



CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM

DEPARTMENT	PRESENTED BY	DATE
Planning	Bill Almquist - Community Development Director	January 16, 2024

ITEM

Resolution 2024-11: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Salida, Colorado, Supporting an Application for State Grant Funds to Assist in the Implementation of Affordable Housing Efforts in Compliance with the Requirements of State of Colorado Proposition 123 and Committing Local Matching Funds

BACKGROUND

In May of 2023, the City of Salida committed to increasing its supply of legally-restricted affordable housing by a minimum of 3% per year over the next 3 years (equaling a minimum of 33 units), per the funding eligibility conditions of Colorado Proposition 123. Amongst the conditions is a requirement that the City create a “fast track” process for development review, permitting, and zoning for affordable housing projects that provide a minimum of 50% of the units legally-restricted affordable. This process must be effective by January 1, 2026 in order for the City to continue to be eligible for Prop 123 funding.

Creating such a process requires a significant amount of updating of the land use code, applications, processes, and the systems the public uses including the City’s website. Additionally, there is considerable need for assistance with our inclusionary housing program, including interaction with the Chaffee Housing Authority regarding implementation of deed-restrictions, expenditure of the affordable housing fund and, in some cases, project management of various aspects of housing developments that the City itself is initiating (e.g. South Ark Neighborhood, 1st & D Apartments, Senior Housing, etc.).

The Local Planning Capacity (LPC) Grant provided through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) will assist with funding of those additional roles which are expected to be carried out by existing staff (whose current roles will eventually be backfilled by a new Assistant Planner). We anticipate that approximately 55% of the modified position will be focused on housing-related duties, all of which can be funded through the LPC grant. The grant will fund the salary to cover housing-related duties for up to two years. With a total annual position cost (inc. benefits) of approximately \$100K, we will be asking for \$55K for two years, for a total of \$110K. We will easily be able to meet the required match of 20% via the remaining budgeted funds for the position (approx. \$45K per year for two years). Should we receive the grant, the overall cost savings would be equal to the grant amount (\$110K). Official City Council support is a requirement of the grant request.

SUGGESTED MOTION



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A council person should make the motion to “approve Resolution 2024-11 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Salida, Colorado, Supporting an Application for State Grant Funds to Assist in the Implementation of Affordable Housing Efforts in Compliance With the Requirements of State of Colorado Proposition 123 and Committing Local Matching Funds”

Attachments: Resolution 2024-11

CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 11
(Series of 2024)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO, SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR STATE GRANT FUNDS TO ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING EFFORTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF STATE OF COLORADO PROPOSITION 123 AND COMMITTING LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS.

WHEREAS, housing, and especially affordable housing, is of paramount need to the community and the local Chaffee County workforce; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salida has committed to increasing the affordable housing supply by a minimum of 3% per year over three years, in compliance with the requirements of Proposition 123; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 123 requires a “fast track” process via the expediting of development review, permitting, and zoning for affordable housing projects providing a minimum of 50% affordable housing, to be implemented by 2026; and

WHEREAS, current Community Development Department staffing levels and workload pose challenges to meeting such requirements; and

WHEREAS, Community Development Department staff desires to revise the responsibilities of an existing Planner position to focus on implementation of the above requirements and efforts (approximately 55% of the time) and intends to backfill the existing position with a new employee; and

WHEREAS, the Local Planning Capacity Grant requested would provide approximately \$55,000 over the next two years (\$110,000 overall) for such revision of responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, local matching fund requirements equal twenty percent (20%) of project/staffing costs for the Local Planning Capacity Grant and those local matching funds are estimated to be approximately \$45,000 over the next two years (approximately \$90,000 overall) to help fund a position costing approximately \$100,000 per year, including benefits.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR STATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING EFFORTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF STATE OF COLORADO PROPOSITION 123 AND COMMITTING LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS.

RESOLVED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of January, 2024.

CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO

Dan Shore, Mayor

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ATTEST:

City Clerk/Deputy City Clerk