COSWAP Workforce Development Grant: CYCA Accredited Conservation Corps Application

The Colorado Department of Natural Resources - Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program (COSWAP) has funding available to support wildfire mitigation work by Colorado Youth Corps Association (CYCA) accredited conservation corps. Wildfire mitigation projects have a workforce development focus and are not guaranteed to be completed. CYCA accredited conservation corps are available in the Strategic Focus Areas listed in the Request for Applications (RFA) found on the COSWAP website.

* Indicates required question

Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding this application, please contact DNR staff:

- Roberta Anderson (roberta.anderson@state.co.us), Program Assistant
- Courtney Young (courtney.young@state.co.us), Program Administrator

How to Apply

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Applicants should submit a completed application via this form **by November 3, 2025.** Hard copies will not be accepted. You should receive an email confirmation of your submission within one week. If you do not hear back about your application within one week, please contact Roberta Anderson.

Applicants should contact the local corps representative to speak about your project. To locate the CYCA accredited conservation corps serving your area, please visit the Colorado Youth Corps Association's website: https://www.CYCA.org/hire-a-corps/.

Larimer County Conservation Corps:

• Maelly Oropeza (Corps Manager), moropeza@larimer.org, 970-498-6630

Boulder County Youth Corps:

• Luiz Blanco-Bertolo (Program Manager), <u>lblanco-bertolo@bouldercounty.org</u>, 303-678-6104

Mile High Youth Corps (Northern):

• Claire Morrissy (Director of Land Conservation), clairem@mhyc.net, 720-648-0152

Mile High Youth Corps (Southern):

• Emily Holmes (Regional Manager), emilyh@mhyc.net, 303-815-9890

Rocky Mountain Youth Corps:

• Ryan Banks (Program Director), ryan@rockymountainyouthcorps.com, 970-819-0533

Southwest Conservation Corps (Four Corners and Los Valles):

• Juan Fernandez (Executive Director), <u>jfernandez@conservationlegacy.org</u>, 970-902-3563

The Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps is now also eligible for crew time awards!

• Chas Robles (Executive Director), chas@conservationlegacy.org, 970-216-5988

Application Overview

1.	Project name: *	
2.	Organization name (entity legally respons	ible for the project): *
3.	Organization mailing address, city, state,	and zip code: *
4.	Name and title of person completing this	application: *
5.	Your email address: *	
6.	Your phone number: *	
7.	Name and title of project manager: *	
8.	Project manager email address: *	

9.	Project manager phone number: *
10.	Is your project located in a <u>Strategic Focus Area</u> ? *
	Mark only one oval.
	Yes
	No
11.	Project county: *
12.	Property owner: *
13.	If the project manager is different from the property owner, please describe that relationship.
14.	Property name (if applicable): *

15.	Project size (acreage): *
16.	Approximate project and access coordinates (lat, long): *
17.	The project manager is responsible for securing access and all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental analysis documentation necessary to comply with local, state, and/or federal laws. Please indicate your status of due diligence.
	Mark only one oval.
	In process Complete
18.	Desired months for project work in 2026/2027: *
19.	Is this timeline flexible? *
	Mark only one oval.
	Yes
	No

20.	What type of award are you requesting? * (crew time or crew time and cash grant)				
	Check all that apply.				
	CYCA accredited conservation corps crew time Cash grant for project management expenses				
Cre	ew Time Award Information				
pro wh	plicants are required to speak with a conservation corps representative about their oject before applying. Please enter in the contact information for the representative to has reviewed this project and affirmed their organization is fully aware of, and agrees the type of crew, scope of work, budget, and timeline.				
21.	Name of conservation corps: *				
22.	Name of conservation corps representative with whom you spoke about this project:	*			
23.	Their title: *				
24.	Have you worked with this workforce partner before? * Mark only one oval.				
	Yes No				

Crew Type Descriptions

Day Crew: A crew that executes a project scope that does not require chainsaw use or herbicide application and travels to and from the project site every day with corps members going home at the end of the day. (Denver Metro area crews are usually day crews.)

