



MEMORANDUM

MEETING TYPE: Board of County Commissioners

MEETING DATE: July 23, 2024

ITEM NAME: Local Planning Capacity Grant Acceptance

SUBMITTED BY: Carl Young, County Administrator

SUMMARY: Huerfano County has been awarded a Department of Local Affairs Local Planning Capacity Grant to help the County advance housing projects and coordinate with other local governments and community organizations to develop a housing framework. The proposed project budget is \$145,000 of which \$116,000 would come from DOLA and the County would contribute \$29,000. The County's match would come from American Rescue Plan Act Funds. Funds would be used to hire consultants to help advance projects as well as for a part time employee or contractor to assist with local coordination.

RECOMMENDATION: Motion to accept the award of a DOLA Local Planning Capacity Grant in the amount of \$116,000 and with a County match of \$29,000.

BACKGROUND: The Local Planning Capacity Grant is intended to increase the capacity of local government planning departments responsible for processing land use, permitting, and zoning applications for housing projects. The program supports local governments' capacity to address affordable housing, especially by expediting development review, permitting, and zoning of affordable housing.

BOARD ACTION TAKEN:

APPROVED

DENIED

OTHER

SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIR: _____

NOTES:



COLORADO
Department of Local Affairs
Division of Local Government

July 8, 2024

The Honorable John Galusha, Chair, Board of County Commissioners
Huerfano County
401 Main Street
Walsenburg, Colorado 81089

RE: LPC Grant Award LPC-24-032 Huerfano County Housing Strategy Implementation

Dear Chairman John Galusha:

Congratulations! After thorough review, I am excited to offer a Local Planning Capacity grant award in the amount of **\$116,000** to support **Huerfano County's** project "Housing Strategy Implementation."

This grant program was established by Proposition 123, the State Affordable Housing Fund and is one of several new funding programs available through the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA).

The program supports local government efforts to implement systems that fast track or expedite the development review process for affordable housing and can also support local government capacity to achieve local affordable housing goals and maintain eligibility for Proposition 123 funding.

Your project was reviewed based on a variety of factors including readiness, impact on housing, support from local leadership, and local context. DOLA Program staff are available at any point for assistance as needed with your project. We support your efforts and are excited to share your results with other local governments, the Governor's Office, and the legislature.

Please contact the LPC Program Manager, Robyn DiFalco, robyn.difalco@state.co.us, for additional information on how to proceed with contracting. Please refrain from spending grant funds until a grant agreement is fully executed. Activities that occur prior to grant execution cannot be reimbursed.

I wish you success with your project. Thank you for advancing efforts to build more attainable and affordable housing across the state.

Sincerely,

Maria De-Cambra
Executive Director

cc: Rod Pelton, State Senator
Ty Winter, State Representative
Carl Young III, County Administrator
Kimberly Trujillo, Financial Officer
Tara Marshall, DLG Regional Manager

