



**Board of Directors Executive Committee Meeting
July 27, 2023
12:00 to 2:30 p.m.
Region 10: 145 S Cascade Conference Room**

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- 1) **CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS**
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**
- 3) **APPROVAL Minutes June 2023**
- 4) **Action ITEMS (see Executive Director Report for Description):**
 - a. **Approve FY 2023 Audit Bid**
 - b. **Approve New Account Signers**
 - c. **Approve Account Changes for Vectra Operating/Savings account**
 - d. **Approve DOLA Grant Submission**
- 5) **REPORTS**
 - a. **Executive Director Report**– Michelle Haynes
 - **Financial Report (Not Included)**
 - b. **Small Business Resource Center**- Nancy Murphy
 - c. **Business Loan Fund**
 - d. **Community Development**-Trish Thibodo
 - e. **Community Living Services** – Eva Veitch
 - f. **Regional Broadband**-Corey Bryndal
 - g. **Gunnison Valley Transportation Region Committee**- Vince Rogalski
- 6) **NEXT MEETINGS**
 - a. **Executive Committee: September 28, 2023 Noon-2:30 p.m.**
 - b. **Board of Directors Meeting: August 24, 2023 Noon-3 p.m.**
 - c. **BLF Committee: July 27, 2023 10 a.m.**
 - d. **AAA Regional Advisory Committee: September 7, 2023, 10 a.m.**
 - e. **Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region10: August 10, 2023 10 a.m.**
- 7) **ADJOURNMENT**



1. **CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS**–Meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm.
 - a. **Staff:** Michelle Haynes (R10 Director), Trish Thibodo (Community Development), Eva Veitch (Community Living Services), Corey Bryndal (Broadband Project Director), Aris Freeborn (Executive & Finance Assistant), Gavin Lindsey (Community Development Intern), Nancy Murphy (Small Business Development), Dan Scinto (Business Loan Fund)
 - b. **Board Members:** Carlos Velado (Town Manager, Town of Mt Crested Butte), Dave Frank (City of Montrose), Don Suppes (Delta County), DeLanie Young (Town of Telluride), Greg Heart (Town of Cedaredge), Jim Gelwicks (City of Gunnison), Jon Waschbusch (Montrose County), Kris Holstrom (San Miguel County, Board Chair), Roger Rash (Montrose County), Vince Rogalski (GVTPR & STAC Chair)
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Motion to approve agenda: M/S Don Suppes/Jim Gelwicks: as accepted. None opposed.
3. **Special Recognition:** Michelle Haynes recognized Commissioner Kris Holstrom for her work as the chair for the last year and is now an outgoing chair.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for May 2023, Board Meeting**
Motion to approve: M/S: Jim Gelwicks/Roger Rash as accepted with addition. None opposed.
5. **Discussion Items:**
 - a. Executive Session Request by Michelle Haynes at 1:00pm
Motion to approve as presented: M/S / as accepted. None opposed.
6. **Reports:**
 - a. **Executive Director/Financial Report** – Presented by Michelle Haynes
 - i. Financial reporting is solid. The balance sheet is omitted from the report, but it is noted that cash is a little over a million dollars. We received funds into our operating account from the state for the AAA partnered project with CASA. Due to the timing between receiving the funds and issuing a check to CASA our cash is higher than normal. Income statement is on track.
 - ii. We are currently undergoing a RSVP financial review. It has been a challenge to manage the financial reporting. There has been a misunderstanding as to what match is or isn't required. We are currently working with Jo (Lance) to manage the program. It looked like we owed money back to the program, however based on yesterday's call we may or may not owe money back. We are waiting for a response back on whether we can spend more than was authorized. We either owe them \$8k or they owe us \$16k.
 - iii. Our current audit firm is no longer conducting audits. Jo (Lance) has submitted proposals to several firms to see if we can engage with a different firm this year.
 - iv. Operation budget is as expected and there are no surprises.
 - v. Q: Jim Gelwicks- Is 85%-95% as expected for membership revenue? A: Michelle Haynes- It is as expected due to us accruing membership revenue over a 12-month period. Only a handful of people have not paid. We invite people each year that do not participate and may need to be written off. Payments are collected upfront and then deferred over a 12-month period.
 - vi. Michelle noted that If anyone would like a copy of the Balance Sheet to let her know and she will send it after the meeting.
 - b. **Small Business Resource Center** –Nancy Murphy
 - i. It was noted that there is a revision to the report. We now have 3 kitchen clients,
 - ii. Meetups and activities have been added to the business training program. Last night was the first business visit to Elevation Tea in Hotchkiss.
 - iii. Monthly Food Trucks at the Cultivator start next Thursday, June 29th. There will be tacos, Cajun, and shaved ice. Runs 4:30pm to 6:30pm.
 - iv. Q: Don Suppes – What is the kitchen capacity? A: Nancy- Up to 10 businesses.

