

Town of Rico Memorandum

Date: March 9, 2023

TO: Town of Rico Board of Trustees

From: Chauncey McCarthy

Consideration of first reading Ordinance No. 2023-02 an ordinance of the Town of Rico, Colorado, authorizing the execution and delivery of a site and improvement lease, a lease purchase agreement, and other documents incidental thereto, all for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing and equipping a public works facility located at 101 Picker street; and authorizing and approving the taking of all other actions necessary or appropriate for the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this ordinance.

Included in this packet is ordinance No. 2023-02 which is needed for the completion of the lease purchase financing option for the Town Shop project. The RFB tabulation summary has been included as well. Troy Bernberg, placement agent, will be attending via zoom to explain the ordinance and answer any questions. Exhibit A, form of site and improvement lease agreement and exhibit B, form of lease purchase agreement, will be provided at the meeting.

Consideration of a partnership between the Town of Rico and the Colorado Non-Profit Corporation Rico Frequency (EIN 84-4539493)

Included in this packet is a letter from the Rico Frequency a Colorado Non-Profit Corporation. They would like to engage in a memorandum of understanding with the Town of Rico to produce a summer music series titled Mountains and Music, including a Street Dance on Mantz during the Rico Independence Day celebration. I have spoke with the Rico Frequency at length about the Street Dance on Mantz and believe it would be a great opportunity for the Town. Clay Hall, President, will be at the meeting to discuss more in depth.

Consideration of a letter of support for San Miguel Power Association, microgrid for the Town of Rico planning grant application

A letter of support for San Miguel Power Association, microgrid for the Town of Rico planning grant application has been included in the packet. Terry Schuyler of San Miguel Power Association has requested that the letter be signed by the mayor. The letter of support will help their grant application be competitive and does not commit the town to any financial obligations.

Approval of DOLA EIAF Cycle 2023-07 grant application

Included in this packet is the Town's DOLA EIAF Cycle 2023-07 grant application. The board must make a motion to approve the application prior to it being submitted. The town is requesting \$949,177 of matching funds from the state to construct a 4012 Sqft public works facility. This project also includes 953 Sqft carport, public parking lot, public restroom, solar panels, and secured storage yard. Total project cost is estimated to be \$1,898,355.

Color Health Test and Go Machine

Tracey Beanland, RN, and Dolores County Health Director will be providing information on the Color Heath Test and Go Machine. Tracey believes that this kiosk could be a good solution to testing needs in

our remote community. To date, more than 600 community sites across the country have joined the Color Health's Community Testing Program to host free COVID-19 PCR testing sites for their communities.

Color Health Provides:

- No cost to the site/LPHA/state - funded 100% through partnership with CDC
- "Clinic in a box" testing model - includes everything the site needs to set-up a test kit pick-up/drop-off area
- Free service if the patient is symptomatic or has been exposed

Regional broadband readiness

Shak Powers, Region 9, will present on regional broadband readiness. Presentation material has been included in the packet.

Introduction to Rico Land Collaborative

Included in this packet is an introductory letter from the Rico Land Collaborative, a local non-profit, that focuses on conservation, education, recreation, and other land use, based on community vision. Skip Zeller, Secretary, will be in attendance to discuss.

Inventory of Town owned parcels

Included in this packet is a GIS overlay of all town owned parcels in Rico along with a zoning map. The board should discuss the future of town owned land and work towards making a plan to best utilize these parcels.

Snow Removal and Street Fund

It has been in an incredibly snowy winter, snow storage is running low, and funds appropriated are being exhausted. We are currently having to truck snow off main street. Over the past two years, at least 4 lots have requested town stops storing snow on them. In addition to losing those lots, there are a few other lots the town uses for snow storage, that will build on within the next year or two. As vacant lots become develop there needs to be a discussion on how to move forward. Items to consider are:

- Trucking snow (purchase dump truck or contract locally)
- Rotary attachment for loader
- Purchasing or leasing land to store snow on
- Winter parking ordinance
- Ballot measure to increase street fund mills

Voluntary lead soils clean up ("VCUP") agreement status

Mayor Pieterse to lead a discussion on the status of the Voluntary lead soils clean up ("VCUP") agreement. Steps for VCUP approval and near-term implementation handout has been included in the packet.

**TOWN OF RICO
ORDINANCE NO. 2023-02**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RICO, COLORADO, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A SITE AND IMPROVEMENT LEASE, A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS INCIDENTAL THERETO, ALL FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING A PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY LOCATED AT 101 PICKER STREET; AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE TAKING OF ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE FOR THE CONSUMMATION OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Rico, Colorado (“Town”) is a Colorado home rule municipality organized pursuant to Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and with the authority of the Town of Rico Home Rule Charter (the “Charter”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 14.1 of the Charter, the Board of Trustees of the Town (the “Board”) is authorized to purchase, sell, exchange, receive a donation of, enter into a lease for greater than two years, or dispose of any interest in real property including easements by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7.1(e) of the Charter, the Board is authorized to enter into lease purchase and installment purchase agreements as a means of acquiring any real or personal property for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to such authority and for the purpose of financing the construction and equipping of a public works facility (the “Project”), the Board has determined and hereby determines that it is in the best interests of the Town and its citizens and inhabitants that the Town and Zions Bancorporation, N.A. d/b/a Vectra Bank Colorado (the “Bank”) enter into a Site Lease Agreement (the “Site Lease”) between the Bank and the Town for the purpose of leasing the Leased Property (as defined in the Site Lease) to the Bank, and concurrently thereof enter into a Lease Agreement (the “Lease”) for the purpose of subleasing the Leased Property back to the Town, all for the purpose of acquiring, improving and equipping the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that: (i) it is necessary, desirable, appropriate and in the best interests of the Town and its citizens and inhabitants that the Town finance a portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing and equipping of the Project; and (ii) that the Lease and the Site Lease be entered into for such public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Base Rentals (as defined in the Lease) and Additional Rentals (as defined in the Lease) payable by the Town under the Lease shall constitute currently budgeted and appropriated expenditures of the Town, and none of the Base Rentals, the Additional Rentals, or any provision of the Lease shall constitute or give rise to a multiple fiscal

year financial obligation, general obligation, bonded indebtedness or other indebtedness of the Town nor a mandatory charge or requirement against the Town in any ensuing fiscal year beyond the then current fiscal year, nor shall the Lease directly or indirectly obligate the Town to make any payments beyond those appropriated for the Town's then current fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, with respect to the transactions contemplated by this ordinance, the Town's obligations under the Lease and the Site Lease do not create any additional obligations on the part of the Town other than as provided for in the Lease and the Site Lease; and

WHEREAS, there have been presented to the Board and are on file at the Town offices the following: (i) the Site Lease, in the proposed form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**; and (ii) the Lease, in the proposed form attached hereto as **Exhibit B**; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-57-204 of the Supplemental Public Securities Act, constituting Title 11, Article 57, Part 2, Colorado Revised Statutes (the "Supplemental Act"), provides that a public entity, including the Town, may elect in an act of issuance to apply all or any of the provisions of the Supplemental Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF ORDAINS THAT:

Section 1. All actions heretofore taken (not inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance) by the Board or the officers of the Town, directed toward approval of the Lease and Site Lease by the Town and consummation of the transactions contemplated by this ordinance, are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

Section 2. The Board hereby finds and determines, pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State, that leasing the Leased Property to the Bank under the terms and provisions set forth in the Site Lease and leasing the Leased Property from the Bank under the terms and provisions set forth in the Lease are necessary, convenient and in furtherance of the Town's purposes and are in the best interests of the inhabitants of the Town. The Board hereby authorizes and approves the financing of the Project and the leasing of the Leased Property to the Bank under the terms and provisions of the Site Lease and the subleasing of the Leased Property from the Bank under the terms and provisions of the Lease.

Section 3. The Lease and the Site Lease in substantially the forms presented to Board, with only such changes therein as are not inconsistent herewith, are in all respects authorized, approved and confirmed. The Mayor and the Town Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Lease and the Site Lease in substantially the forms and with substantially the same content as presented to the Board with only such changes therein as are not inconsistent herewith, for and on behalf of the Town.

Section 4. No provision of this ordinance, the Site Lease nor the Lease, nor any other document or transaction contemplated by this ordinance, shall constitute or give rise to a multiple fiscal year financial obligation, general obligation, bonded indebtedness or other indebtedness of the Town nor a mandatory charge or requirement against the Town in any ensuing fiscal year beyond the then current fiscal year, nor directly or indirectly obligate the Town to make any payments beyond those appropriated for the Town's then current fiscal year;

nor shall this ordinance, the Site Lease, the Lease, or any other document or transaction contemplated by this ordinance, be construed as creating bonded indebtedness of the Town within the meaning of Article VII of the Charter. The Town shall have no obligation to make any payments with respect to the transactions contemplated by this ordinance except the payment of the Base Rentals and Additional Rentals and certain other payments pursuant to the Lease, which payment obligations may be terminated by the Town in accordance with the provisions of the Lease. No provision of this ordinance, the Site Lease, the Lease, or any other document or transaction contemplated by this ordinance shall be construed or interpreted as creating an unlawful delegation of governmental powers or as a donation by or a lending of the credit of the Town within the meaning of Sections 1 or 2 of article XI of the Constitution of the State.