Camping Crew: A crew that executes a project scope that does not require chainsaw use or herbicide application and camps at or near the project site.

Specialty (saw) Crew: For projects requiring chainsaw experience, a specialty saw crew will have no less than 75% of its members chainsaw trained and fully equipped with saws and safety gear. These crews may camp on site or travel to the work site each day.

Specialty/Hybrid Crew: These crews are qualified to work on projects that require a significantly higher skill level. For example, the work may require that the crew camp in the backcountry and work above tree line for one or more project weeks. If a project only requires one or two chainsaws, we may be able to do a hybrid crew. These crews may camp on site or travel to the work site each day.

Fire Operations Crew: The crew consists of conservation service corps members certified as Type II wildland firefighters performing operations such as forest thinning, slash pile burning, serving on prescribed burns, suppressing active wildland fires and other projects requiring a wildland firefighter certification. These crews may camp on site or travel to the work site each day.

25.	Which crew type are you requesting? *	
	Check all that apply.	
	Day Crew	
	Camping Crew	
	Specialty (saw) Crew	
	Specialty/Hybrid Crew	
	Fire Operations Crew	
26.	A crew time award is contracted by weeks of service and can range from 6-25 weeks of work. How many crew weeks are you requesting for each crew type selected?	•

Application Narrative

For your application to score highly, we recommend reviewing the COSWAP Ranking Sheet at the end of the Request for Applications. This can help you understand how to best answer the questions in the application.

Organization Info

В	riefly describe your organization and your role in wildfire mitigation. *
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	hare your involvement with any local and/or regional partnerships. Is this roject planned in collaboration with any other organizations?
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D	escribe your organization's ability to provide project oversight and
	nanagement on your project.
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Project Purpose and Objectives

30.	In one sentence, share the purpose of your project.
	In a SMART format (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and timely), list three objectives that support your project's purpose.
31.	How will this project accomplish your objectives? *
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45.	Does your project protect critical watersheds, or municipal and agricultural * water supply structures? If so, please describe.		
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- Porta-potties: Amount for porta-potty rental
- Other: Herbicides, camping, or other project management expenses not listed above
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Match: In-kind + Cash must equal at least 25% of the total grant share (amount requested from COSWAP).

- In-kind Match: Materials, services and equipment provided by your organization or donated for this project. Volunteer time is also considered in-kind match.
- Cash Match: The direct project expense the grantee provides to the project your cash expenditures for costs related to this specific project, such as project-related staff salaries, equipment rentals, travel costs, and other eligible expenses.

53.	Please indicate which categories you are requesting a cash grant:
	Check all that apply.
	Personnel time for project management Chipping Biomass Hauling Porta-potty rental Camping (funding for camping will only be provided if the applicant has exhausted all free options) Other:
54.	Please upload a complete budget table <u>using this form.</u>
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	A sample budget table and narrative can be found on the second tab of the form.
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Maps

All maps must include a legend and scale. <u>Click here</u> for an example.

56. Please upload a map(s) of the project area. Be sure to indicate where the access route is located, where the specific treatment area is located, and the connectivity to other mitigation work that has been done in the area. If there are multiple treatment types, please differentiate these on the map.

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Map naming convention: OrgName.ProjectName.COSWAPWD4.0.Map

Files submitted:

Disagree

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Agreement, Liability, and Insurance Acknowledgements

57.	I have read the Request for Applications, including the eligible and ineligible expenses (for cash grants).
	Mark only one oval.
	Agree
	Disagree
58.	I have talked to the appropriate people to coordinate this project. *
	Mark only one oval.
	Agree

Disagree

62.	I understand the State cannot guarantee project completion. *	
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63.	I understand that all successful applicants will be required to maintain and provide proof of adequate insurance coverage as detailed in the Grant Agreement. I agree to acquire and maintain such insurance coverage as a condition of any grant award. Mark only one oval.	r
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	1) Site visit with the crew manager before final grant agreement.
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	3) Camping locations (if necessary).
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	5) On the ground project evaluation throughout the entirety of the project.
	6) All reporting required by the Grant Agreement including a final report to the State.
	7) Lawful access to all properties necessary for project work.
	8) Relevant maps, including geospatial maps, and other pertinent technical support.
	Mark only one oval.
	Agree
	Disagree
65.	I understand if I am not requesting a cash grant, that all project management * expenses will be my responsibility and not borne by the State.
	Mark only one oval.
	Agree
	Disagree