- c. **Business Loan Fund – Dan Scinto**
 - i. It was noted that we have been approved for SBA 7 loan funding and we should be receiving the funds anytime.
 - ii. Page 2 of the business loan fund report includes the current loan portfolio for the year. Allowing members to see what loans have been granted in their area.
 - iii. No questions.

- d. **Community Development – Trish Thibodo**
 - i. Introduction of our summer intern, Gavin Lindsey. He has been with us for 2 weeks and is a local resident. He is helping with infrastructure, CEDS and other updates.
 - ii. The Regional Infrastructure Summit is July 11th at the Ouray County Fairgrounds and is presented by the State. Registration is free. Other COGS that have hosted the summit and their communities are finding them beneficial.

- e. **Community Living Services –Eva Veitch**
 - i. Older American Act is up for modernization. Last updated in 1988. Comments are open until August 15th.
 - ii. Q: Don Suppes – With settlement rates and the Homestead Exemption Act, are the seasoned community members concerned about their property tax increase? A: Eva Veitch – We have received calls regarding this. There is assistance through PTC (Property Tax/Rent Heat Credit Rebate) to help with the increase in property taxes. We can assist low-income seniors with the application. Seniors needing assistance with rent can apply for the rebate as well.
 - iii. Included in the packet are results from the AAA survey. We are required to send the survey to at least 50% of our clients. We received a good return rate. All Points Transit, nutrition services, and in home services received many positive responses. Responses factor into how much funding we get for the following year.

- f. **Broadband – Corey Bryndal**
 - i. Continuing work on grant implementation to reach along 1-70 to Denver for a better source of internet down to Durango and Albuquerque. Corey and Michelle have been working on breaking the project into phases. Requests have been made for additional contributions from regions that would be served and benefit from the project.
 - ii. The Telluride link is complete. Equipment is installed and working.
 - iii. Lake City construction is close to starting.
 - iv. The Crested Butte to Mount Crested Butte project is restarting with the help of Mt CB staff.

- g. **Gunnison Valley Transportation Region Committee – Vince Rogalski**
 - i. Included in the packet is information on House Bill 1101. In 1993 when the RTP (Regional Transportation Plan) was requested it was decided that it would be best to include regions and municipalities already part of Region 10. The State is now questioning whether the TPR boundaries are appropriate. A study with the transportation commission will be conducted. Region 3 TPR and MPO have requested that a letter be signed to support the existing TPR and MPO. It has been decided to wait on signing the letter until the TPR for GVTPR meeting on August 10th. The goal is to discuss in depth and decide as to if we want to be part of the study.
 - ii. The 2045 long-rang plan is moved to a 2050 plan. Development, reforming, and changes to some of the revenue distribution formulas are taking place. The July STAC meeting will be virtual. The August, September and October meetings will be in person. A coordinator will be provided for the in-person meetings.
 - iii. The original chairman for Transportation Commission has decided to retire early and has already left his position. The interim chair is Gary Beedy and has been appointed as the new chair in beginning in July.
 - iv. Hwy 50, through the canyon, was projected to be complete mid-July. Completion has been extended to Mid-November with on and off closures until completion. Vince stated that it will improve the safety through the canyon by adding two twelve-foot lands and four-foot shoulders on each side. There is also construction east of the canyon on Hwy 50.
 - v. Q: Jim Gelwicks – When will the comment period end for the 2050 plan? A: Vince Rogalski – They have just begun planning and the comment period will probably be next year. Formula distribution will be looked at first and will be the RTP priority.