Section 5. The Board hereby finds, determines and declares, pursuant to the Charter and the Constitution and laws of the State, that (i) the lease of the Leased Property by the Town to the Bank under the terms and conditions provided for in the Site Lease, and (ii) the subleasing of the Leased Property by the Town from the Bank under the terms and conditions provided for in the Lease, are necessary, appropriate and in furtherance of the Town's governmental purposes and are in the best interests of the Town and its citizens and inhabitants. The Board further hereby finds, determines and declares, pursuant to the Charter and the Constitution and laws of the State, that: (i) the Base Rentals payable under the Lease during the Lease Term, as defined and provided in the Lease, represent fair value to the Town of its use of the Leased Property; (ii) the maximum term of the Lease does not exceed the useful life of the Leased Property; and (iii) the Option Price, as defined and provided in the Lease, represents the Town's estimate of a fair purchase price to the Town for the Leased Property at the time of exercise of the prepayment option. The Town hereby determines that the Base Rentals does not exceed a reasonable amount so as to place the Town under an economic compulsion to renew the Lease or to exercise its option to purchase the Leased Property thereunder. In making such determinations, the Board has given consideration to the estimated current value of the Leased Property, the uses and purposes for which the Leased Property will be employed by the Town, the benefit to the citizens and inhabitants of the Town by reason of the use and occupancy of the Leased Property pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Lease and the Site Lease, the Town's option to terminate the Site Lease and the expected eventual vesting of title to the Leased Property in the Town.

Section 6. The Board hereby elects to apply all of the provisions of the Supplemental Act to the Lease and in connection therewith delegates to the Town Manager of the Town the authority to make any determination delegable pursuant to Section 11-57-205(1)(a-i), Colorado Revised Statutes, in relation to the Lease, subject to the following parameters and restrictions: (a) the aggregate principal amount of the Rent payable by the Town pursuant to the Lease shall not exceed \$600,000; (b) the Lease Term shall end no later than December 31, 2042; (c) the Lease shall be subject to optional prepayment at any time without a prepayment fee; (d) the maximum net effective interest rate on the Lease payments shall not exceed 8%; and (e) the Site Lease shall end no later than December 31, 2052.

Section 7. The Town hereby approves of actions taken or to be taken by appropriate officers of the Town to make or approve any alterations, changes or additions to the Site Lease and the Lease, as may be necessary or appropriate to correct errors or omissions

therein, to remove ambiguities therefrom, to conform the same to other provisions of said documents or instruments or to this ordinance, or any ordinance or resolution of the Board, or to the provisions of applicable law.

Section 8. The Mayor and other appropriate officers of the Town are hereby authorized to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the Town, and the Town Clerk is authorized to attest and to place the seal of the Town on, the Site Lease, the Lease, any and all additional certificates, documents, instruments and other papers, and to perform all other acts they may deem necessary or appropriate, in order to implement and carry out the matters authorized or contemplated by this ordinance.

In the absence or disability of the Mayor, the Town Clerk or other Town officer, any agreement, document, certificate or other instrument authorized by this Ordinance, or necessary or appropriate to the transactions contemplated by this Ordinance, may be executed, attested, otherwise signed and delivered by the Mayor Pro Tem, the Town Manager or any deputy or assistant Town Clerk, or any deputy or assistant of such other Town officer, as the case may be.

The Board hereby initially and currently designates Chauncey McCarthy, Town Manager, as an Authorized Officer, as defined and as further provided in the Lease. The designation of Chauncey McCarthy as an Authorized Officer may hereafter be changed by motion of the Board.

Section 9. The Town hereby exercises its power as a home rule municipality, pursuant to Article XX of the Constitution of the State, to supersede any and all laws of the State and which may be in conflict herewith or with any provision of the Site Lease or the Lease.

Section 10. The Town hereby designates its obligations under the Lease as a qualified tax-exempt obligation for purposes of Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Code. The Town does not expect to issue more than \$10,000,000 of tax-exempt obligations during calendar year 2023.

Section 11. All bylaws, orders, resolutions or ordinances, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency. This repealer shall not be construed as reviving any bylaw, order, resolution or ordinance or part thereof.

Section 12. If any provision of this ordinance or of any of the documents or instruments authorized or approved hereby, other than the requirement of the Town to pay Base Rentals and Additional Rentals and the requirement of the Bank to provide quiet enjoyment of the Leased Property, as defined in the Lease, and to release the Site Lease and convey the Leased Property to the Town under the conditions set forth in the Site Lease and the Lease, should be held invalid, the invalidity of such provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this ordinance or of such documents or instruments.

Section 13. This ordinance following first reading shall be published by title at least ten (10) days prior the Board meeting at which it will be considered for a second reading.

After introduction and adoption at second reading, the ordinance shall be published a second time by title and along with a statement indicating the effective date. Pursuant to Section 3.5(e) of the Charter, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon final passage following the second reading.

THIS ORDINANCE WAS, FOLLOWING PUBLIC NOTICE, INTRODUCED, READ AND APPROVED ON FIRST READING, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY TITLE ONLY THIS 15TH DAY OF MARCH, 2023.

Nicole Pieterse, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Wolf, Town Clerk

THIS ORDINANCE WAS, FOLLOWING PUBLIC NOTICE, INTRODUCED, READ ON SECOND READING, PASSED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY TITLE ONLY TO BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THIS 19th DAY OF APRIL, 2023.

Nicole Pieterse, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Wolf, Town Clerk

The Effective Date of this Ordinance is April 19, 2023

EXHIBIT A
FORM OF SITE AND IMPROVEMENT LEASE AGREEMENT

EXHIBIT B
FORM OF LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

STATE OF COLORADO)
)
 COUNTY OF DOLORES) SS.
)
 TOWN OF RICO)

I, the duly elected, qualified, and acting Clerk (the “Town Clerk”) of the Town of Rico, Colorado (the “Town”), do hereby certify that:

(i) The foregoing pages are a true, correct and complete copy of an ordinance (the “Ordinance”) that was introduced, approved on first reading and ordered published by posting in accordance with the Town Charter (the “Charter”) by the Board of Trustees of the Town (the “Board”) at a regular meeting thereof held on March 15, 2023, and was introduced, approved on second and final reading, and ordered published by posting in accordance with the Charter on April 19, 2023, which Ordinance has not been revoked, rescinded or repealed and is in full force and effect on the date hereof.

(ii) The Ordinance was duly moved and seconded, and the Ordinance was approved on first reading, at the meeting of March 15, 2023, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the membership of the entire Board as follows:

<u>Boardmember</u>	Voting “Yes”	Voting “No”	Absent	Abstaining
Nicole Pieterse				
Patrick Fallon				
Joe Croke				
Joe Dillsworth				
Chris Condon				
Benn Vernadakis				

(iii) The Ordinance was duly moved and seconded, and the Ordinance was approved on second and final reading, at the meeting of April 19, 2023, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the membership of the entire Board as follows:

<u>Boardmember</u>	Voting "Yes"	Voting "No"	Absent	Abstaining
Nicole Pieterse				
Patrick Fallon				
Joe Croke				
Joe Dillsworth				
Chris Condon				
Benn Vernadakis				

(iv) The members of the Board were present at such meetings and voted on the passage of such Ordinance as set forth above.

(v) The Ordinance was authenticated by the signature of the Mayor, sealed with the Town seal, attested by the Town Clerk, and recorded in the minutes of the Board.

(vi) There are no bylaws, rules or regulations of the Board that might prohibit the adoption of the Ordinance.

(vii) Notices of the meetings of March 15, 2023 and April 19, 2023 in the forms attached hereto as Exhibit A were posted at the Town Hall not less than 30 days prior to each meeting in accordance with law.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Town affixed this ____ day of April, 2023.

[S E A L]

Town Clerk

EXHIBIT A

(Attach Notices of Meetings of March 15, 2023 and April 19, 2023)

Town of Rico

Lease Purchase Agreement, 2023

Request for Bid

Tabulation of Bids Received

Bids tabulated in order received.

BIDDER	SUBMITTED INTEREST RATE	INTEREST RATE TERM	AVG. ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	PREPAYMENT FEATURE (if any)	UPFRONT COSTS
<u>Bank #1 (local)</u>	6.500%	20 Years	\$43,861	\$877,217	Anytime, no penalty.	0.50-1.00% Org. Fee Prefer bank doc.
Alternative	5.000%	5 Years 5yrs; 5yr rate reset (WSJ Prime Rate minus 2.75%; 3% interest rate floor)	\$39,308	\$786,167	Anytime, no penalty.	-
<u>Bank #2 (local)</u> ¹	5.750%	5 Years; 20yr amort. 5yr rate reset (WSJ Prime Rate minus 2%; 4% Max aggregate increase; 2% +/- cap on increases/decreases)	\$41,627	\$832,542	3yrs; 3-2-1% descending prem.	0.50% Org. Fee ? bank counsel
<u>Bank #3 (Front Range)</u> ²	5.410%	Fixed through maturity.	\$40,644	\$812,878	Non-callable.	\$5,000 Bank Org. Fee \$8,000 Bank Attny.
Alternative	5.610%	Fixed through maturity.	\$41,222	\$824,445	No prepayment before 5yrs.	-
<u>Bank #4 (Front Range)</u> ³	5.250%	15 Years Last 5yrs: annual reset 1yr FHLB Des Moines + 99 basis points (bps)	\$40,023	\$800,475	Anytime, 30 days notice, no penalty.	No Org. Fee \$0 bank counsel
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¹ 90-day rate lock; WSJ Prime Rate minus 2% until closing date is set.² 30-day rate lock available; 20yr Topeka FHLB Rate + 0.36%³ Interest rate shown good for 30 days; subject to change until 30-day rate lock set.

Request for Bid Dissemination - Seven Banks

Two of four local banks responded.

Two of three front range banks responded.

\$30,500

\$30,500

\$28,000

\$38,500

\$38,500

\$25,500

Placement Agent	-
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Bond Counsel	-
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Bank Counsel	-
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Bank Origination Fee	-
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Title Commitment	-
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TOTAL	-
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Rico Frequency Proposal for Mountains and Music Summer Series/Street Dance on Mantz

The Colorado Non-Profit Corporation **Rico Frequency** (EIN 84-4539493) would like to propose a partnership between itself and the community of the Town of Rico to produce a summer music series titled **Mountains and Music**, including a **Street Dance on Mantz** during the Rico Independence Day celebration.

