



**COLORADO**  
**Department of Local Affairs**  
Division of Local Government

November 8, 2023

The Honorable Colleen Whitlow, Mayor  
Town of Mead  
441 3rd Street  
Mead, CO, 80542

RE: EIAF 9771 - MSL Mead Community Center Construction

Dear Mayor Whitlow:

Congratulations! After thorough review, I am excited to offer a grant award in the amount of \$1,500,000 from the Main Street LIVE Initiative to assist with the above mentioned project.

Your project was reviewed based on a variety of factors such as its connection to energy impact, degree of need, measurable outcomes, amount of request, relationship to community goals, level of local match and community support, management capacity, resiliency and readiness to go. Competition for these limited funds is intense and we are seeing great demand.

DOLA supports local governments with direct place-based development, redevelopment, and housing in downtowns as a critical component to a robust and active economy, local government fiscal health, and sustainable development patterns. The Main Street LIVE Initiative is designed to fund reinvestment in downtowns and enhance long-term sustainability, add to the built environment, attract workforce, and augment other energy and housing projects.

These grant funds will be from state severance tax proceeds, which may cause you to go to election to receive and spend them. You should confer with your legal and budget advisors to determine if such an election is necessary.

Please contact your DOLA Regional Manager, Chris La May, at 970-679-7679 for information on how to proceed. Expenditure of State funds prior to the contract being fully executed cannot be included in the contract budget or reimbursed by the State. Per our program guidelines, this offer is valid for one year from the date of this letter.

I wish you success with your project. Thank you for helping Colorado build an economy where all Coloradans can thrive.

Sincerely,

Rick M. Garcia  
Executive Director

cc: Barbara Kirkmeyer, State Senator  
Ryan Armagost, State Representative  
Helen Migchelbrink, Town of Mead  
Lorelei Nelson, Town of Mead  
Chris La May, DOLA