- h. **5 Minute Break**

- i. **Executive Director Report – Michelle Haynes**

- i. We are currently working with Alpine Bank to renew our line of credit. Alpine has not asked for resolutions yet. Michelle reminded the group that we took a deed of trust out on the building during construction and reduced our loan, knowing that we had the line of credit available. We have not used the line of credit in a long time but want to renew it in case we need it in the future.
- ii. The DOLA grant application approval for one more year of broadband coordinator services will be brought to the July meeting for. DOLA is winding down their broadband coordination funding and will only be funded for one more year. There will no longer be a subset of broadband funds. Applications and funding will be included with all other energy impact applications.
- iii. Last year the Governor held an executive order that went to legislation stating that all broadband projects be coordinated through CBO (Colorado Broadband Office). With this, DOLA is stating that CBO is now in charge of broadband work. CBO only has last mile funds to distribute, not middle mile funds. This has been brought to the attention of DOLA and regional managers with no solution as of right now. Conversations with CBO have begun, along with other regions doing broadband, which include Region 11 and Region 9. include determining what the next iteration broadband will play and that the goal of these projects can be combined and become more beneficial to us and the state.

j. **Motion to approve Reports: M/S: Jim Gelwicks/Don Suppes as accepted.** None opposed.

7. Next Meeting:

- a. Information is in the packet.
 - i. Executive Committee: July 27, 2023, Noon - 2:30pm
 - ii. Board of Directors: August 24, 2023, Noon – 3:00pm

8. Executive Session

- a. **Motion to enter Executive Session at 1:02pm to discuss legal advice from attorney, with no recording made by Jon Waschbusch, seconded by Don Suppes, none opposed.**
- b. **Exited Executive Session 1:28pm**
 - i. **No votes were taken during the Executive Session.**

9. Meeting adjourned 1:28 pm

- a. **Motion to adjourn: Dave Frank/Jim Gelwicks.** None opposed.



Executive Director Update July 2023

Action Items

- **Fiscal Audit Bid**-approval of new audit firm: Blair and Associates for \$18,000 for first year; \$19,400 year 2 and \$21,000 Year 3 (bid is attached to email). This was the only qualified bid received after proposal was sent to 3 firms. Other firms were contacted for information but did not respond.
- **Bank Signature Updates**-Approval of new signers for accounts:
 - Add John Clark, Dave Frank; with existing Jon Waschbusch, Michelle Haynes
- **Vectra Bank Account**-approval to set up overdraft coverage from Savings to Checking as needed, and removal of requirement for two approvals for transfers.
- **DOLA Grant Approval**-grant application of \$120,500 to support Broadband Technical Assistance.

Discussion Items:

- Met with Marti Whitmore to discuss R10 engagement. We will have a training on Open Records on August 30 from 12:30-1:30 p.m.; board members are welcome to attend.
- Public meetings are posted on the Region 10 Admin Conference Room window at 145 S Cascade.
- Request for Letters of Support:
 - Good Shepard Geothermal Energy Development (Ouray County)

Informational Items:

- As we are working on year end (6/30) financials to prepare for audit, updated financials are not included for this meeting.
- Completed Alpine Bank renewal of Line of Credit for \$150,000.
- Hosted SE Utah ALG June 29.
- Attended IJA Summit and community meetings.
- Have received the CDOT IGA for fiber lease for service on the I70 corridor, and beginning to work on Task Order for community access connections.
- Reviewing Broadband revenue model for current and expanded operations to attempt to reach financial sustainability. DOLA will renew of coordinator grant for one year. Discussion of planning for statewide operation model.
- Working with Jeff Moffet/Triple Point to begin work on R10 Economic Impact report.
- Michelle out July 31-Aug 4.

Staffing:

- The Business Loan Fund Director, Dan Scinto resigned effective July 7. We are advertising for this position.
- Currently utilizing contracted services while posting job position description for grant from Just Transitions (national foundation) of \$150,000 for Broadband one-year capacity support for the network. Just Transitions also provides technical assistance, which we are planning to utilize.
- Creating job position for AAA/RSVP Program Coordinator in preparation for transition of management team in AAA; utilizing contracted services for Sr. Companion program.

SBRC Board Report

July 27, 2023

Of Interest

- The new Colorado SBDC State Director Hannah Krieger visited our offices on Wed, July 12.
- The Business Cultivator makerspace is coming along. The 3-D printer is set up and is undergoing testing.
- Cultivator Commercial Kitchen now has FOUR clients.