Proposed Event Dates:

Sun. June 11 > **Mountains and Music in the Park** with *Last Nickel*
 Tues. July 4 > **Street Dance on Mantz** w/ *Niceness*
 Sun. August 20 > **Mountains and Music in the Park** with *TBA*
 Sun. September 24 > **Mountains and Music in the Park** – *TBA*

Proposed Event Details:

Mountains and Music in the Park

Free shows in the park on the Hay Wagon Stage Scheduled ~3PM to 6PM

No alcohol sales in the park

Food trucks/booths welcome

Kids tent – hula hoops, face painting, etc.

>We don't expect a large turnout. Trash service would be provided by any food vendors and Rico Frequency volunteers. Insurance would be provided under town's policy. We have budgeted to pay for our lone porta-potty pumped after the event.

Street Dance on Mantz

Free show on Hay Wagon Stage next to the courthouse after the parade - ~Noon to 3PM

Beer tent w/ proceeds going toward Fire Dept. and Mountains and Music Series

Kids tent - hula hoops, face painting, etc.

>On the 4th, the trash service & porta-potties would already be in place. EMS would be readily available. We would provide enough volunteers to set up fence, stage, etc. and host a beer tent to raise money for the Rico Frequency and the Fire Dept.

Our goal is a simple one. Bringing the community together to celebrate mountains and music. We are excited to try this *Mountains and Music Series* on a modest trial basis to see if it works for the community. If it works out, it could prove to be an annual family event which in addition to fostering volunteerism and community could provide an economic boost if we are able to tap into more community resources (e.g. the Rico Center, other grants) to gradually bring bigger names to town such as Leftover Salmon, Big Richard, String Dusters, etc... which could bring in more out of town visitors and more revenue. There could even be the possibility of doing a couple of dates in spring, when Rico businesses seem to suffer most.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

The Rico Frequency

"Elevating Community Through Music"



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March 15, 2023

Microgrids for Community Resilience Planning Grant
Colorado Department of Local Affairs
1313 Sherman Street, Room 521, Denver, CO 80203

To Whom it may Concern,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Board of Trustees and residents of Rico to show our town's support to SMPA in the application for the DOLA Microgrid for Community Resilience Planning Grant.

Rico, Colorado is located in Dolores County at 8,825 ft elevation in the San Juan Mountains of Southwest Colorado. We are a remote and rural community with a population of 304 people. The high altitude and southerly latitude of Rico offer diverse, and sometimes, extreme climatic conditions, that can range from warm and pleasant sunny days in the middle of January to harsh snowstorms in the summer months. Significant temperature drops usually occur at night due to the high altitude. Snowstorm events can be substantial, and it is not unusual for roads to be closed, power to be disrupted or emergency services to be delayed.

Rico receives its power from SMPA through a radial feeder distribution line (power delivered from only one direction with no redundant loop). This line traverses a high mountain pass and travels through areas of heavy vegetation, which routinely cause unplanned outages. Rico experiences frequent power outages mostly because of extreme weather events. Despite SMPA's best efforts to quickly resolve the cause of these disruptions, outage conditions can leave residents with limited phone and internet communications and vulnerable to the loss of local anchor services for undetermined periods of time (e.g., fire protection, school, water and septic pumping, gas station, and grocery store, etc.).

In response to these problems, Rico has begun working with SMPA to pursue the initial planning around various power resilience solutions. We expect the planning grant will allow us and SMPA to further pursue the appropriate locations for a solar array, storage/microgrid controls, as well as other feasibility

issues concerning system development, ownership, and financing. A private group of Rico residents is also pursuing solutions that could include the local geothermal resources.

One of the goals outlined in our Town Master Plan includes: “Develop, maintain, and enhance public facilities and services that are directly related to the health and safety of the community as the first priority”. The residents of Rico strongly support the development of enhanced resilience for our community. Another goal included in the Rico Master Plan states “Adopt policies that support energy conservation, increased energy efficiency and conversion to renewable resources.” The Town of Rico views the combination of solar generation and energy storage for backup power to be consistent with your goals.

Thank you very much for your consideration of SMPA’s application for the planning grant on behalf of the Town of Rico.

Sincerely,

Nicole Y. Pieterse, Mayor
Town of Rico



COLORADO
Department of Local Affairs
 Division of Local Government

FY 2023: Cycle 23-07 EIAF Tier I/Tier II Funding Application

Application Overview

You are **required** to work with your Regional Field Manager prior to completing your application. **The DOLA Grants Portal will only be opened for your community to apply upon approval from your Regional Manager.**

The Department of Local Affairs' (DOLA) Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Fund (EIAF) program was created to assist political subdivisions that are socially and/or economically impacted by the development, processing, or energy conversion of minerals and mineral fuels. Funds come from the state severance tax on energy and mineral production and from a portion of the state's share of royalties paid to the federal government for mining and drilling of minerals and mineral fuels on federally-owned land. The creation of the fund is outlined in C.R.S. 34-63-102 (Federal Mineral Lease) and C.R.S. 39-29-110 (Severance). Grant dollars are to be awarded for the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of public facilities and for the provision of services by political subdivisions.

Requests in this Cycle 23-07 may be for either **Tier I**: up to \$200,000 or **Tier II**: over \$200,001 and up to \$1,000,000 with a 1:1 match requirement for any application. Tier I award notifications are anticipated in late May. Tier II applicant presentations are scheduled for late June 2023 with funding decisions anticipated in early July. For more information and additional documentation on the EIAF program, please go to the program website at:

<https://cdola.colorado.gov/energymineral-impact-assistance-fund-grant-eiaf>

PLEASE NOTE: The Principal Representative and Responsible Administrator in Section A MUST be a different person and MUST have different email addresses in order for the application to be accepted into the DOLA Grants Portal.

A. APPLICANT/CONTACT INFORMATION

1. Select Your Organization: *

The list is filtered to eligible organizations. If you do not see your organization listed, please contact DLG at 303-864-7720 for further assistance. In the case of a multi-jurisdictional application, please select the lead organization. Select from a dropdown menu.

In the case of a multijurisdictional application, select the other participating eligible organizations:
 Select from a dropdown menu.

2. Principal Representative:

(In the case of a multi-jurisdictional application, principal representative of the lead organization.)

Honorific:

First Name: *

Middle Name:

Last Name: *

Suffix:

Role: * Select from a dropdown menu in the portal.

Mailing Address: *

Address 2:

City: *

State: *

Zip Code: *

Phone Number: *

Email Address: *

3. Responsible Administrator (will receive all mailings) for the application:

Honorific:

First Name: *

Middle Name:

Last Name: *

Role: *

Mailing Address:*

Address 2:

City: *

State: *

Zip Code: *

Phone Number: *

Email Address: *

B. CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL INFORMATION

Please provide contact information for the chief elected official.

Name *

In case of a multi-jurisdictional application, chief elected official of the "lead" political subdivision.

Title *

Street Address *

City *

State *

Please use the two-letter abbreviation

Zip *

Phone *

Email Address *

C. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**a. Project Title ***Begin the project name with your community name. Example: "*Monte Vista Project Name*" or "*Lincoln County Project Name*".**b. Amount requested ***

The amount requested should equal "Grant Request Total" line in the project budget attached in Section M.

c. Matching funds ***d. For public potable water and public wastewater projects only**

Are you willing to discuss any portion of your match being a DOLA loan (5% interest & up to 20-year term)? Select from a dropdown menu.

d.1 If yes, please enter total loan amount requested

d.2 Desired term of loan

e. Describe the problem, opportunity or challenge that resulted in the request. * (1,000 character limit)

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f. Description of the project scope of work *

Description of the various tasks involved in the project including specific data such as quantities, mileage, square feet, linear ft. etc., as well as specific project location within the city and/or county etc. If this is a broadband planning or middle mile implementation project, describe how it supports last mile expansion. Please be specific to the project. (1,000 character limit)

g. Will the project be undertaken in a wetlands or flood hazard area? * Select from a dropdown menu.

g.1 List flood plain maps/studies reviewed. Describe alternatives considered.(500 character limit)

h. Local priority

If more than one application from the same government (1 of 2, 2 of 2, etc.)
Select from a dropdown menu.

i. Supporting documents

Upload any supporting documents (studies, plans, preliminary reports, schedules, letters of support, etc.) as a single PDF document.

D. DEMONSTRATION OF NEED

The statutory purpose of the Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance program is to provide financial assistance to "political subdivisions socially or economically impacted by the development, processing or energy conversion of minerals and mineral fuels."

a. Demonstration of need *

Why is the project needed at this time? (1,000 character limit)

b. Does this project address the stated need? *

Does this project, as identified in this application, completely address the stated need? If not, please describe additional work or phases and the estimated timeframe. Do you anticipate requesting Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance funds for future phases? (1,000 character limit)

c. What are the consequences if the project is not awarded funds? *

(500 character limit)

E. MEASURABLE OUTCOMES**a. Describe the expected measurable outcomes ***

How will the project enhance the livability* of your region, county, city, town or community? Examples would include constructing a new water plant to eliminate an unsafe drinking water system and provide safe and reliable drinking water; the construction of a new community center would provide expanded community services, or projects achieving goals regarding energy conservation, community heritage, economic development/diversification, traffic congestion, etc. ***(Livability means increasing the value and/or benefit in the areas that are commonly linked in community development such as jobs, housing, transportation, education, hazard mitigation, health and environment)**
(1,000 character limit)

F. ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

Applications will be reviewed based on the projects's potential to transform both the state and local community's energy portfolio, including considerations of additional renewable energy capacity and/or project type, the energy makeup of the local utility, and historic renewable energy adoption.

a. Energy Efficiency *

Will this project implement improved energy efficiencies or a strategy that could result in a reduction of the community carbon footprint, increased conservation of energy, or does it capitalize on renewable energy technology?

