



COLORADO
Department of Local Affairs
Division of Local Government

July 10, 2020

The Honorable Garrison Ortiz, Board Chair
Pueblo County
215 W. 10th Street
Pueblo, CO 81003

RE: EIAF 9248 - Pueblo County Regional Comprehensive Dev. Plan Update

Dear Board Chair Ortiz:

The Department of Local Affairs is in receipt of your application for state Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance funds. These revenues are derived from oil, gas, carbon dioxide, coal, and metals extracted in Colorado.

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, and readiness to go. Competition for these limited funds was intense and we had many more requests than we had funds available.

Congratulations! After thorough review, I am excited to offer a grant award in the amount of \$200,000 for the Pueblo County Regional Comprehensive Dev. Plan Update project.

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.

As you know, the affordability of housing in Colorado has reached a critical point and many communities are working to increase their supply. We are encouraging communities engaging in community planning to incorporate best practices as they address their affordable housing needs. Our staff stand ready to assist you in this work, so please start by contacting your Regional Manager.

Please contact your DOLA Regional Manager, Tara Marshall, at 719-544-6577 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: Larry Crowder, State Senator
Bri Buentello, State Representative
Carmen Howard, Pueblo County
Tara Marshall, DOLA

