

## Larimer County gives out small grants for land projects



In 2020, youth volunteers from Wildlands Restoration Volunteers work to collect native seed for planting at a variety of locations, including River Bluffs Open Space. Volunteers also planted native container plants, removed invasive species, planted willows, and learned about local ecology and restoration. (© Rachel Brett / Special to the Reporter-Herald)

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Larimer County Natural Resources announced Friday that seven community and neighborhood projects that help educate and connect people to the land will receive \$18,764 in grants.

The awards come from the department's Small Grants for Community Partnering program.

The 2021 grantees, projects, amounts and locations include:

- Heart-J Center for Experiential Learning, Loveland, Heart-J Adventure Trail at Sylvan Dale Ranch, \$3,000.
- Loveland Historical Society, Loveland, Mariano Medina Cemetery site improvements, \$2,060.
- Loveland Youth Gardeners, Loveland, LYG site development, \$3,000.
- Denver Museum of Nature & Science, Larimer County Open Spaces, Age and Origin of Larimer County's Signature Stone: The Lyon's Sandstone, \$2,977.
- Georgetown Townhomes HOA, Fort Collins, Georgetown Gardens, \$3,000.
- Sproutin' Up, Fort Collins, Community Supported Agriculture farm expansion, \$3,000.

- Terry Shores HOA, Fort Collins, accessible lake access project, \$1,727.

The Small Grants for Community Partnering come from Help Preserve Open Spaces sales tax dollars set aside for projects that enhance natural areas; create public linkages with existing open lands and parks; offer opportunities for environmental education, outdoor recreation or nature interpretation; provide opportunities for people to connect with the land through agriculture or increased access to open spaces and natural areas; or develop new research on Larimer County open spaces.