Select from dropdown

a.1 If yes, please describe. (500 character limit)

a.2 If no, please explain. (500 character limit)

b. For energy efficiency and building electrification projects

How much will the project reduce electricity demand per year in kWh? (Enter amount)

b.1 How much will the project reduce natural gas use per year in therms? (Enter amount)

b.2 How much will the project reduce other fuel type usage per year?

Please name the fuel type (diesel, propane, etc.) and list the estimated annual reduction. (500 character limit)

c. Renewable and clean energy planning and implementation projects

Applications must assess the current needs of the community and help move the community or region towards 100% renewable energy and/or increased climate resilience. Renewable energy projects should be part of a community's climate action and/or sustainability plan that transitions the current dependence on fossil fuels toward renewable, clean energy sources.

If there is a renewable energy component to your project, please answer the questions below. Projects should advance the 100 percent renewable energy by 2040 goal utilizing specific, measurable outcomes including: energy reduction over baseline (energy efficiency), energy offset over baseline (renewable energy generation) and greenhouse gas reduction over baseline.

What type of technology does the project include? (Select all that apply)

Solar
Hydro
Geothermal
Wind
Other

c.1 If other is selected above, please describe. (150 character limit)

c.2 What electric utility serves the project area? Example: Platte River Power Authority.
(100 character limit)

c.3 How much is the project estimated to save per year in utility costs? (Enter amount)

c.4 For solar and hydro-electric projects

How many kW of generation capacity will be added from your project? (Enter amount)

G. POPULATION AND LOCAL EFFORT

a. Current population *

Current/most recent conservation trust fund/lottery distribution estimate, [Colorado State Demographer](#) estimate, or a projection based on the communities' percentage of overall county population is acceptable.

b. 5 year population projection *

c. Relationship to Community Goals *

Please describe if the project is identified in the applicant's budget or a jurisdictionally approved plan (e.g. capital improvement plan, equipment replacement plan, comprehensive plan, utility plan, road maintenance and improvement plan or other local or regional strategic management or planning document)? (500 character limit)

d. Why can't this project be funded locally? *

(500 character limit)

e. Has this project been deferred because of lack of local funding? If so, how long? *

(500 character limit)

f. Explain the origin and status of your local cash match *

(Note: Whenever possible, local government cash match is on a dollar for dollar match to the award amount.)

Are the local matching funds committed or pending? If pending, when will the status of those funds shift from pending to committed? If funding is awarded and in-kind contributions are included in the project budget, detailed tracking of in-kind will be required. (500 character limit)

2g. Community partners *

What other community entities, organizations, or stakeholders recognize the value of this project and are collaborating with you to achieve increased livability of the community? Please describe how you and your partners are addressing problems across multiple sectors (community, economic, housing, natural resources, etc.) through this project. (1,000 character limit)

h. Tax rate, usage charges, or fees *

Have the applicant's tax rates, user charges or fees been reviewed recently to address funding for the proposed project?

Select from a dropdown menu.

h.1 Tax rate or usage charge modifications

If the tax rate, user charges or fees were modified, what was the modification and when did this change occur? (500 character limit)

H. READINESS

a. If awarded funds, when can the project begin? * (Months)

Tier I awards are made in May with contracts expected in September 2023.

Tier II awards are made in July with contracts expected in October 2023.

Select from a dropdown menu.

b. What is the time frame for project completion? *

Select from a dropdown menu.

c. If design or engineering is a component of this project, please select the percentage of completion that best matches your status. *

Select from a dropdown menu (N/A, 0% - not started, 25% complete, 50% complete, 75% complete, 100% complete)

d. How were project cost estimates determined? *

How did the applicant develop project cost estimates? (500 character limit)

d.1 Is the project supported by bids, professional estimates or other credible information? Select from a dropdown menu.

d.1.i Bids/estimates

Please attach a copy of any supporting documents. (PDF Document)

e. Are any Local, State or Federal permits required before the project can proceed? * If yes, please describe and note the status of permit acquisition. (500 character limit)

f. State or National historic registry designation *

Is the project on a State or National registered historic building, structure, site, or in a State Historic District? Select from a dropdown menu.

f.1 State or National historic registry number

If the project is on the State or National registry, please provide the registry number. DOLA may need to seek a determination of effect from History Colorado and the State Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. (100 character limit)

f.2 Historical, archaeological or cultural significance

Please describe how the project will affect historical, archaeological, or cultural significance of the building, structure, site or district. (500 character limit)

f.3 Attach supporting documents (if applicable)

If on a State or National Register, please upload color photos of the project work areas and a detailed written description of work proposed. The photos and description should include details beyond the general scope of work described above.(Upload photos and description as a single combined PDF document)

I. ENERGY & MINERAL RELATIONSHIP

a. Community energy or mineral impact *

Describe how the community is, has been, or will be impacted by the development, production, or conversion of energy and mineral resources. **For example:** “Heavy truck traffic directly related to energy development is impacting County Road X, or “there are X number of oil and gas wells, storage facilities, transfer stations, etc. in the municipal or county boundaries, or a legacy of energy extraction has resulted in environmental issues in the area, or finally, the closure of energy production facilities is impacting the community.” (500 character limit)

J. RESILIENCY CRITERIA

The Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Program is required to integrate resilience criteria into the program. By bringing resiliency considerations into project planning and implementation, projects should be better poised to benefit a number of sectors (economy, health, infrastructure, etc.), minimize long-term risks, and anticipate or be better prepared to respond to changing conditions faced by Colorado communities.

For clarification or further guidance on how the Resiliency Criteria can be incorporated into projects, visit the [Resiliency Prioritization Criteria](#) section of the [Colorado Resiliency Playbook](#). The [Colorado Resiliency Framework](#) site can also be used to develop a focused approach to incorporate these measures into all, or most projects. Below, please select Yes/NoA for all of the criteria that can be considered to apply to your project. Project scoring for these criteria is based on whether or not the project proposes to incorporate these long-term resiliency measures into the planning, development and implementation of the project.

a. Adaptive capacity: Select from a dropdown menu. *

a.1 Briefly describe how this project includes flexible and adaptable measures that consider future unknowns of changing climate, economic, or social conditions. * (500 character limit)

b. Co-benefits: Select from a dropdown menu. *

b.1 Briefly describe how this project provides solutions that address problems across multiple sectors including the community, economic, health and social, housing, infrastructure, and watersheds and natural resources sectors to create maximum benefit. * (500 character limit)

c. Risk Reduction: Select from a dropdown menu. *

c.1 Briefly describe how this project reduces risk and vulnerability to people, infrastructure, and natural systems.* (500 character limit)

d. Long-term and sustainable: Select from a dropdown menu. *

d.1 Briefly describe how this project will be able to be maintained by the community over its lifetime, reduces environmental impacts and is an investment that will last for generations. The project looks to the future and creates long-term gains for the community.* (500 character limit)

e. Mitigates climate change: Select from a dropdown menu. *

e.1 Briefly describe how the project includes renewable energy components and other solutions to mitigate the effects of climate change as much as possible and move the community or region towards 100% renewable energy. (500 Character limit)

f. Socially Equitable: Select from a dropdown menu. *

f.1 Briefly describe how this project solution is inclusive of and addresses the needs of populations and community groups that have been or are disproportionately and negatively impacted by disasters, including social and economic shocks and stressors. The project addresses inequities, removes barriers, and benefits these populations by equitably distributing project-related benefits and providing access or meeting functional needs. * (500 character limit)

K. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND LAND USE REGULATION PROJECTS ONLY

a. Is this application for a comprehensive plan or land use regulation project? * If no, proceed to Section L.
Select from a dropdown menu.

The State of Colorado requires local governments to adopt Comprehensive (Master) Plans per C.R.S. [30-28-106](#) (for counties) and [31-23-206](#) (for municipalities). When funding comprehensive plans, DOLA **requires** that the following project components be included in the scope of work:

- An inclusive community outreach and engagement plan to ensure participation from underrepresented groups.
- The plan must assess and address housing needs of current and future residents at all levels of affordability. It must include locally-appropriate goals, strategies, and actions to promote affordable housing development. This work must use the best available data (e.g., State Demography Office data or a recent housing needs assessment). When it comes time to consider implementation strategies, jurisdictions may find the Strong Communities [list of Land Use Best Practices](#) helpful in this work.
- Risks of natural and human-caused hazards to life, property, and public resources, and consideration of their impact to vulnerable communities. Include goals, strategies, and/or actions to address and mitigate these hazards (must identify and address all potential hazards as described in the county's Hazard Mitigation Plan). Communities may find DOLA's [Planning for Hazards](#) guide helpful in this work.
- In the spirit of the state's goal to engage with disproportionately impacted communities ([C.R.S. 24-4-109](#)), the plan must use an environmental justice lens, particularly when it comes to the impacts of hazards, resources, and amenities to promote equitable outcomes.
- The plan must address the community's water supply and water quality goals. Per [C.R.S. 31-23-206\(1\)\(d\)](#) and [30-28-106\(3\)\(a\)\(IV\)](#), the community must:
 - Consult and coordinate with local water provider(s),
 - Include water conservation policies, and
 - Identify in the plan water supplies and facilities sufficient to meet public and private infrastructure needs reasonably anticipated or identified in the planning process.