Authorized Submission

I certify that I am authorized to submit on behalf of the applicant and that, if awarded a grant for this project, the applicant will comply with the grant administration requirements of both the State and the workforce development organization. I certify that the contents of this application are true to the best of my knowledge and agree to provide any corrections or updates to the State as soon as practical after discovery of an error.

66.	Name, title, date: *
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67.	The Workforce Development applications have moved to Google Forms to meet state accessibility requirements. Do you have any feedback on the accessibility of this form? Do you have any other feedback you'd like to share about your experience, what was helpful and what could be improved?

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COSWAP Workforce Development Grant: Department of Corrections SWIFT Crew Application

The Colorado Department of Natural Resources - Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program (COSWAP) has funding available to support wildfire mitigation work by the Department of Corrections (DOC) State Wildland Inmate Fire Teams (SWIFT). DOC SWIFT crews are available within a 3 hour drive of the Four Mile Correctional Facility in Canon City (E US Highway 50 & Evans Rd, Cañon City, CO 81212). Projects located within a 1.5 hour drive of the facility are likely to be day trips, and projects located 1.5-3 hours from the facility will likely be overnight trips. Applicants must be able to fulfill the logistical needs of DOC SWIFT including finding camping locations, securing bathrooms, and sharing project prescriptions. Wildfire mitigation projects have a workforce development focus and are not guaranteed to be completed.

* Indicates required question

Contact Information

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- Courtney Young (courtney.young@state.co.us), Program Administrator

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Contact the Department of Corrections SWIFT Supervisor to discuss your project and determine if it is appropriate for DOC SWIFT crews.

• Greg Hawkins, gregory.hawkins@state.co.us, 719-338-8052

1.	Project name: *	
2.	Organization name (entity legally respons	ible for the project): *
3.	Organization mailing address, city, state,	and zip code: *
4.	Name and title of person completing this	application: *
5.	Your email address: *	
6.	Your phone number: *	
7.	Name and title of project manager: *	
8.	Project manager email address: *	

9.	Project manager phone number: *	
10.	Is your project located within a 1.5 hour drive from Canon City? * Mark only one oval.	
	Yes No	
11.	Is your project located within a 3 hour drive from Canon City? * Mark only one oval. Yes No	
12.	Project county: *	
13.	Property owner: *	
14.	If the project manager is different from the property owner, please describe that relationship.	*

15.	Property name (if applicable): *
16.	Project size (acreage): *
17.	Approximate project and access coordinates (lat, long): *
18.	The project manager is responsible for securing access and all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental analysis documentation necessary to comply with local, state, and/or federal laws. Please indicate your status of due diligence.
	Mark only one oval. In process Complete
19.	Desired months for project work in 2026/2027: *

20.	Is this timeline flexible? *
	Mark only one oval.
	Yes
	No
21.	What type of award are you requesting? * (crew time or crew time and cash grant)
	Check all that apply.
	Department of Corrections SWIFT crew time
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22.	Name of DOC representative with whom you spoke about this project: *
23.	Their title: *
24.	Have you worked with this workforce partner before? *
	Mark only one oval.
	Yes
	No

Crew Type Descriptions

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Overnight Crew - Up to a 20* person crew with two crew leaders that camps near the project site or at a nearby facility. All crew members are chainsaw trained and fully equipped with saws and safety gear. Crews are able to assist in pile burning.

Chipper - DOC can provide chipping services to a project, but will only chip material that was cut within the last year. Special circumstances can be accommodated with prior communication.

*Note: A SWIFT week is four days, Monday-Thursday or Tuesday-Friday. Crew sizes may vary.

