



ARAPAHOE COUNTY
OPEN SPACES

2025 OPEN SPACE GRANT AWARDS

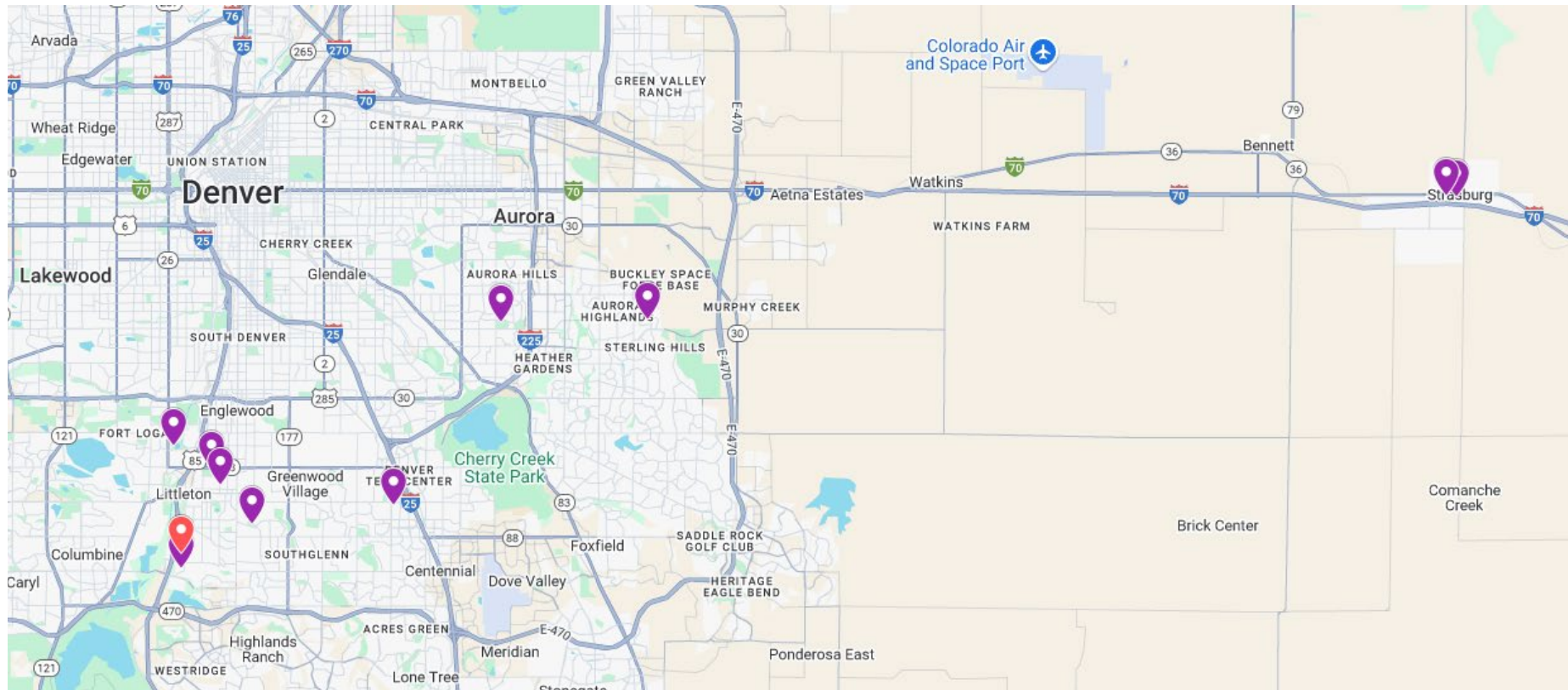
JULY 22, 2025

GRANT CYCLE OVERVIEW

\$5,500,000	allocated for 2025 grants
\$4,825,280	grant funding requested
11	applications received & evaluated
6	agencies applied
11/10*	awards recommended
8/7*	standard grants
2	small grants
1	planning grant
\$4,825,280/ \$4,225,280*	total funding recommended
\$12,699,442/ \$11,399,442*	matching funds committed

** Evaluation team recommendation/OSTAB recommendation*

GRANT PROPOSAL DISTRIBUTION



2025 GRANT CYCLE OUTCOMES

5	renovated or improved playgrounds
1	project includes large-scale turf reduction
2	fishing docks
12	improved sports fields or courts
3/2*	projects include interpretive signage about local history or resources
1	planning project
6	Arapahoe County communities served

