

Arapahoe County Open Space, Parks & Trails
Grants Program
Summary of Resolution # 030381
Adopted June 17, 2003 by Arapahoe County BOCC

This summary draws from the language of the Resolution but does not substitute for a thorough reading and legal interpretation by a qualified attorney. References below are lifted and juxtaposed for purposes of considering or planning potential grant projects. Proposals must be consistent with the entire Resolution.

Ballot Title: **Water, Wildlife, Open Space, Trails and Neighborhood Park Measure**

Focus of ballot question:

- **Preserve urban and rural open space and natural areas;**
- **Protect lands that preserve water quality in rivers, lake and streams;**
- **Provide, maintain and improve neighborhood parks, open space, sports fields, picnic facilities and biking, walking and multi-use trails;**
- **Protect wildlife habitat and corridors;**
- **Protect views, vistas and ridgelines;**
- **Preserve agricultural and ranch lands; and**
- **Enhance and maintain designated heritage areas;**

Where does the money go (by percentages)?

- 50% Shareback to incorporated municipalities;
- 28.16% County Open Space and Trails projects
- 12% Grants; (about \$2.3 million for 2008)**
- 3.60% Designated heritage areas;
- 3.24% Maintenance of county open space;
- 3.00% County administrative costs;

What Entities within Arapahoe County are eligible to apply for Grants?

1. Incorporated municipalities;
2. Special districts which provide recreational services or amenities;
3. Recreation districts;

What purposes shall the Grants be used for?

Those purposes specified in Section VIII(C)(3)(d): {Grant funds} may be used to **purchase** and/or **develop** and/or **improve** existing neighborhood **parks and/or sports fields**. . .or Section VIII(E)(1):

- a. To **acquire** fee title interest in real property for the purposes provided herein;
- b. To **acquire** less than fee interests in real property . . . such as conservation easements . . .;
- c. To **acquire** water rights . . .;
- d. To **acquire** lands that preserve . . . open space . . .vistas . . . wildlife habitat . . . wetlands;
- e. To **acquire** lands that are buffers maintaining community identity . . .;
- f. To **acquire** lands for outdoor recreation purposes limited to passive recreational use . . .;
- g. To **acquire** lands with other important values such as historic sites . . .;
- h. To **acquire** rights-of-way and easements for trails . . . and to build and improve trails . . .;
- i. For **joint projects** between {entities} consistent with the guidelines set forth {herein} . . .;
- j. To **improve, restore and/or protect** open space lands . . .;
- k. To **manage, patrol and maintain** those {open space} lands;
- l. To **pay for related acquisition, construction, equipment, and/or improvements** {above};
- m. To allow for **construction of picnic facilities** . . .;
- n. To allow for the **funding of environmental education programs** . . .;
- o. To **implement and effectuate** the purposes of the Open Space Program.