25.	which crew type are you requesting?	•
	Check all that apply.	
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42. Proj	What is the project timeline? Does your project have seasonal constraints? *			
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	Agree
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COSWAP Workforce Development Grant: Independent Conservation Corps Application

The Colorado Department of Natural Resources - Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program (COSWAP) has funding available to support wildfire mitigation work by independent conservation corps. Wildfire mitigation projects have a workforce development focus and are not guaranteed to be completed. Independent conservation corps are available in the Strategic Focus Areas listed in the Request for Applications (RFA) found on the COSWAP website.

* Indicates required question

Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding this application, please contact DNR staff:

- Roberta Anderson (roberta.anderson@state.co.us), Program Assistant
- Courtney Young (courtney.young@state.co.us), Program Administrator

How to Apply

Applicants should review the Request for Applications (RFA) before filling out the application. The RFA includes important information on eligibility, timeline, and process.

Applicants should submit a completed application via this form **by November 3, 2025.** Hard copies will not be accepted. You should receive an email confirmation of your submission within one week. If you do not hear back about your application within one week, please contact Roberta Anderson.

Application Overview

1.	Project name:	*

2.	Organization name (entity legally response	ible for the project): *
3.	Organization mailing address, city, state,	and zip code: *
4.	Name and title of person completing this	application: *
5.	Your email address: *	
6.	Your phone number: *	
7.	Name and title of project manager: *	
8.	Project manager email address: *	
9.	Project manager phone number: *	

10.	Is your project located in a <u>Strategic Focus Area?</u> *
	Mark only one oval.
	Yes No
11.	Project county: *
12.	Property owner: *
13.	If the project manager is different from the property owner, please describe that relationship.
14.	Property name (if applicable): *
15.	Project size (acreage): *

Approximate project and access coordinates (lat, long): *
The project manager is responsible for securing access and all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental analysis documentation necessary to comply with local, state, and/or federal laws. Please indicate your status of due diligence.
Mark only one oval.
In process
Complete
Desired months for project work in 2026/2027: *
Is this timeline flexible? *
Mark only one oval.
Yes

Conservation Corps Information

Applicants are required to speak with a conservation corps representative about their project before applying. Please enter in the contact information for the representative who has reviewed this project and affirmed their organization is fully aware of, and agrees to, the scope of work, budget, approximate crew time needed, and timeline.

).	Name of conservation corps: *
1.	Name of conservation corps representative with whom you spoke about this project:
2.	Their title: *
3.	Their phone number: *
l.	Their email address: *
	Have you worked with this workforce partner before? * Mark only one oval.
	Yes No
).	How many crew weeks are you requesting for your project? *

Application Narrative

For your application to score highly, we recommend reviewing the COSWAP Ranking Sheet at the end of the Request for Applications. This can help you understand how to best answer the questions in the application.

Organization Info

В	riefly describe your organization and your role in wildfire mitigation. *
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	hare your involvement with any local and/or regional partnerships. Is this roject planned in collaboration with any other organizations?
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D	escribe your organization's ability to provide project oversight and
	nanagement on your project.
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Project Purpose and Objectives

30.	In one sentence, share the purpose of your project.
	In a SMART format (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and timely), list three objectives that support your project's purpose.
31.	How will this project accomplish your objectives? *
Wild	fire Risk Information
32.	Is your project located in an area at high or highest risk to wildfire as identified * in the <u>CSFS Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Risk Index</u> ? If your community has a localized risk assessment, please share a link and provide the relevant page number (if applicable).

33.	Is your project identified in a Community Wildfire Protection Plan, completed Wildfire Ready Action Plan, FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan, or other plan? If so, please share a link and provide the relevant page number.	
34.	If your project location is not identified as high risk, please explain why your project is a priority.	*
Answ	ect Location ver the following questions in detail. You will be asked to upload a map(s) later in this cation to support these descriptions.	
35.	Describe where this project is located. What access is available to the work site?	*

36.	If this is a continuation of a previously funded COSWAP project, describe how this work is complementary and not duplicative. What acreage was already complete and what are you hoping to achieve now?
37.	What is the closest community to your project? Does your project directly reduce fuels adjacent or within the community?
38.	What other fire mitigation work has been done at this site or in the area? *

•	ct Conditions
	What are the current conditions of the site? Describe the type, density, and health of vegetation.
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•	What are the desired future conditions of the site? *
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Timeline

42.	What is the project timeline? Does your project have seasonal constraints? *
²roj	ect Impact
43.	Explain how this project is strategic, why it is a priority, and how it directly protects life and property.
14.	What types of critical infrastructure does this project directly protect? Types of *critical infrastructure include but are not limited to: evacuation routes, power lines, communication towers, health care and emergency services.