** Evaluation team recommendation/OSTAB recommendation*

STANDARD GRANTS

Final Ranking	Applicant	Grant Request	Cash Match	Total Project Cost	Project Name
	Standard Grants				
1	South Suburban Park and Recreation District	\$600,000	\$3,032,000	\$3,632,000	Cornerstone Park Improvements Phase II Construction
2*	City of Englewood	\$500,000	\$173,988	\$673,988	Centennial Park Trail Enhancements
2*	South Suburban Park and Recreation District	\$600,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,700,000	Milliken Park Improvements
4	City of Littleton	\$600,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,600,000	Powers Park Improvements
5	City of Aurora	\$600,000	\$2,557,129	\$3,157,129	Side Creek Park Renovation
6**	City of Littleton	\$600,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,900,000	Jackass Hill Park
7	City of Greenwood Village	\$510,000	\$170,000	\$680,000	Carson Park Restroom Construction
8	City of Aurora	\$600,000	\$3,340,025	\$3,940,025	Utah Park Tennis Courts and Lighting Replacement

****** *OSTAB recommendation does not include this project*

SMALL & PLANNING GRANTS

Final Ranking	Applicant	Grant Request	Cash Match	Total Project Cost	Project Name
	Small Grants				
1	Strasburg Metropolitan Park and Recreation District	\$24,800	\$3,000	\$27,800	Lyons Park Trees and Trains
2	Strasburg Metropolitan Park and Recreation District	\$65,480	\$7,300	\$72,780	Comanche Crossing Museum Safety and Security
	Planning Grants				
1	South Suburban Park and Recreation District	\$125,000	\$16,000	\$141,000	Ridgeview Park Redevelopment Project

RECOMMENDED STANDARD GRANT

Jackass Hill Park

City of Littleton

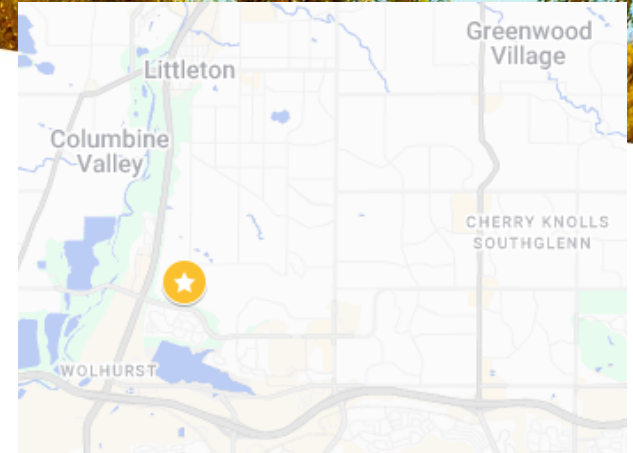
Grant: \$600,000

Total Project: \$1,900,000

Partnership with South Suburban

Improvements to an 18.9-acre nature park, including:

- Colored concrete paths and ranch rail fencing
- Vista terrace viewing area and planted buffer
- Restoration of native vegetation and irrigation
- Interpretive signage at Carson home site



DRAFT MOTIONS

Recommended motion:

