



GRAND LAKE COLORADO

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Colorado Department of Local Affairs
Division of Housing
1313 Sherman Street, Room 518
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Letter of Support for Town of Grand Lake Housing Planning Grant Application

To the Housing Planning Grant committee:

On behalf of the Town of Grand Lake Board of Trustees, I am pleased to express strong support for the Town's application to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs Housing Planning Grant Program.

Access to housing is one of the most significant challenges facing Grand Lake. As a small mountain community with a limited housing supply, rising costs, and a strong dependence on local workers to support businesses, public services, and the visitor economy, Grand Lake is experiencing increasing pressure on its ability to retain year-round residents and sustain a stable workforce.

The proposed Strategic Growth Update to the Town's Comprehensive Plan will utilize data from the Housing Action Plan to produce the analysis and implementation framework needed to identify realistic, community-supported strategies to address current and future housing needs. With this work, the Town will bring its planning document into alignment with SB24-174, better understand barriers to housing development, and establish a clear path toward implementation. Just as importantly, the process will create opportunities for meaningful engagement with residents, employers, property owners, and regional partners whose participation is essential to developing effective solutions.

The Board of Trustees is committed to supporting this effort and using the results of the planning process to inform future policy decisions, partnerships, and investments. We believe this project is the next step on the Town's path toward expanding housing opportunities for the local workforce, supporting economic vitality, and preserving Grand Lake as a viable place for residents of different incomes and life stages.

We respectfully request favorable consideration of the Town of Grand Lake's application. Thank you for your commitment to helping Colorado communities address their housing challenges through thoughtful planning and implementation.

Sincerely,

Christina Bergquist
Mayor, Town of Grand Lake
On behalf of the Board of Trustees