

HUERFANO COUNTY FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE

DISTRICT

PO BOX 1173, LA VETA, CO 81055

January 15, 2025

Board of County Commissioners

Huerfano County Courthouse

401 Main Street

Walsenburg, CO 81089

Re: Report of funding received from DOLA, 2024

Pursuant to your Resolution 15-03, § 3.a., please accept this annual “report of accounting for all of the funding that the FML District receives from DOLA...”

Huerfano County Federal Mineral Lease District Budget Message 2025

The Huerfano County Federal Mineral Lease District (HCFMLD) Budget is submitted in accordance with the “Local Government Budget Law” of the State of Colorado. This budget sets HCFMLD expenditures and revenues for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

The HCFMLD Budget establishes expenditure limits for operations and projects in the fiscal year 2025. It is more than a compilation of revenue and expenditure projections in that it reflects the goals, priorities and policies established by the HCFMLD Board of Directors in 2025. The expenses incurred are for the purposes of distributing funds to political subdivisions of the State in conformity with the Federal Mineral Lease District Act, C.R.S. § 30-20-1307, and 30 U.S.C. § 191 to mitigate the social or economic impacts of the development, processing, or conversion of fuels and minerals by the energy industry.

Financial Highlights:

In 2024 HCFMLD received the 2024 check from the State of Colorado, NCSP Local Affairs Energy Impact. The amount was \$16,349.81. This brought HCFMLD checking balance to \$32,248.86. In 2024 the HCFMLD Board of Directors voted to equally distribute grants to all of the 19 active districts. \$30,000 was to be divided equally, or \$1,579.00 for each district. A certified mail announcement was sent to the 19 districts, and this was followed up by email,

phone, or USPS to districts who did not respond to the grant announcement. Of the 19 districts, 15 requested their share. Huerfano County, Huerfano County Housing Authority District, Spanish Peaks Hospital District, and Upper Huerfano Conservation District all declined to request their share, or did not respond to the grant announcement or the followup notices sent to them by HCFMLD. As of December 31, 2024 the checking account balance was \$8,430. Grant shares not awarded in 2024 will be carried forward to the next equal share grant program in 2025. The proposed 2025 Grant program will have approximately \$22,500.00 to work with. Distributed equally to 15 districts the grant amount would be \$1,500.00, for all 19 districts the figure would be \$1,184.00.

Districts receiving 2024 \$1,579 grants were:

1. City of Walsenburg, 2. Upper Huerfano Fire Protection District, 3. Spanish Peaks Library District, 4. Navajo Western Water District, 5. Town of La Veta, 6. La Veta RE-2 School District, 7. La Veta Public Library District, 8. La Veta Fire Protection District, 9. La Veta Cemetery District, 10. Huerfano RE-1 School District, 11. Huerfano Parks and Recreation District, 12. Huerfano County Water Conservancy District, 13. Huerfano County Fire Protection District, 14. Emergency Telephone Service Authority (Emergency 911), and 15. Cucharas Sanitation & Water District.

By statute, the District may make grants only to political subdivisions of the State of Colorado, i.e. local governments. Locally, preference is given to grants specified as requiring matching funds for other grants from outside the County.

Basis of Budgetary Accounting

The HCFMLD General Fund is accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized and accounted for when they become available and measurable. Expenditures are generally recognized when liability is incurred. For those local grants awarded as matching funds for outside grants, the liability is incurred only when the outside grant is made and a request is made by the grantee for the distribution of the matching funds. For local grants which are not matching in nature, the liability is incurred when the grant is made.

Summary

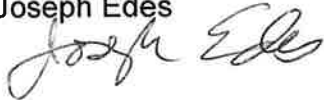
The Board of Directors continues to address the ongoing economic climate in a prudent and fiscally responsible manner, but acknowledges that the direction of future natural resource exploration and development cannot be predicted.

Respectfully,

Karl Sporleder



Joseph Edes



William Barlow



Dated: January 15, 2025

Directors HCFMLD

Exhibit A

Three Year Budget Figures

	A	B	C	D	E
1		2022	2023	2024	Bud 2025
2	Balance Forward	\$25,480.00	\$3,113.00	\$16,064	\$8,430
3	Federal Mineral Lease Payments	\$17,343	\$12,944	\$16,350	\$16,350
4	Interest	\$21	\$6	\$18	\$15
5	Expenditures				
6	Grants Awarded	-\$39,656		-\$23,685	-\$22,500
7	Administrative	-\$75	\$0	-\$318	-\$100
8	Fund Balance December 31	\$3,113	\$16,064	\$8,430	\$2,195

RESOLUTION NO. 25-01

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HUERFANO COUNTY FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE DISTRICT

HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO

RESOLUTION REGARDING ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE HUERFANO COUNTY FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE DISTRICT AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, the Huerfano County Federal Mineral Lease District (hereinafter "the District") is a federal mineral lease district duly created pursuant to the Federal Mineral Lease District Act, C.R.S. § 30-20-1301, etseq, C.R.S. ("Act") and conducts its affairs through its board of directors ("District Board"), C.R.S. § 30-20-1307; and

WHEREAS, the District Board has prepared a proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, the Notice of Availability of the 2025 Proposed Budget and Public Hearing to Adopt the 2025 Budget was published in accordance with law, and the proposed budget has been continuously available for inspection at the Huerfano County Federal Mineral Lease District web page: <https://sites.google.com/view/hcfmld/home> WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 29-1-106, a public hearing was held on January 15, 2025, where interested taxpayers were given the opportunity to file or register any objections to the proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, the District Board conducted a thorough review of the proposed budget and has ensured that the amounts appropriated do not exceed the specified expenditures as required by C.R.S. § 29-1-108(2), and has thereby ensured the District will operate under a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Section 1. The budget as submitted, summarized, and attached hereto is hereby approved and adopted as the budget of the Huerfano County Federal Mineral Lease District for Fiscal Year 2025, January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

Section 2. The District Board hereby appropriates funds consistent with the budget to allow the District to carry out its statutory purposes.

Section 3. A copy of this Resolution shall be delivered to the State of Colorado, Division of Local Government, Department of Local Affairs, as required by law.

DONE THIS 15th day of January, 2025, in Huerfano County, Colorado.

Voting:

Director Sporleder: *Aye*

Director Edes: *Aye*

Director Barlow: *Aye*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HUERFANO COUNTY
FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE DISTRICT

By: _____



President

ATTEST: 
Secretary

Mission Statement

To alleviate social, economic, and public finance impacts from development of natural resources on federal lands within this county, the Huerfano County Federal Mineral Lease District will distribute monies it receives from federal mineral leasing activities to subdivisions of the State of Colorado which represent communities impacted by the development of natural resources for use in (1) planning, (2) construction and maintenance of public facilities, and (3) provision of public services.