45.	Does your project protect critical watersheds, or municipal and agricultural water supply structures? If so, please describe.		
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Proj	ect Maintenance		
46.	Given the specific target species, regrowth rates, and type of treatment, how long will your project be effective at reducing wildfire risk?	*	
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47.	Please outline a five year maintenance plan for the project. Who will be responsible and how will maintenance be funded?	*	
	Projects targeting species with short regrowth timelines require more thorough and specific maintenance plans.		
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48.	Please explain the time needed for project management, layout, implementation, and reporting. What leveraged funding or resources will you be providing for this project (equipment usage, other public or private funding, etc.)?	*
49.	Please explain if any revenue or cost offsets will be generated by this project, including the value of firewood or material for biomass heating.	*

Scope of Work

Provide a detailed description of each task using the following example format:

#1- Shaded fuel break:

Description of task and methods: Create a shaded fuel break along the primary evacuation route for the Rainbow community. Thin 200ft on either side of the roadway using hand crews. Remove all conifers up to 8 inches diameter at breast height (DBH). Limb all trees greater than 8 inches DBH to 6 feet above ground.

Deliverable: Enhance the primary excavation route by thinning 1 mile of roadway.

#2- Biomass removal:

Description of task and methods: The project will have a combination of hand fed chipping and creation of piles for future burning. Crews will be advised to spread chips no more than 4 inches deep across the project area. Applicant has a qualified crew to burn piles in the off season and will work with the Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC) on a burn plan for winter 2027/2028. Burn piles will be constructed according to DFPC's Colorado Pile Construction Guide. Burn piles are essential for the northeast area of the project due to access issues with driving in a chipper.

Deliverable: Biomass created from this project has a defined plan.

Note: Applicants are able to apply for a project continuation from a previous COSWAP grant. However, applications will not be accepted that have the exact same map and scope of work as the previous application. Please describe how the scope of work has evolved.

50.	Break down the project into a list of tasks to be completed, including specific fuel treatments by acreage. These should be quantifiable items that correspond to the crew types requested. Please see the example above.

51.	The final outlined task should be biomass removal. Please provide a clear plan and timeline for removing any woody material/slash generated by the project.	*
	If creating burn piles, please explain why this is the most effective project treatment and a timeline for burning the piles.	
52.	If creating burn piles, please tell us about your history creating burn piles and having them successfully burned. Share your organization's role in the collaboration that took place to get the piles successfully burned.	

Cash Grant Budget

Applicants can have wildfire mitigation work performed by an independent corps utilizing a cash grant. The maximum grant award is \$200,000.

Up to 10% of the request may be used for indirect costs. Applicants must provide a 25% match of the award amount, except for Tribal entities who are exempt from the match requirement. Please reference the Request for Applications to see a list of eligible and ineligible expenses.

Project Categories

- Conservation corps crew time
- Personnel time: Amount needed for personnel to manage the project, up to 10 hours per week
- Chipping: Amount for chipper rental
- Biomass hauling: Amount for truck or trailer rental and fees for dropping off slash
- Porta-potties: Amount for porta-potty rental
- Other: Herbicides, camping, or other project management expenses not listed above
- Indirect: Indirect costs are the expenses of doing business that are not readily identified in the grant budget. Indirect cannot exceed 10% of the total requested from COSWAP.

Match: In-kind + Cash must equal at least 25% of the total grant share (amount requested from COSWAP).

- In-kind Match: Materials, services and equipment provided by your organization or donated for this project. Volunteer time is also considered in-kind match.
- Cash Match: The direct project expense the grantee provides to the project your cash expenditures for costs related to this specific project, such as project-related staff salaries, equipment rentals, travel costs, and other eligible expenses.

