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Alamosa receives \$347,794 GOCO grant for first phase of Montaña Azul Park

Today the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) board awarded the City of Alamosa \$347,794 for construction of a community park in the Montaña Azul subdivision. The project was one of 14 selected for funding from a pool of 59, with funding requested totaling more than triple what was available.

The GOCO [Local Park and Outdoor Recreation grant](#) will help Alamosa complete the first phase of building Montaña Azul Park, which currently serves as a stormwater retention area. After development, the 5.6-acre park will continue to store storm water but will also provide close-to-home recreation for residents. The dual-purpose nature of the park makes it the first of its kind for the city.

The park is within walking distance of all Montaña Azul residents, who currently have no neighborhood park and who have cited transportation as a barrier to recreation, and is a short distance from Alamosa Elementary School, which will encourage more children and their families to play.

As part of phase one, centered around development of the eastern half of the park, the city will create an irrigated, youth soccer field, which will allow for multiple uses beyond soccer including football, frisbee, and kite-flying. It will build a concrete basketball court, a quarter-mile walking track with native plantings, a community pavilion and shade structures, and an adaptive, ADA-accessible playground.

Construction will begin in April 2018, and the park is slated to open to the public during fall 2018.

To date, GOCO has invested nearly \$7 million in projects in Alamosa County and has conserved more than 10,000 acres of land there. GOCO funding has supported the Alamosa Multi-Use Pavilion and Ice Rink, the Cole Park

Skatepark, and the Recreation Inspires Opportunity (Alamosa RIO!) effort to get kids and families outside.

Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) invests a portion of Colorado Lottery proceeds to help preserve and enhance the state's parks, trails, wildlife, rivers, and open spaces. GOCO's independent board awards competitive grants to local governments and land trusts, and makes investments through Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Created when voters approved a Constitutional Amendment in 1992, GOCO has since funded more than 5,000 projects in urban and rural areas in all 64 counties without any tax dollar support. Visit GOCO.org for more information.