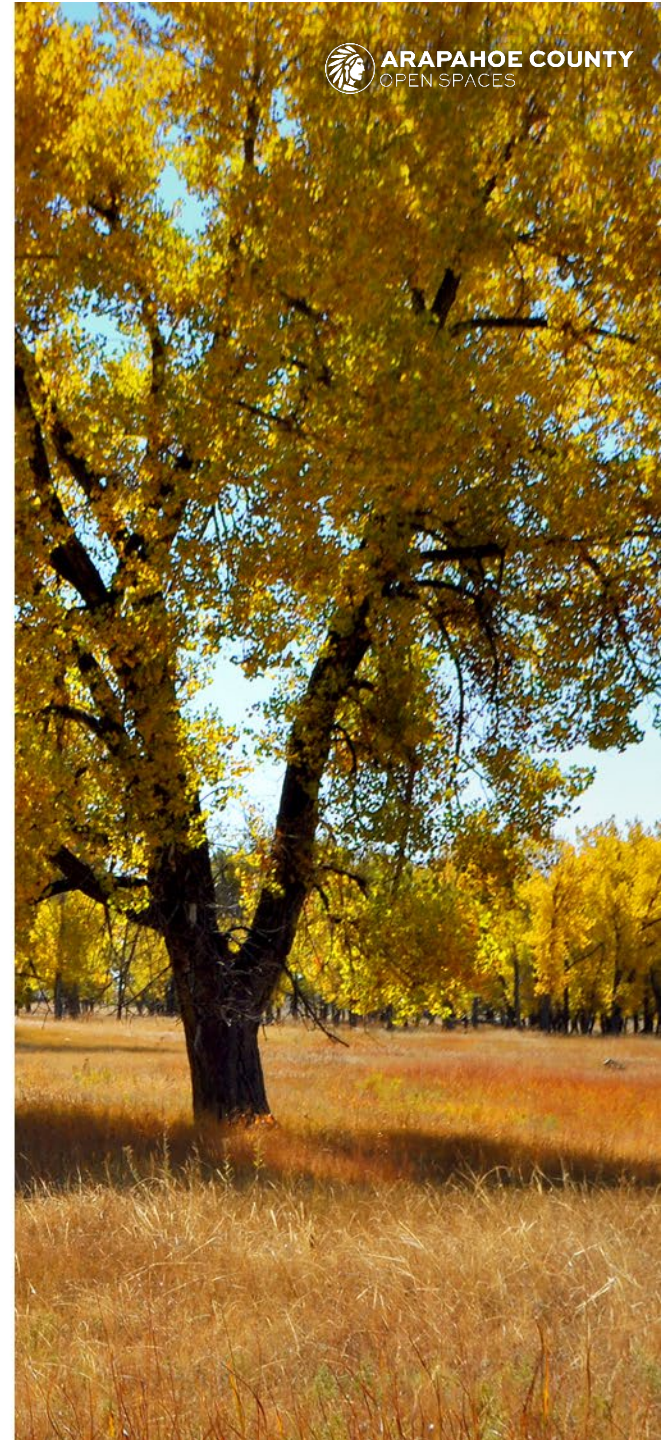
I move to approve funding for the 2025 grant cycle as follows: fund eight standard grants, two small grants, and one planning grant, totaling \$4,825,280, as presented on the 2025 Open Space Grants ranking sheet (Exhibit A).

Alternative motion #1:

I move to approve funding for the 2025 grant cycle as follows: fund eight standard grants, two small grants, and one planning grant, totaling \$4,825,280, as presented on the 2025 Open Space Grants ranking sheet (Exhibit A), with the understanding that the City of Littleton intends to submit a request for a project modification to Open Spaces for the Jackass Hill Park project.

Alternative motion #2:

I move to approve funding for the 2025 grant cycle as follows: fund seven standard grants, two small grants, and one planning grant totaling \$4,225,280 as presented on the 2025 Open Space Grants ranking sheet (Exhibit A).



RECOMMENDED STANDARD GRANTS

Cornerstone Park Improvements Phase II

South Suburban Park & Recreation District

Grant: \$600,000

Total Project: \$3,632,000

Second phase of improvements for heavily used regional park, including:

- Inclusive playground
- Accessible restroom
- Three shade pavilions
- Landscaping, trees, seating, and site furnishings



RECOMMENDED STANDARD GRANTS

Centennial Park Trail Enhancements

City of Englewood

Grant: \$500,000

Total Project: \$673,988

Park improvements, including:

- Two accessible fishing docks
- A “story time walk,” to be programmed in partnership with the Englewood Public Library
- Solar lighting along the loop trail
- Interpretive signage highlighting wildlife and conservation efforts



RECOMMENDED STANDARD GRANTS

Milliken Park Improvements

South Suburban Park & Recreation District

Grant: \$600,000

Total Project: \$1,700,000

Partnership with City of Centennial

Improvements to a 6.85-acre park located along the High Line Canal, including:

- Playground and safety surfacing
- Larger shade pavilion with seating
- Parking lot reconfiguration
- Ballfield relocation and reinstallation
- Seating and site furnishings



RECOMMENDED STANDARD GRANTS

Powers Park Improvements

City of Littleton

Grant: \$600,000

Total Project: \$1,600,000

Partnership with South Suburban

Improvements to a 4.75-acre neighborhood park, to include:

- New playground, safety surfacing, larger shade pavilion, and seating
- Boulder scramble
- Concrete loop path with connections to neighboring housing/healthcare communities
- New plaza/seating area
- Landscaping and site furnishings



RECOMMENDED STANDARD GRANTS

Side Creek Park Renovation

City of Aurora

Grant: \$600,000

Total Project: \$3,157,129

Park renovation, to include:

- Upgraded playground, basketball court, tennis court, and picnic shelter
- New seating and shade shelter overlooking the Side Creek greenbelt
- Conversion of 50,000 sq ft of turf to non-irrigated native grass
- Wider pathways and additional seating throughout the park



