



JEFFCO OPEN SPACE FOUNDATION GRANT

Nature's Next Stewards

OVERVIEW

This program was developed on the belief that everyone needs nature to thrive, nature must be loved and cared for, experiential learning is lasting, and that children are nature's next stewards. It has been graciously funded by individual and business donations and by Jefferson County Commissioners award to Jeffco Open Space Foundation (JCOSF) using funding from the Metropolitan Football Stadium District to support existing and new youth programs and initiatives in specific focus areas.

ELIGIBILITY & PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Eligible programs must serve youth in one or more of the following focus areas:

- 1) Equitably connecting youth to nature and the outdoors through existing and new programs, initiatives and partnerships offered by nonprofit organizations, and public park & recreation districts serving unincorporated Jeffco and cities and towns wishing to partner for this purpose.
- 2) Supporting agriculture, equine and horticulture programs and initiatives that introduce, or further youth interest in, farming, ranching, raising livestock, plant and animal care, equestrian and western heritage activities offered at the Jeffco Fairgrounds by nonprofit organizations and public park and recreation providers.
- 3) Cultivating the next generation of conservationists through existing and new programs and initiatives that teach youth to love and appreciate the land and our natural resources, about sound stewardship, outdoor ethics, and trail courtesy, and by providing job opportunities and training that introduce young people to conservation and agriculture careers.

Examples of program expenses include:

- Expansion of existing programs
- Creation of new programs to serve Jeffco youth
- Transportation to program activities
- Scholarships for youth to attend programs
- Supplies and equipment for the program
- Other areas of need identified by providers, youth, and families.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

September 11, 2024	Applications available at: https://forms.office.com/r/1YCNBiuiy2
October 31, 2024	Applications due
December 13, 2024	Grants awarded



AMOUNTS

Up to \$10,000 per grant.

At least 50% of the funds granted under this program must be matched by the receiving organization. Preference will be given to applicants that will match 100% of the funds granted under this program.

OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Recipients will be required to:

- a) provide evidence of general liability and auto liability insurance, with Jefferson County named as an additional insured, as well as comply with other insurance requirements,
- b) periodically report on the status of grant usage and number of youth served, and
- c) use all grant funds by May 2026.

ABOUT US/DONATE

Learn more about JCOSF and help us continue this program into future years by encouraging supporters to donate at <http://www.jcosf.org>



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