Within the first six months of receiving the grant, awardees must submit a self-assessment, such as the [Colorado Growing Water Smart: Community Self-Assessment](#), to include water supply and demand status and trends, existing water conservation and efficiency goals and policies. Consult the DOLA Land Use and Water Planner before or immediately following award for free technical assistance.
- The plan must include an action plan that prioritizes actions necessary to implement the plan, creates a timeline for implementation, and assigns responsibility for actions.
- And, *for municipalities only*, a plan for three miles outside municipal boundaries, also known as the three mile plan, per [C.R.S. 31-12-105\(1\)\(e\)\(I\)](#).

The department **strongly encourages** the following:

- Land use code updates: Because the land use code implements a comprehensive plan, a land use code update is strongly recommended to immediately follow a comprehensive plan update.
- Policies and strategies in the comprehensive plan and land use code to plan for the community's aging demographic.
- Policies and strategies to address energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and increase the use of renewable energy sources where applicable.
- Intergovernmental agreement(s) (IGA) with neighboring jurisdiction(s) to cooperatively plan for areas of mutual interest (e.g., three mile areas). In addition, the IGA will address how infrastructure will be provided or upgraded and maintained in areas of mutual interest and engage major service providers/special districts, as applicable.

b. We agree to include the Department of Local Affairs' required elements for Comprehensive (Master) Plans as identified above in addition to C.R.S. [30-28-106](#) (for counties) and [31-23-206](#) (for municipalities) in the project scope of work.

Select from a dropdown:

b.1 If no, explain why the required elements will not be included in your project scope of work. For example, recently completed tasks or plans listed above would be incorporated into the comprehensive plan by reference. (500 character limit)

L. HIGH PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATION (HPCP) PROGRAM COMPLIANCE

For new facilities, additions and renovation projects only. NOTE: If your project will use 25% or more in state funds, then some form of HPCP compliance most likely applies to your project.

Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S. 24-30-1305.5) requires all new facilities, additions, and renovation projects that meet all of the following criteria to conform with the High Performance Certification Program (HPCP) adopted by the Office of the State Architect if:

- The project receives 25% or more of state funds (from any/all state funding sources and in aggregate across all project phases, if applicable); **and**
- The new facility, addition, or renovation project contains 5,000 or more gross square feet (NOTE: this includes all phases of project work, e.g., if one phase covers 3,000 square feet and another covers 2,000 square feet then each phase must comply, however, square footage not conditioned for human occupancy, such as an equipment shed, is excluded); **and**
- The building includes or will include an HVAC system; **and**
- In the case of a renovation project, the cost of the renovation exceeds 25% of the current value of the property.

Projects that meet the above criteria are required to complete and submit the [DOLA checklist](#). Please visit DOLA's HPCP web page at [High Performance Certification](#) or contact your DOLA Regional Manager.

a. HPCP applicability *

Is the applicant seeking 25% or more of state funds (from any/all state funding sources and in aggregate across all project phases, if applicable)? Select from a dropdown menu.

a.1 If yes, complete the remainder of this section.

b.If no, the project does not meet the HPCP requirements and the DOLA checklist does not need to be completed and proceed to Section M.

b. HVAC details *

Please select the type of HVAC system for this project.?

Select from a dropdown menu (HVAC upgrade, new HVAC system, N/A).

c. Project type *

Please select the type of construction project.

Select from a dropdown menu (new construction, renovation, new construction & renovation, N/A).

c.1 Square footage in excess of 5,000 square feet

Is the building square footage (new construction and/or renovation) 5,000 SF or more?Select from a dropdown menu.

c.2 Building square footage

What is the building square footage; indicate whether the square footage is new, renovation, or both.(500 character limit)

d. For renovation projects only, does the cost exceed 25% of the current value of the property? * Select from the drop down list.

d.1. What is the current property value?

Current property value is determined on the assessed or appraised value.

d.2 What is the total project cost for the renovations?

e. Does this project meet the HPCP criteria?

If you answered “yes” to questions a and b, then your project likely meets the HPCP applicability criteria and you **must** complete the HPCP registration form and preliminary checklist and upload below. (See DOLA’s HPCP web page for registration and checklist form.)

e.1 HPCP registration form and checklist

Please upload the HPCP registration and checklist form from <https://cdola.colorado.gov/high-performance-certification-program> in an Excel format.

f. Third party verification

Have you included any costs in the budget for this grant application for third party verification to comply with the High Performance Certification Program?
Select from a dropdown menu.

f.1 Third party verification cost

If you answered yes above, please specify the estimated cost for third participation verification/certification.

f.2 Third party verification resources

Will you need assistance locating resources, third party consultants, or technical assistance for HPCP third party verification requirements, preparing cost estimates, or otherwise complying with the HPCP?
Select from a dropdown menu.

f.2.i Third party verification resources required

If you answered yes above, please describe the type of resource identification assistance you need.
(500 character limit)

M. FINANCIAL INFORMATION (CURRENT YEAR) & BUDGET

Please download and complete an Applicant Financials & Budget Template with the lead agency information as well as any co-applicants on this application. The Applicant Financials Template is on the DOLA website under Forms and Resources tab at <https://cdola.colorado.gov/funding-programs/energy/mineral-impact-assistance-fund-grant-eiaf>.

a. Financial Information Upload

Please upload the completed Project Financials & Budget in an Excel format and name it: <Organization>Financials.xls. Example: "LincolnCountyFinancials.xls" *

N. TABOR COMPLIANCE

a. Voter authorization *

Does the applicant jurisdiction have voter authorization to receive and expend state grants without regard to TABOR spending limitations?

Select from a dropdown menu.

a.1 If yes, please explain

(500 character limit)

a.2 If no, would receipt of these grant funds, if awarded, result in the local government exceeding revenue limitations, prompting a refund?

Select from a dropdown menu

b. Affirm Local Government Attorney has confirmed this TABOR statement * Select from a dropdown menu.

O. OFFICIAL ACTION

a. Date of official Board, Council or Commission action *

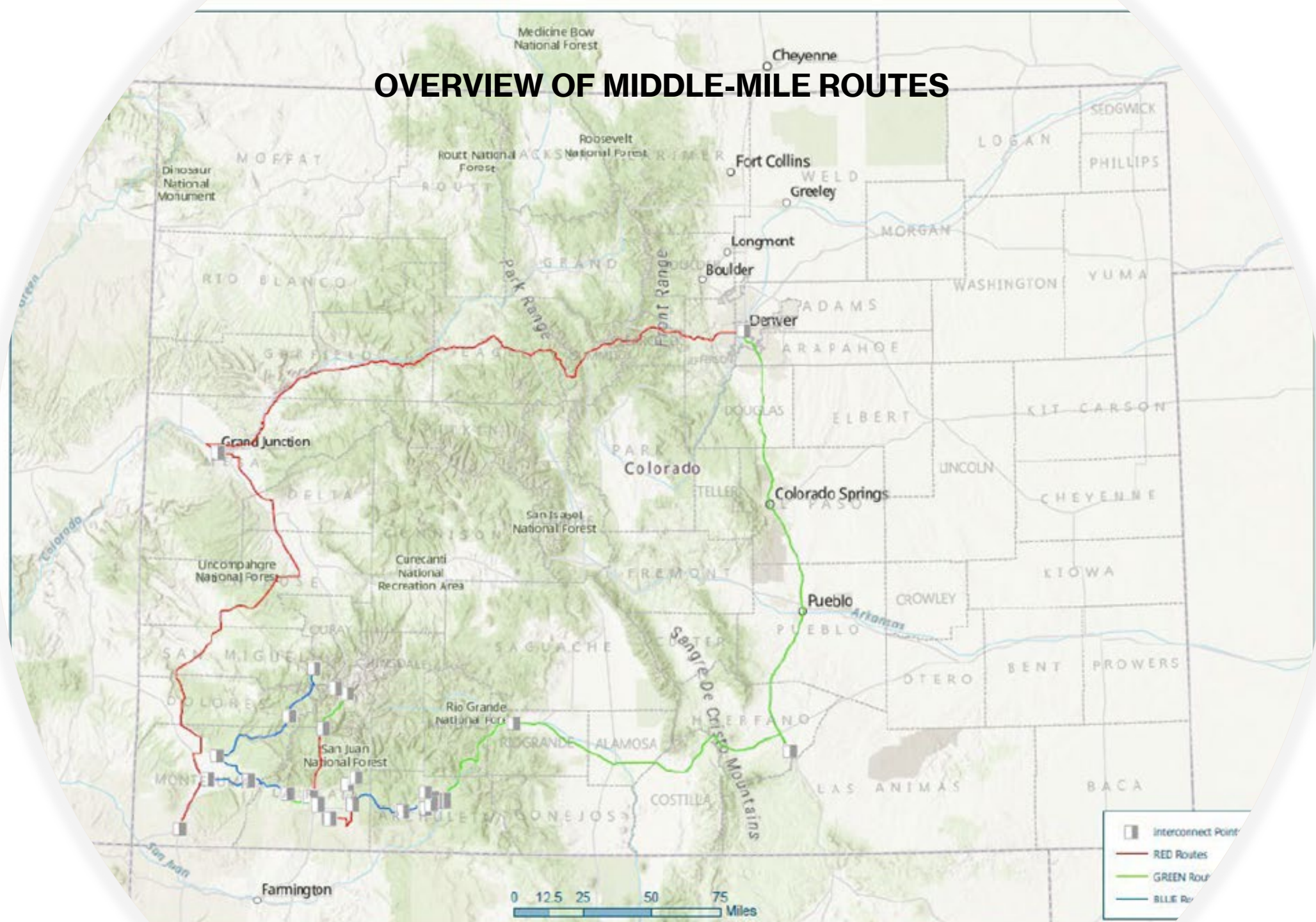
Enter the date that this application was approved for submission to DOLA by the Board, Council or Commission.

