



TOWN OF GRAND LAKE

STAFF REPORT

TO Mayor & Trustees **FROM** Steve Kudron, Town Manager **DATE** June 8, 2026

ACTION TYPE: Action Requested Information Only

RE: Colorado Energy Office Local IMPACT Accelerator Grant Award and Antero Group Consulting and Implementation Services Contract

BACKGROUND

The Town of Grand Lake has been notified of a significant grant award that will directly advance the Board’s long-standing goal of developing a final mile transit solution that reduces dependence on automobiles during peak visitation seasons. On March 25, 2026, the Colorado Energy Office (“CEO”) issued an Intent to Award Letter to the Town for a Local Implementation, Mitigation, and Policy Action Accelerator Grant (“Local IMPACT Accelerator”) in the amount of \$2,135,000. This program is funded through the U.S. EPA’s Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (“CPRG”) and is part of a statewide \$50 million initiative supporting local governments in adopting policies that reduce emissions, improve air quality, and advance multimodal transportation.

Staff has been working with Antero Group, LLC throughout the development of the project concept and grant application. With the award now in hand, it is necessary to execute a formal consulting and implementation services contract with Antero to manage and deliver the full scope of the grant-funded work on the Town’s behalf.

Grant Program	Total Award
CEO Local IMPACT Accelerator	\$2,135,000

GRANT PROJECT OVERVIEW AND OUTCOMES

The grant funds a Mobility and Land Use Integration Policy and a corresponding implementation project. The policy component includes adopting a Complete Streets Ordinance, enacting Parking Management and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) reforms, and reducing barriers to affordable housing such as allowing Accessory Dwelling Units by right. The implementation component encompasses physical and operational improvements to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions:

- Construction of the full Multimodal Path and Hiker’s Path connections linking the Mobility Hub to downtown, trailheads, and the waterfront marina
- Creation of a fully operational Mobility Hub including e-Bike sharing, long-term bike storage, solar lighting, and ADA-compliant surface improvements
- Installation of townwide, consistently branded regulatory and visitor wayfinding signage
- Safety improvements including filling all sidewalk gaps (500–1,000 linear feet), installing 3–5 curb extensions, and raising 4–8 crosswalks to full ADA compliance
- Development of a Gateway Community Toolkit documenting adopted policies, measured VMT and GHG outcomes, and operational guidance for statewide distribution through CEO and CDOT

Phase	Scope	Funding
Phase 1	Project administration, quality assurance, policy development & adoption	\$287,000
Phase 2	Physical implementation: multimodal paths, Mobility Hub, signage, sidewalks, crosswalks, Gateway Toolkit	\$1,848,000
Total	Full grant-funded scope	\$2,135,000

APPROXIMATE PHASE 1 PROJECT TIMELINE

Phase 1 work is anticipated to begin upon execution of the grant subaward agreement with CEO in late summer 2026. Phase 2, covering physical implementation, is contingent on CEO's approval of a Task Continuation Work Request following completion of Phase 1, with construction beginning June 2027 and project completion by December 2028.

Phase 1 Task / Milestone	Estimated Timeline
Grant Subaward Agreement Execution / Kickoff	Summer 2026
Existing Conditions Analysis (Traffic & Parking)	Sept – Nov 2026
Policy Development & Public Engagement	Sept 2026 – May 2027
Implementation Toolkit & Design Standards	Jan – Mar 2027
Legal Review & Interagency Coordination	Mar – May 2027
Formal Policy Adoption by Board of Trustees	Apr – May 2027
Task Continuation Work Request to CEO	Within 30 days of Phase 1 completion

ANTERO GROUP CONSULTING AND IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES CONTRACT

Staff has negotiated a Consulting and Implementation Services Contract with Antero Group, LLC in the lump sum amount of \$2,135,000, corresponding dollar-for-dollar with the total grant award. Antero Group will manage all phases of the grant on the Town's behalf, including project administration, quality assurance reporting, policy development, interagency coordination, public engagement, and physical implementation. Each phase of work will be initiated through a Town-approved Purchase Order, ensuring no expenditure occurs without explicit Board authorization.

Staff recommends approval for five reasons: (1) Antero has an established relationship with the Town and deep familiarity with Grand Lake's context, reducing startup time; (2) Principal Eric Neagu holds PE, LEED AP, and AICP credentials, and the firm's team spans planning, transportation engineering, grant administration, and community engagement; (3) no phase of work commences without a Town-approved Purchase Order, and monthly progress reports will be provided to both the Town and CEO; (4) Antero will conduct a competitive RFQ process for construction subcontracts, ensuring federal procurement compliance while relieving Town staff of administrative burden; and (5) the contract is fully aligned with the grant award, capturing the full \$2,135,000 benefit with no net general fund expenditure. Delay creates schedule risk, as CEO requires project activity to begin within 12 business days of grant agreement execution.

FISCAL NOTE

The contract amount of \$2,135,000 is fully funded by the CEO Local IMPACT Accelerator Grant. There is no required local match and no net general fund expenditure. No phase of work commences without a Town-approved Purchase Order, ensuring the Board retains control over expenditures at every stage. Antero Group will invoice monthly and provide progress reports to both the Town and CEO.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the Consulting and Implementation Services Contract with Antero Group, LLC for the Grand Lake Accelerator Grant Project in the lump sum amount of \$2,135,000, and authorize the Mayor to execute the contract on behalf of the Town. This contract represents a transformational investment in Grand Lake's transportation future, funded entirely through competitive grant dollars, and positions the Town to lead the state in rural, automobile-free mobility solutions.

SUGGESTED MOTION

"I move to approve the Consulting and Implementation Services Contract between the Town of Grand Lake and Antero Group, LLC for the Grand Lake Accelerator Grant Project in the amount of \$2,135,000, and to authorize the Mayor to execute the contract on behalf of the Town."