53.	Please indicate which categories you are requesting a cash grant: *
	Check all that apply.
	Independent conservation corps time
	Personnel time for project management
	Chipping
	Biomass Hauling
	Porta-potty rental
	Camping (funding for camping will only be provided if the applicant has exhausted
	all free options)
	Other:
54.	Please upload a complete budget table <u>using this form.</u> *
	Budget naming convention: OrgName.ProjectName.COSWAPWD4.0.Budget
	A sample budget table and narrative can be found on the second tab of the form.
	Files submitted:
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for ho	e describe how you calculated the total for each of the project categories. We are looking burly rates, hours per day, days per week, etc. Include details for both the grant share and h. <u>Please reference the sample budget</u> as an example of the level of detail we are ng for.
55.	Please support the values you have entered into the budget with a written * explanation and/or breakdown of calculations.

Maps

All maps must include a legend and scale. Click here for an example.

56. Please upload a map(s) of the project area. Be sure to indicate where the access route is located, where the specific treatment area is located, and the connectivity to other mitigation work that has been done in the area. If there are multiple treatment types, please differentiate these on the map.

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Map naming convention: OrgName.ProjectName.COSWAPWD4.0.Map

Files submitted:

) Disagree

Agreement, Liability, and Insurance Acknowledgements

57.	I have read the Request for Applications, including the eligible and ineligible expenses.
	Mark only one oval.
	Agree
	Disagree
58.	I have talked to the appropriate people to coordinate this project. *
	Mark only one oval.
	Agree
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62.	I understand the State cannot guarantee project completion. *
	Mark only one oval.
	Agree
	Disagree
63.	I understand that all successful applicants will be required to maintain and provide proof of adequate insurance coverage as detailed in the Grant Agreement. I agree to acquire and maintain such insurance coverage as a condition of any grant award. Mark only one oval.
	Agree
	Disagree

64.	I understand and acknowledge that a successful applicant will be responsible for * providing crews with the following:
	1) Site visit with the crew manager before final grant agreement.
	2) Frequent check-ins and technical project assistance.
	3) Camping locations (if necessary).
	4) Specialty work tools and project supplies as required and not provided by the crew.
	5) On the ground project evaluation throughout the entirety of the project.
	6) All reporting required by the Grant Agreement including a final report to the State.
	7) Lawful access to all properties necessary for project work.
	8) Relevant maps, including geospatial maps, and other pertinent technical support.
	Mark only one oval.
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COSWAP Workforce Development Grant: Wildfire Mitigation Training Application

The Colorado Department of Natural Resources - Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program (COSWAP) has funding available to support wildfire mitigation trainings. COSWAP supports trainings that are new to your workforce and add tangible value. Eligible training opportunities are listed in the Request for Applications found on the COSWAP website.

* Indicates required question

Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding this application, please contact DNR staff:

- Roberta Anderson (roberta.anderson@state.co.us), Program Assistant
- Courtney Young (courtney.young@state.co.us), Program Administrator

How to Apply

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Applicants should submit a completed application via this form **by November 3, 2025.** Hard copies will not be accepted. You should receive an email confirmation of your submission within one week. If you do not hear back about your application within one week, please contact Roberta Anderson.

Applicants are required to communicate with the potential trainees listed on the grant application before submitting their proposal.

Application Overview

1.	Project name:	*

2.	Organization name (entity legally response	ible for the project): *
3.	Organization mailing address, city, state,	and zip code: *
4.	Name and title of person completing this	application: *
5.	Your email address: *	
6.	Your phone number: *	
7.	Name and title of project manager: *	
8.	Project manager email address: *	
9.	Project manager phone number: *	