a.1 Enter Date

BECOMING BROADBAND READY

AT THE LOCAL LEVEL – TOWN OF RICO

OVERVIEW OF MIDDLE-MILE ROUTES



Overview of Middle Mile Routes

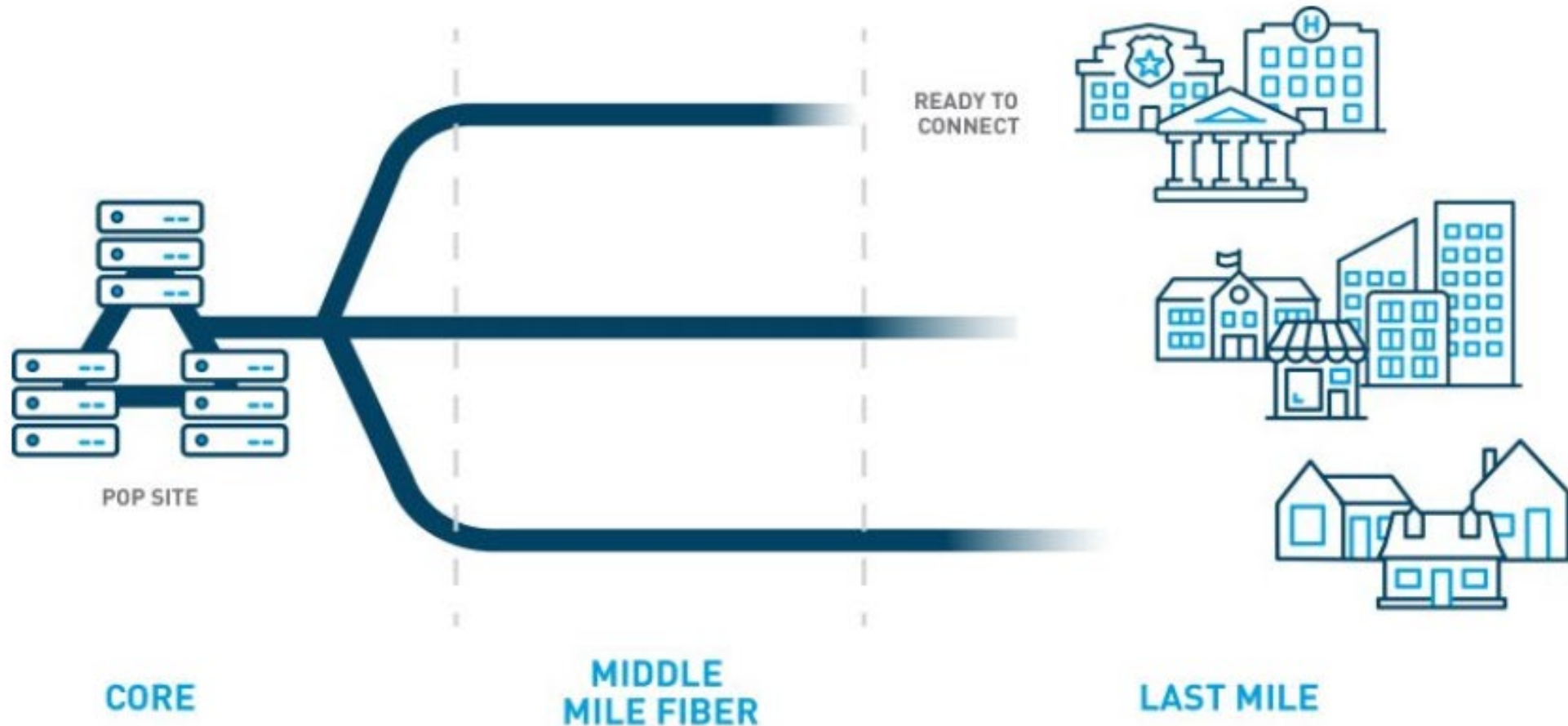
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The middle-mile is the physical fiber optic infrastructure needed to enable internet connectivity. It is made up of high-capacity fiber lines that carry large amounts of data at high speeds over long distances. An open-access network gives providers and entities access to broadband infrastructure that will allow any networks to connect on equal economic and service terms.

Last mile is the term that describes the last connection between a provider's network and the end user or customer's premises, either a home or a business.



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- Create broadband plans
- Determine a partnership model
- Participate in local, regional and state planning processes
- Establish a communications plan



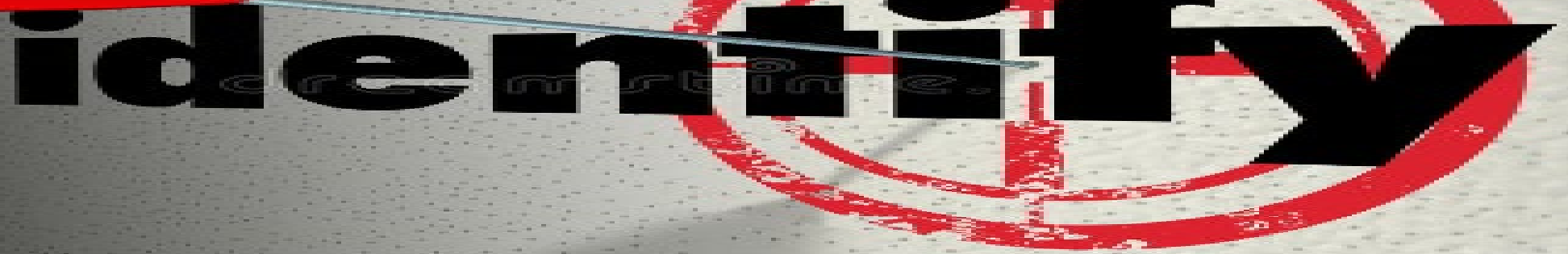
1. Identify broadband project leadership in each municipality. Identify leading agencies and individuals that will be able to serve as points of contact.
2. Incorporate the individuals identified in step one into the regional team.
Subtasks of this will be:
 - a. Introducing the individuals to other team leads, elected officials and community leaders.
 - b. Determining roles and responsibilities they will be able to help with.



3. Work with the expanded team to be sure that local needs are understood, and appropriate goals are set for upcoming initiatives such as BEAD and Affordable Connectivity Programs. Consultations will include outreach to anchor institutions such as schools and libraries, businesses, agriculture operations, public safety organizations, medical facilities, special districts, civic groups, houses of worship, state parks and other recreational facilities etc. Subtasks will include:
 - a. Developing a contact list of stakeholders.
 - b. Meeting with and gathering feedback from anchor institutions.

4. ⁴⁰ Evaluate partnership model options: In some cases, jurisdictions may choose to build, maintain, and operate their last-mile networks. In other cases, public-private partnerships may be formed in which the local government may invest matching funds/assets to share in the cost of building the infrastructure, but then rely on a private internet service provider (ISP) to maintain and operate the system and/or deliver the last-mile connectivity to homes, business, and anchor institutions. Work to evaluate capacity and the costs related to long-term sustainable broadband deployments. Subtasks will include:
- a. Evaluating realistic scenarios and pros and cons of various partnership models.
 - b. Determine what regulatory and policy changes, if any, are needed to help best facilitate your partnership model of choice.





5. Region 9 has hired a regional grant coordinator to help evaluate funding availability and resources. Preparing for Capital Projects Funds (CPF) from the State and Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) from NTIA will require helping to identify sources to supply required match amounts. Subtasks will include:
 - a. Work to identify available funds from DOLA.
 - b. Work to identify available funds from the Colorado Broadband Office.
 - c. Work to explore local options for funding.

6. **Region 9 will help facilitate local participation in the State planning processes. Region 9 has been working with NEO Connect to develop a broadband roadmap, which will be distributed soon. Region 9 will encourage each jurisdiction to participate with the Colorado Broadband Office to ensure that each jurisdiction is represented in the State's 5-year plan, which must be developed and submitted to the NTIA before the State of Colorado will be eligible for BEAD funding. Subtasks will include:**
- a) Identifying team leads best suited to work with the CBO on their 5-year plan.**
 - b) Identifying team leads best suited to help identify and pursue funding resources.**
 - c) Identifying consultants to best help jurisdictions who lack capacity.**

7.

Conduct an asset inventory. By creating inventories of infrastructure assets and understanding who manages those assets, jurisdictions will determine if there are existing resources, such as existing pole routes, locally-managed rights of way, existing partnerships, funding, etc., that will aid in last-mile and BEAD preparedness. Subtasks will include:

a. Identifying rights-of-way for last-mile fiber routes.

b. Determining feasibility of last-mile routes, cost and timeline estimates of acquiring access to rights-of-way and assets.

