



## MEMORANDUM

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**MEETING TYPE:BOCC**

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**MEETING DATE:** 12-05-2023

**ITEM NAME:** 2023 SAR GRANT

**SUBMITTED BY:** Kimberly S. Trujillo for James Berg (search and rescue manager)

**SUMMARY:** A application was submitted to Colorado Park and Wildlife for the 2023 Backcountry Search and Rescue Grant. This Grant was awarded on August 31, 2023 in the Amount of \$6,965. 00.

**RECOMMENDATION:** To disburse funds for Radio batteries and SAR trailer markings, as required by CPW. This trailer was purchased last year with SAR Grant money.

**BACKGROUND:**

**BOARD ACTION TAKEN:**

APPROVED

DENIED

OTHER

**SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES:**



**COLORADO**

**Parks and Wildlife**

Department of Natural Resources

August 31, 2023

Sheriff Bruce Newman  
Huerfano County  
500 S Albert Ave  
Walsenburg, CO 81089

**RE: 2023 Backcountry Search and Rescue Year-End Distribution 23-018 - Huerfano County  
- Program and Next Steps**

Dear Sheriff Newman:

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) has reviewed your application for the Backcountry Search and Rescue Year-End distribution. By opting into this grant program, you are eligible to receive a distribution in the amount of **\$6,965** for the purchase of backcountry search and rescue related equipment, training and services. Funds must be expended and all purchased items must be received by June 30, 2024.

This letter and your application, submitted through Google Forms, serve as your contract. Grantees are **not** required to sign additional contract documents.

By submitting your application, you have agreed to the following:

- Distributed funds will only be spent on costs for reasonable and necessary search and rescue related equipment, training, and services. Equipment that can be acquired at no cost or from another funding source are not considered eligible. Paid services can only be acquired from professional service providers.
- Purchases must be made after the award letter is received and prior to June 30, 2024. Funds spent outside of the statutory intent of this program must be returned to CPW. Recipient counties agree to do so within 30 days of the identification of improper fund use.
  - Eligible equipment may include, but is not limited to, computerized mapping systems, GPS units, snowmobiles, ATVs, water rescue boats and equipment, high angle rescue equipment, communications equipment, team owned and issued safety related clothing and equipment, and smaller items such as climbing ropes and accessories.
  - Eligible training may include, but is not limited to, paid professionals providing high angle rescue training, Search and Rescue educational conferences, basic medical training, water rescue training, dog handler training, and ATV/Snowmobile/UAV(drone) training. Medical training is limited to the level minimally necessary for rescue activities. Food and lodging for eligible trainings outside of the grantee's county are eligible expenses and cannot exceed per diem rates allowed by the State of Colorado.




- Eligible Services include vehicle installation and maintenance, mental health and subscription services. Professional licenses and dues to membership associations are not eligible service expenses.
- Non-eligible equipment includes, but is not limited to, the following: building construction or acquisition, vehicles designed primarily for highways such as rescue trucks or four-wheel-drive vehicles, auto accessories, training or equipment for criminal/forensic investigation, rescuer personal items, and medical training beyond what is reasonable and necessary for rescue activities. Items purchased for outreach or fundraising purposes are also not eligible.
- Recipient counties must provide CPW with an annual itemized report showing how grant funds were spent. Required documentation includes invoice with date of purchase, vendor, item purchased, total cost, and payment information (such as a cancelled check, credit card receipt or bank statement).
- CPW reserves the right to initiate detailed monitoring of any recipient county at its sole discretion. All expenditures will be reviewed for eligibility.
- All funds are made payable to the County or County Sheriff. The County is accountable for all funds and is responsible for providing all documentation of expenditures to the CPW Program Manager on or before June 30, 2024.
- Due to appropriation limitations, ANY grant funds not spent by the specific spend-by date(s) above must be returned to CPW.

Next Steps:

- After reviewing this letter, respond to Perry Boydstun by email with your agreement to accept funds.
- Upon receipt of your agreement to accept funds, a payment for the above amount will be issued to your county.

If you have questions, please contact me at (303) 864-7748.

Sincerely,



Perry Boydstun  
BSAR Program Manager

cc: Jim Berg