youth Corps collaborated with Nederland Public Works to build an ADA accessible trail around the Kids' Fishing Pond in Chipeta Park. Both parties had a great experience working together.

10. **MATCH STATUS:** How much of your planned cash match is secured? How much of it is yet to be raised and what are your plans for raising those additional funds? What is your "Plan B" if you are unable to raise

**LPOR/Mini Question 10
Response**

Nederland has already funded the cash match (\$35,000) by renting out part of this space to the Eldora ski area as employee parking during the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 ski season. Additionally, TEENS, Inc.

those funds? ("Plan B" only needed if matching funds are not secured.) Describe any partnerships established for this project. If cash or in-kind partnerships for this project were not possible, explain why. (10 pts.)

has offered a \$4,500 cash match. City of Boulder has also contributed \$25,000 to be used to build the restrooms.

11. **NEED FOR FUNDS:** What is compelling about your community's need for GOCO funds? What opportunities are lost if this project is not undertaken now? Will the project (or components of it) get done if GOCO funds are not awarded? Will applicant or partner funds dedicated to the project be lost if GOCO doesn't award a grant now? (5 pts.)

LPOR/Mini Question 11 Response

Nederland is a growing community with an ever increasing demand on the town's facilities. It is a gateway to recreational activities in the surrounding forest and is quickly becoming a destination for visitors. As the population in the Front Range continues to grow, the impact on small mountain communities grows as well.

Nederland relies on outside funding and cooperation from a variety of volunteers to do large projects. There is currently no other funding for this project, so if this grant is not awarded, it is unlikely that this project will be completed. The town has prioritized this project and if it not completed, other projects will continue to be put on hold. This project has been pushed aside for 5 years already and the momentum behind this project may be lost if not funded. In addition, the field used as a temporary parking lot could become a permanent parking lot instead of a park because money from parking could be deemed more important by the town.

12. **SUPPORT:** Provide up to seven community support letters/emails that are supporting the project in ways other than cash or in-kind contributions. Letters should come from users, user groups, community members, volunteers, schools, etc. Support letters/emails must be included with the application and will not be accepted if mailed to the GOCO office. (There is no need to provide narrative in this question; scoring will be based on the quality of support letters submitted with the application) (5 pts.)

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