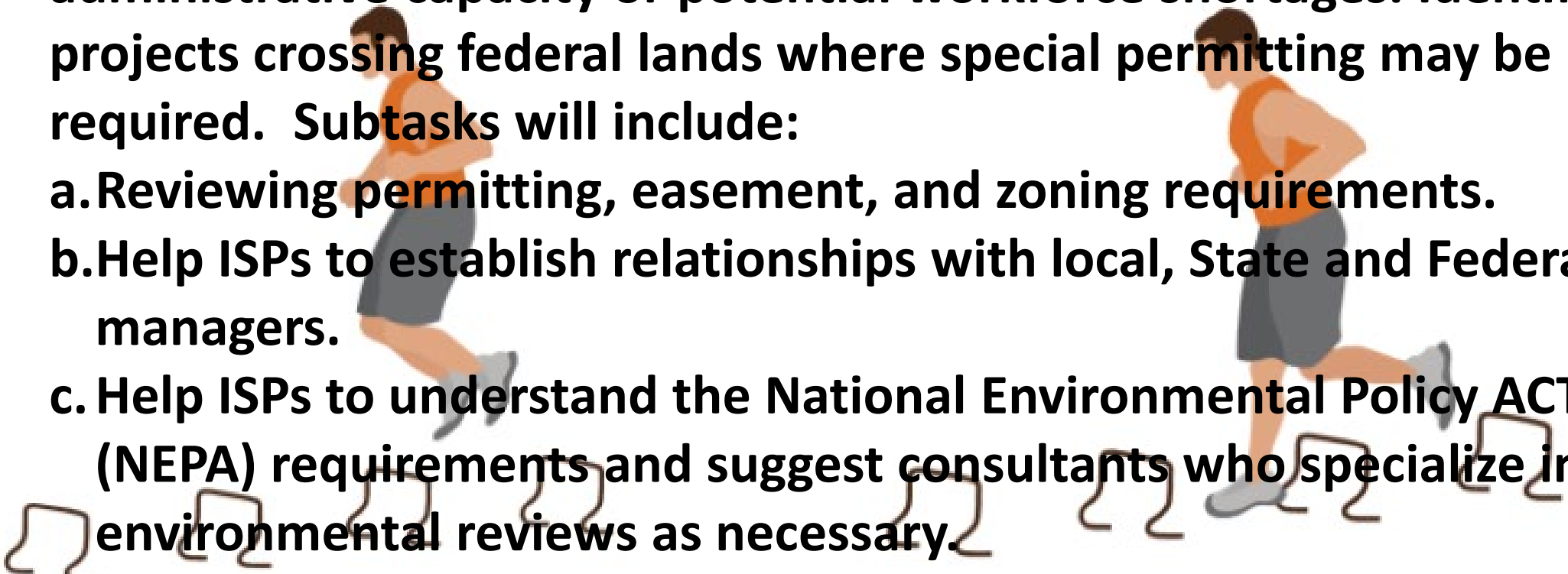
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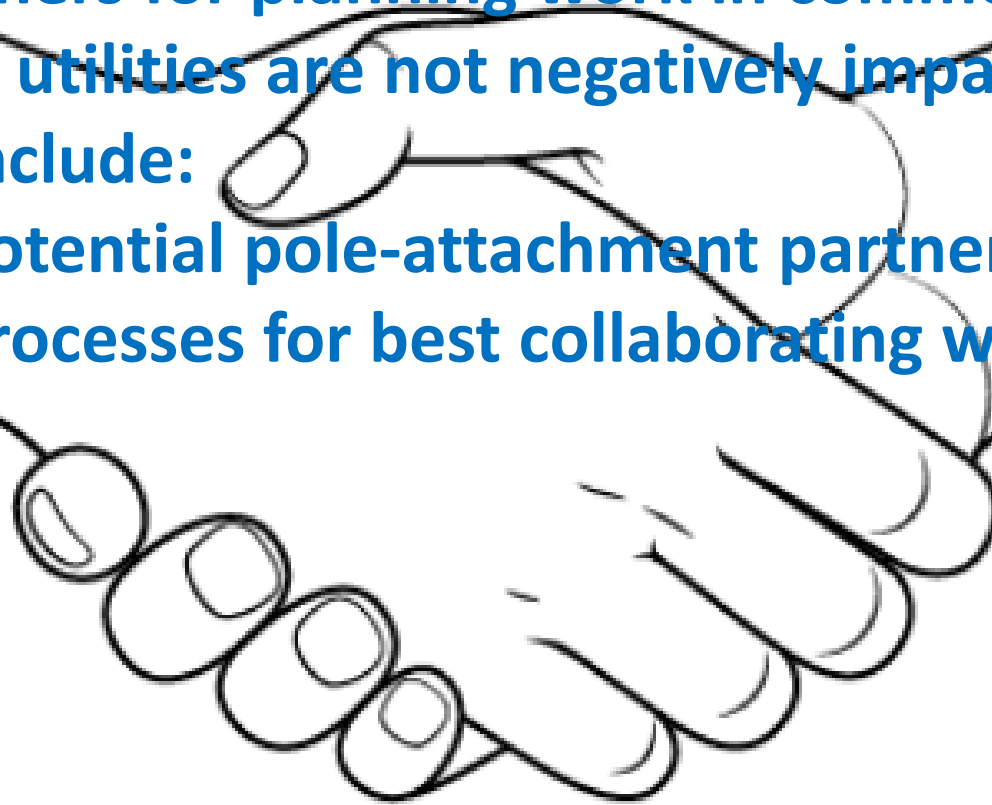
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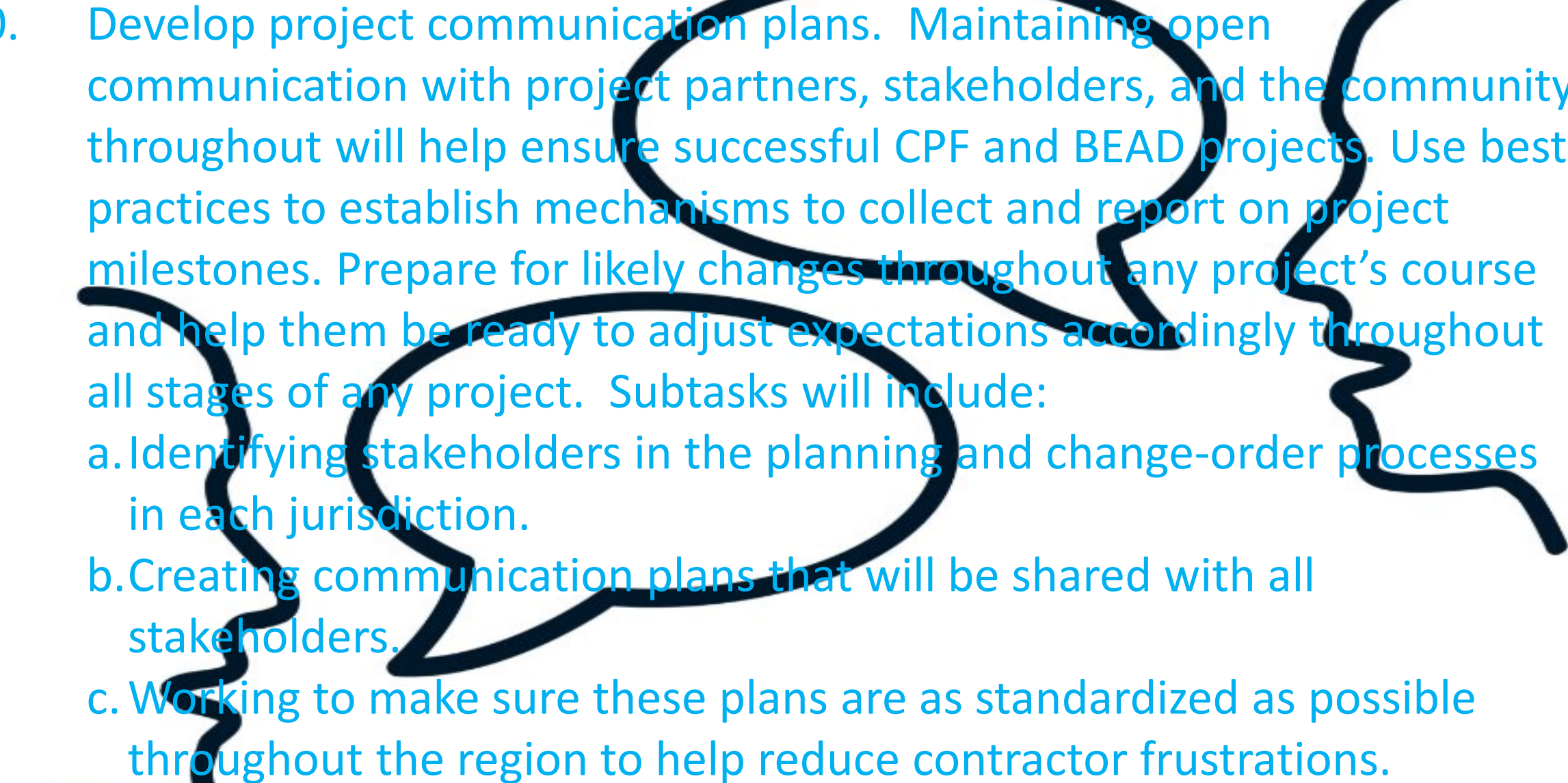
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8. **Address potential barriers to completion of CPF and BEAD projects. Review local permitting, easement, and zoning processes, and evaluate administrative capacity or potential workforce shortages. Identify projects crossing federal lands where special permitting may be required. Subtasks will include:**
- a. Reviewing permitting, easement, and zoning requirements.**
 - b. Help ISPs to establish relationships with local, State and Federal land managers.**
 - c. Help ISPs to understand the National Environmental Policy ACT (NEPA) requirements and suggest consultants who specialize in environmental reviews as necessary.**
 - d. Review registration status with the bureaucratic sites like sam.gov, grants.gov, login.gov, etc.**
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- An illustration of two male runners in orange tank tops and grey shorts, jumping over a series of brown hurdles. The runner on the left is in mid-air, having just cleared a hurdle. The runner on the right is also in mid-air, about to clear a hurdle. The hurdles are arranged in a line across the bottom of the slide.

9. **Establish relationships with electric and other utility providers. Electric cooperatives may be able to help in broadband deployment by providing a path for fiber optic cables in their communication spaces. Other utilities such as water or sewer operators are also important partners for planning work in common trenches and being sure that other utilities are not negatively impacted when digging. Subtasks will include:**
- a. Identifying potential pole-attachment partnerships.**
 - b. Identifying processes for best collaborating with other utility providers.**



10. Develop project communication plans. Maintaining open communication with project partners, stakeholders, and the community throughout will help ensure successful CPF and BEAD projects. Use best practices to establish mechanisms to collect and report on project milestones. Prepare for likely changes throughout any project's course and help them be ready to adjust expectations accordingly throughout all stages of any project. Subtasks will include:
- a. Identifying stakeholders in the planning and change-order processes in each jurisdiction.
 - b. Creating communication plans that will be shared with all stakeholders.
 - c. Working to make sure these plans are as standardized as possible throughout the region to help reduce contractor frustrations.
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QUESTIONS



DISCUSSION

Rico Land Collaborative:

“Encouraging our Rico community's connection with place and local lands through the stewardship of intergenerational connection and regional education.”



