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Arapahoe County awards Open Space grants to four local agencies *Nearly \$1 million in grants to fund playground, ballpark and skate park improvements*

Littleton, CO – At a Nov. 21 public hearing, the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners awarded \$906,500 in grants for active recreation projects to Arapahoe Park and Recreation District, City of Aurora, Cherry Creek Vista Park and Recreation District and the City of Greenwood Village.

This is the second round of awards from Arapahoe County's Open Space grant program in 2017, following the award of more than \$2.3 million for 12 projects in the spring.

"The grant program is an exciting element of the overall Open Space program because it allows tax dollars to be distributed to our partners on a competitive basis for a wide variety of projects – like active recreation," said Commissioner Kathleen Conti, District 1. "We are excited for these parks to get much needed updates and enhancements so that our citizens can enjoy them for many years to come."

[Arapahoe Park and Recreation District](#) plans to use \$182,000 to replace playground equipment and make general enhancements to Spring Creek Park. The park is a wonderful community asset and frequently used for activities, youth athletics and family celebrations.

The [City of Aurora](#) will use \$300,000 to upgrade the lighting at Olympic Park Ballfields. With nearly 100,000 annual users, the ballfields are in need of infrastructure updates so that the park can continue to be a reliable venue for league and tournament play.

With a \$327,000 grant, [Cherry Creek Vista Park and Recreation District](#) will provide much needed updates to its oldest and most beloved Lakeview Park. New irrigation, playground equipment and parking facilities will support daily use of the park by thousands of users, including competitive sports teams and local families.

Carson Skate Park is a popular spot right in the backyard of [Greenwood Village](#) City Hall. Boarders, scooters and BMX bikers are stacked up on the deck after school and on the weekends waiting to drop in. The City has received great feedback from the park's users requesting more features that allow for different types of use. A \$97,500 grant will help to expand the park by 4,000 square feet adding new street elements like rails, tabletops, stairs and fun boxes.

Since 2004, Arapahoe County's [Open Space](#) grant program has awarded more than \$32 million to 25 local agencies for 192 projects throughout the County.

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