



# City Council Communication

**AGENDA DATE:** May 5, 2025

**LEGISTAR ITEM #:** Res 2025-025

**SUBMITTED BY:** Jenny Penoncello **DEPARTMENT:** Finance

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution | <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Admin Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other        |

## REQUEST

Request to support and approve the Generation Wild Northeast Coalition ("GenWild NEMC") 2025 Great Outdoors Colorado ("GOCO") Generation Wild application.

## BACKGROUND

The GenWild NEMC has been collaborating since 2015 for the purpose of conducting the planning and implementation of various projects to improve youth and family connections with the outdoors in the underserved communities near the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge. The GenWild NEMC is made up of:

- City of Commerce City
- City of Aurora
- Bluff Lake Nature Center
- Boy & Girls Club of Metro Denver
- Environmental Learning for Kids
- Groundwork Denver
- Mile High Youth Corps
- Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership
- The Urban Farm
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services
- Friends of the Front Range Wildlife Refuges
- Colorado Parks & Wildlife

The GenWild NEMC is re-applying for Generation Wild funding to connect youth with the opportunities to engage with the outdoors. The City will serve as the sponsoring jurisdiction for the application.

## CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION CONTINUED

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

|                                  |                         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Contractor                       | Great Outdoors Colorado |
| Amount of Request/Contract       | \$To be determined      |
| Amount Not To Exceed             | \$0                     |
| Amount Budgeted                  | \$N/A                   |
| Budget Year                      | FY2025 to 2030          |
| Funding Source                   | Great Outdoors Colorado |
| Additional Funds Needed          | \$N/A                   |
| Funding Source (if funds needed) | N/A                     |

### PROJECT TIMELINE

|                                     |                                  |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Estimated Start Date</b>         | <b>Estimated End Date</b>        |
| 2025                                | 2030                             |
| <b>Years and Months of Contract</b> | <b>Number of Times Renewable</b> |
| 5 Years                             | TBD                              |

### JUSTIFICATION

|                                       |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                               |                                |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Council Goal | <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Plan                                                                                                                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal |
| Citation                              | This project aligns with PRG Master Plan as it aims to heighten programming. A priority need/finding was to increase nature program offerings (Priority Finding 3.6). |                                               |                                |

### BOARDS & COMMISSIONS ASSIGNED

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|------------------------|-----|
| Board or Commission    | N/A |
| Recommendation         | N/A |
| Date of Recommendation | N/A |

### PUBLIC OUTREACH

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| N/A |
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### AVAILABLE ACTIONS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Available Action #1 – Approve Resolution 2025-025 as submitted.</li><li>• Available Action #2 – Opt not to approve and not apply for the grant.</li><li>• Available Action #3 – Provide alternative direction to city staff.</li></ul> |
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## CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION CONTINUED

- Available Action #4 – N/A

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends Action #1, approve as submitted.