



TOWN OF ELIZABETH POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To: *Mayor Angela Ternus, Mayor Pro Tem Hutchins, and Board of Trustees*

From: *Jeff Engel, Chief of Police*

Subject: Application for Energy/Mineral Impact Assistance Fund (EIAF) Grant Program

Date: February 25, 2025

SUMMARY:

The Elizabeth Police Department operates out of an aging facility that requires urgent upgrades to ensure officer safety, public security, and overall functionality. In 2022, Town Administrator Patrick Davidson acknowledged that while the facility meets basic operational needs, it suffers from significant structural and security deficiencies. These include:

- Windows: Outdated, energy-inefficient, and poorly placed, compromising officer safety.
- Doors: Weak construction-grade doors that are easily breached, offering minimal security.
- Parking Lot: Crumbling concrete and poor drainage create year-round hazards, worsening in winter due to freeze-thaw cycles.
- Utility Access: Unsecured and easily accessible, posing a security risk.
- Stairs & Decks: The north-side stairs and deck are structurally unsound.
- Lighting: Inadequate exterior and parking lot lighting, reducing visibility and safety.
- DUI Testing Rooms: Lacking critical security measures such as bolted-down chairs.
- Witness Interview Space: No private vestibule interview room, forcing victims and witnesses into sterile, institutional settings.
- Restroom & Shower Facilities: Outdated and non-compliant with ADA standards; second-floor emergency showers provide only cold water.
- Flooring: The public entrance and squad room floors are severely degraded, with noticeable wear, uneven surfaces, and deteriorating coatings, creating an unwelcoming and unprofessional environment.

Recent improvements have addressed some issues:



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- Installation of energy-efficient windows.
- Replacement of weak doors with metal doors.
- Removal of patrol room windows, replaced with brick for security.
- Installation of proper air conditioning on the second floor.

Despite these updates, the facility remains outdated and poses ongoing risks to officers and the community. Comprehensive renovation is necessary to bring the police department up to modern safety, security, and operational standards.

ANALYSIS:

Recent upgrades to the Elizabeth Police Department have enhanced safety, security, and comfort. However, many critical deficiencies remain, some requiring immediate replacement. Given the department's anticipated long-term occupancy, addressing these issues is essential.

To manage costs effectively, an incremental approach to capital improvements is necessary. The Energy/Mineral Impact Assistance Fund (EIAF) Grant, a 50/50 matching grant through the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), offers an opportunity to offset expenses. As outlined by Colorado statute, the grant promotes sustainable community development, increasing livability and resilience through strategic investments. Given the highly competitive nature of this funding, multiple applications may be necessary.

Capital Improvement Priorities

The primary focus is on exterior upgrades, with one interior project included:

- **Parking Lot:** Remove and replace deteriorating concrete with an electric-heated system to enhance slip, trip, and fall prevention for the public and officers. Facilitate efficient snow removal operations.
- **Siding:** Replace outdated and discolored siding to improve aesthetics and durability.
- **Roof:** Install a new roof, integrating solar panels to power the heated parking system and reduce operational electricity costs.
- **Lighting:** Upgrade exterior lighting to improve safety and security and enhance visibility in nighttime conditions.



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- Flagpoles: Install commercial grade flagpoles with proper illumination.
- Flooring:
 - Replace and upgrade commercial-grade flooring in the public vestibule to create a more professional and welcoming environment.
 - Remove, level, and install new commercial-grade flooring in the records management office and squad room to improve safety and functionality.

These targeted improvements will modernize the police department, enhance officer and public safety, and reduce long-term maintenance costs. Pursuing EIAF funding is a strategic step toward securing these essential upgrades.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends the consideration and authorization to execute and submit all required documents for the grant application for the Energy/Mineral Impact Assistance (EIAF) Grant Program.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

As a matching grant, the Town of Elizabeth is responsible for 50% of the total cost of the indicated projects. The estimated costs are as follows:

Project	Estimated Cost	Grant Request	Town of Elizabeth
PD Flooring	\$ 23,100.00	\$ 23,100.00	\$ 11,500.00
Concrete parking lot	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 33,000.00
Concrete Pad Heating	\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00	\$ 88,000.00
Siding	\$ 41,800.00	\$ 41,800.00	\$ 20,900.00
Lighting	\$ 10,333.00	\$ 10,333.00	\$ 5,166.50
Flag Poles/Lighting	\$ 8,045.00	\$ 8,045.00	\$ 4,219.00
Roof	\$35,000.00	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 19,250.00
ADA compliant Ramp	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Solar Power	\$ 82,500.00	\$82,500.00	\$ 41,800.00

The estimated total for the grant project is \$567,278.00 and a town match of \$283,835.00.



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ATTACHMENT(S)

Resolution 25R-13

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RESOLUTION 25R-13

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ALL REQUIRED AND NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE EIAF GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, under the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Energy/Mineral Impact Assistance (EIAF) Grant Program, grant funding is available for the Town of Elizabeth; and

WHEREAS the EIAF Grant Program authorizes the Town of Elizabeth to seek grant funding between \$200,001 to \$1,000,000 within Elizabeth; and

WHEREAS, Staff and the Board have identified Nine (9) specific projects for consideration, including: (1) Removal and instillation of new concrete in the police department parking lot, (2) Instillation of electrical pad heating for parking lot, (3) Instillation of parking lot lighting, (4) Instillation of commercial grade flag poles, (5) Removal and instillation of exterior siding, (6) Removal and instillation of new roof, (7) Instillation of solar electric power, (8) Instillation of lower level interior flooring, except public bathrooms., (9) Removal and instillation of new ADA complaint ramp to police department.

WHEREAS applications will be submitted seeking funding of no less than \$400,000 and no more than \$700,000 for the nine (9) of the projects previously identified; and

WHEREAS applications submitted require matching funds of 50% of the cost of the projects previously identified.

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor of the Town of Elizabeth and/or the Town Administrator to execute and submit all required and necessary documents for grant applications to the EIAF Grant Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF ELIZABETH, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:

The Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor of the Town of Elizabeth and/or the Town Administrator to execute and submit all required documents for grant applications to the Energy/Mineral Impact Assistance (EIAF) Grant Program.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 25th day of February 2025, by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Elizabeth, Colorado, on first and final reading, by a vote of _____ for and _____ against.

Angela Ternus, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle M. Oeser, Town Clerk