



May 21, 2021

Jon Stavney  
Executive Director  
Northwest Colorado Council of Governments  
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Dear Mr. Stavney,

On behalf of the ECO Trails Department of Eagle County, I am requesting the use of the NWCCOG Foundation 501c3 for the purposes of collecting donations for the construction of the Eagle Valley Trail.

The Eagle Valley Trail is an incredible community asset that extends from the top of Vail Pass to the start of Glenwood Canyon. When completed, this paved trail will connect the communities of Eagle County with our neighbors in Summit County to the east, and Glenwood Springs and the Roaring Fork Valley, all the way to Aspen, to the west, along with a spur trail to Minturn. We have just over 12 miles of trail construction needed to complete this 63 mile project.

Recently, the Eagle County Board of County Commissioners designated the Eagle Valley Trail as a high priority project, and is committed to provide most of the estimated \$26 million dollars needed to complete this project. However, we need help from other public and private entities to help reach our goal. As such, we will launch a fundraising campaign to help solicit grants and donations.

Our goal is to complete trail construction by 2025, and we are still working on estimates for both construction and other County resources in order to come up with a dollar amount goal for fundraising. A very rough estimate is that a \$6 million to \$8 million dollar ballpark will be needed from other public entities, grants and fundraising.

I understand there is a 7.5% administration fee. I understand this is typically what is needed to cover your administrative costs. I am requesting that you consider a lower administration fee for larger donations in a fair way that still covers your administration costs.

Sincerely,

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