Dear Rico Neighbor,

We are excited to share the Rico Land Collaborative (RLC), a new, Rico- centric non-profit, developed by Jordan Carr (President), Teal Stetson-Lee (Treasurer), Skippie Zeller (Secretary), and Dave Nesis (Newest Member).

In one year's time, we established a partnership with the Montezuma Land Conservancy and the Trust for Public Land. We applied for our first grant through Great Outdoors Colorado, with the intent of stewarding historic private mining properties to preserve their value for residents of Rico.

Stewardship of holistic, local land management practices will secure access, in perpetuity, to our most local natural places, with a focus on conservation, education, recreation, and other land use, based on community vision.

In addition, we've developed a plan for a community garden and greenhouse space on Piedmont for an opportunity to cultivate local food by and for Rico residents through personal growing plots, right here in town.

RLC has been working closely with the newly reinvigorated Rico Geothermal Coalition (RGC) to explore the opportunity for utilizing the local geothermal/hydrothermal resource for community benefit. RGC is a team of 5 local community members, industry experts, consultants, and Western University. RGC applied for their first grant through the Department of Energy in Oct, 2022 with the hope to supply the community with a cheaper, more reliable district heating source.

If you are interested in learning more about Rico Land Collaborative or any of these initiatives, we invite you to attend our community roundtable gathering on **Sat, April 1st at 4pm at The Fireweed Cafe.**

4/1/23 Roundtable question for consideration:

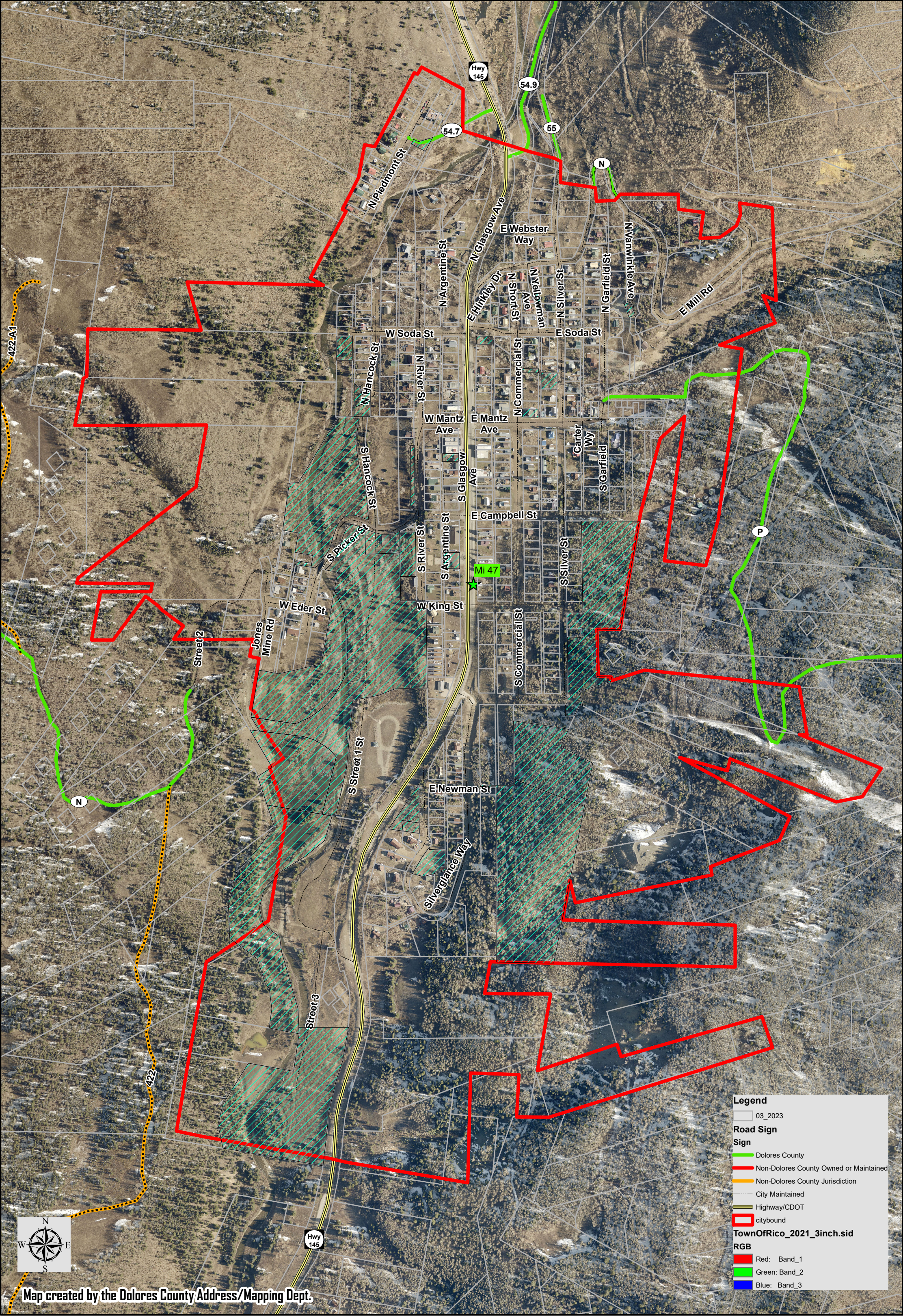
What does value, beyond financial success, look like for a community?

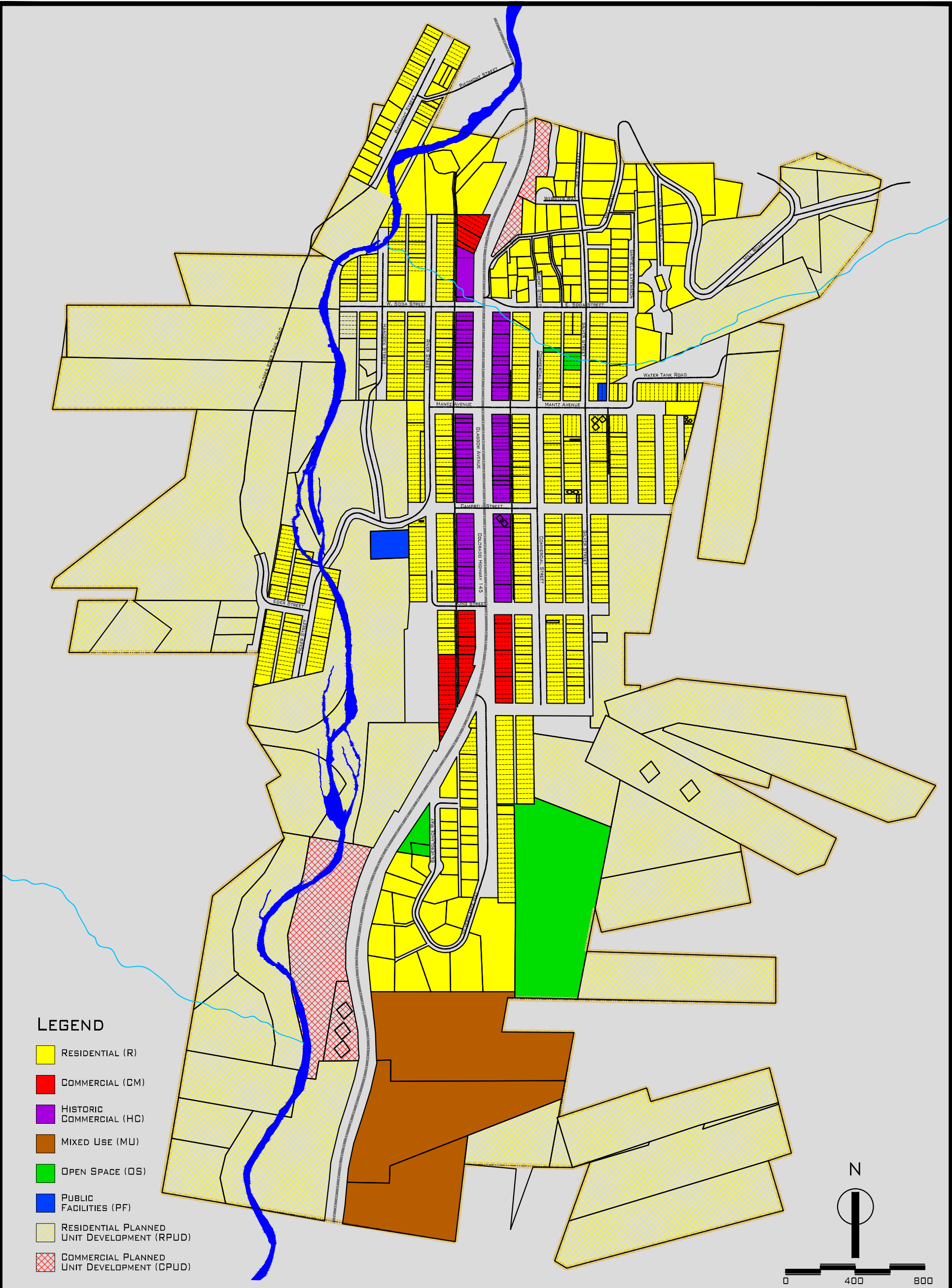
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