RECOMMENDED STANDARD GRANTS

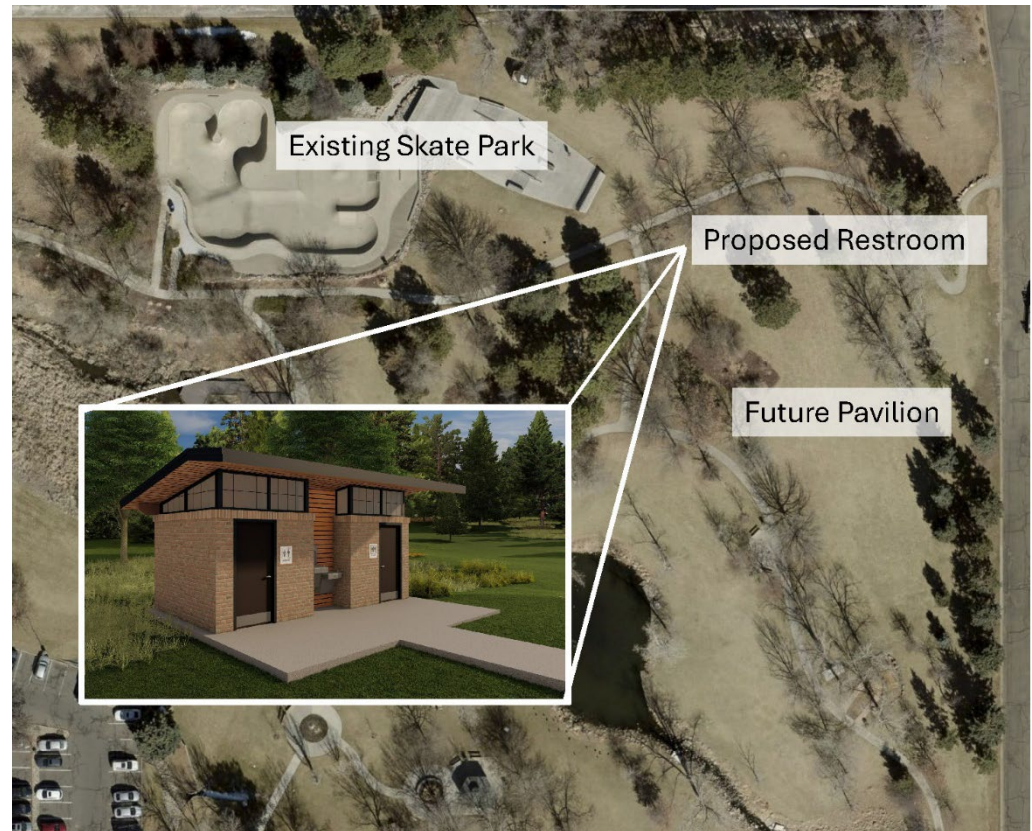
Carson Park Restroom Construction

City of Greenwood Village

Grant: \$510,000

Total Project: \$680,000

Construction of an accessible flush restroom facility, which will support existing park users as well as a future pavilion



RECOMMENDED STANDARD GRANTS

Utah Park Tennis Courts and Lighting Replacement

City of Aurora

Grant: \$600,000

Total Project: \$3,940,025

Renovation of outdoor tennis complex, including:

- Reconstruction of nine tennis courts
- LED perimeter lighting
- Fencing, seating, shade structures, and signage
- Improving accessibility by repaving court perimeter paths, restriping ADA parking stalls, and updating curb ramp



RECOMMENDED SMALL GRANTS

Lyons Park Trees and Trains

Strasburg Metropolitan Park & Recreation District

Grant: \$24,800

Total Project: \$27,800

Park improvements, to include major tree pruning, tree planting, a new shade structure, playground surfacing, and educational signage



RECOMMENDED SMALL GRANTS

Comanche Crossing Museum Safety and Security

Strasburg Metropolitan Park & Recreation District

Grant: \$65,480

Total Project: \$72,780

Access improvements and security enhancements, including:

- Property survey
- Perimeter fencing
- Driveway and parking area renovation
- Facility signage
- Security cameras



RECOMMENDED PLANNING GRANT

Ridgeview Park Redevelopment Project

South Suburban Park & Recreation District

Grant: \$125,000

Total Project: \$141,000

Partnership with City of Littleton

Design development, cost estimates, and construction documents for improvements intended to increase accessibility and opportunities for rest and play