10.	For which wildfire mitigation training opportunity are you applying? *
	Check all that apply.
	S-130/S-190/L-180 Basic Firefighting and Wildland Fire Behavior S-212 Wildland Fire Chainsaw Operations
	Prescribed Fire Training Exchange (TREX)
Ар	plication Narrative
at	r your application to score highly, we recommend reviewing the COSWAP Ranking Sheet the end of the Request for Applications. This can help you understand how to best swer the questions in the application.
Orga	nization Questions
Orga	Briefly describe your organization and your role in wildfire mitigation. What local and/or regional partnerships are you affiliated with?
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beyor	nd standard trainings. How is this additional?
	leveraged funding or resources will you be providing for this training erials, staff time, other funding sources, etc.)?
	MART format (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and timely), lobjectives for this training. How will you measure success for this training

Trainee Questions

	Demonstrate the need for this training. How will this training increase the forestry and mitigation workforce?	*
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L	ist the number of trainees for each of the trainings applied for: *	
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	Who are the people to be trained? How are they affiliated with your organization?	*
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If employed by your organization or in the wildfire mitigation field, please note their titles and job duties related to wildfire mitigation. If not employed by your organization or within the mitigation field, please describe how these individuals have shown commitment to wildfire mitigation. How do the trainees plan to engage in the workforce? If not employed in the forestry and mitigation field, what will their impact be beyond their own properties?	What roles or qualifications does this population already have?
forestry and mitigation field, what will their impact be beyond their own	their titles and job duties related to wildfire mitigation. If not employed by your organization or within the mitigation field, please describe how these
forestry and mitigation field, what will their impact be beyond their own	

Over	r how many days and on what timeline will this training occur? *	
	will be conducting the training? What is their name, title and lifications? If the training will occur at The Colorado Wildland Fire	& Incide
-	agement Academy or Colorado Fire Camp, please indicate that.	a merae

Preparation Questions

tl	or TREX: Because TREX are complex events to plan, share more information he planning to date. What partners and funding have already been secured? he location been identified? What resources are you still collecting?
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	or in-house trainings: Have you hosted this training before? Share about you
e	xperience coordinating this training.
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	or trainings at a facility: Please share where you are in the process of
C	oordinating this training.

Cash Grant Budget

The maximum cash award for wildfire mitigation workforce training is \$100,000. Up to 10% of the request may be used for indirect costs. Applicants must provide a 25% match of the award amount, except for Tribal entities who are exempt from the match requirement.

Project Categories

- Personnel time: Amount needed for personnel to attend training.
- Training cost: Actual cost of the wildfire mitigation workforce training tuition, cost of the instructor to host the training (hours spent with students), instructor hours spent preparing for the training (up to 10 for \$130/190 & \$212), equipment rental, and NWCG designated course materials- printed at a shop or ordered.
- Travel expenses: 2025 Federal mileage reimbursement (\$0.70), hotel and <u>GSA</u> <u>approved per diem</u> for overnight travel to a training.
- Indirect: Indirect costs are the expenses of doing business that are not readily identified in the grant budget. Indirect cannot exceed 10% of the total requested from COSWAP.

Ineligible expenses:

- Supplies, equipment purchases and personal protection equipment
- Fully online training courses
- Hardware, software, technology, office supplies, uniforms, etc.
- Programing and/or outreach
- Food and beverage

Match: In-kind + Cash must equal at least 25% of the total grant share (amount requested from COSWAP).

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28.	Please indicate which categories you are requesting a cash grant: *
	Check all that apply.
	Personnel time
	Training costs
	Travel expenses
	Indirect
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Ruda	et Narrative
Please grant budge precis	e describe each of the project categories in detail below. Include details for both the share and match. All entities and organizations receiving funding must be named in the et narrative. The budget will be used to reimburse expenses so costs must be accurate and se. If applicable, please explain if there will be other funding sources contributing to the of the training so it is clear that there is no duplication of payments.
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	Mark only one oval.	
	Agree	
	Disagree	
32.	I have talked to the appropriate people to coordinate this project. *	
	Mark only one oval.	
	Agree	
	Disagree	
33.	All S-130/S-190/L-180 and S-212 trainings will meet curriculum standards for the National Wildfire Coordinating Group.	*
	Mark only one oval.	
	Agree	
	Disagree	
	NA - only requesting TREX	

Authorized Submission

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