What's Been Happening

- Business Cultivator (Olathe) programming continues:
 - ✓ An **entrepreneurial meetup** was held at Pomona Brewing Company on Wed, July 19, 5-6 p.m.
 - ✓ Monthly **Food Trucks at the Cultivator**: last Thurs of each month, tonight! 5-7 p.m. with Antojos Lokoz, Roaring Cajun, and more!
- We are working with Rocky Mountain Micro Finance Institute (RMMFI) to bring their **Business Idea Lab** to Montrose this fall. This is part of our Spanish language initiative. We are working with Ricardo Perez at HAP to help engage participants.
- **Venture Food Bootcamp** competed as of July 19.
- We will be hosting a United States Patent and Trademark Office (**USPTO**) **Trademarks Bootcamp** all day on Thurs, Oct 5 in Montrose. Please help spread the word.

What's Coming Up

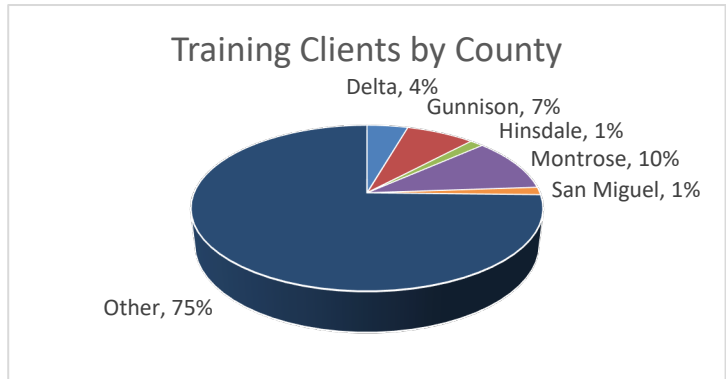
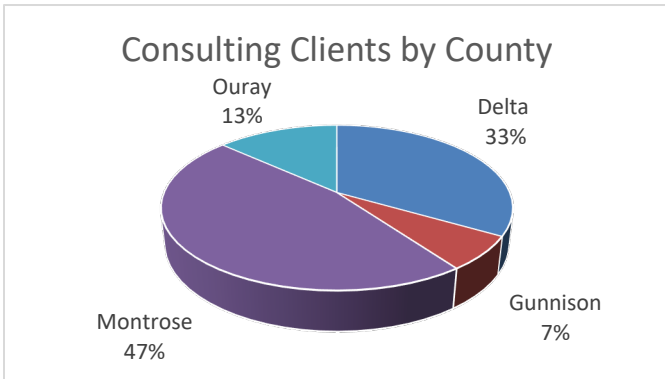
- Workshops and Trainings
 - ✓ Finance Friday: Mid-Year Check-In for End of Year Taxes, Fri, Jul 28, 2:30-3:30 p.m., online, no cost
 - ✓ Foodie Friday: So You Want to Sell Your Food Products at the Farmers Market, Aug 4, 9 a.m., no cost
 - ✓ SmartStart: How to Start a Business, Tues, Aug 8, 4-6 p.m., \$30
 - ✓ Business Plan in a Day, Aug 16, 9 a.m.- 4p.m., \$75
 - ✓ USPTO Trademark Bootcamp, Oct 5, 2023, Montrose, no cost, lunch available for \$15.

June Consulting

Clients	Sessions	Hours	Rating
15	27	29	4.8/5

June Trainings

Attendees	Workshops	Hours	Rating
57	6	88	N/A





Business Loan Fund 07/20/2023

Action Items/Activities/Inquiries

Action Items

- None

Activities/Inquiries

Loan Inquiries

- The current pipeline consists of 1 SBA loan which is under review for \$10,100 and if approved will close in August. In July to date, we have closed 7 loans totaling \$245,930.00 from the SBA 7 and CO Start-Up funds. We have two CDBG approved loans and will close later this year when OEDIT provides us with our approved contract for a total of \$650,000.
- **Notables** – Lent an additional \$15,000 to Disaster Support of the Rockies in July as they needed funds while waiting for their CDBG funding to become available. We previously lent them \$15,000 to support their operations. Their total CDBG request was \$250,000.
- Verbal approval of the new CDBG contract has been given. We are waiting for funding.
- We have approval for the \$750,000 SBA Microlender Loan (SBA 7). We received \$300,000 in June which was used to fund 6 of the loans we closed in July.

Loan Production Report (see spreadsheet on next page)

Fiscal Year-end summary. In fiscal 2022-2023, thirty-one loans were funded totaling \$1,343,600 resulting in an average loan amount of \$43,341.94. The number of jobs created and retained was 200 for an investment of \$6,718 per job created or retained. The total amount of leveraged funds was \$1,633,606 resulting in a ratio of 1.22:1. We substantially exceeded our policy goal of 1:1.

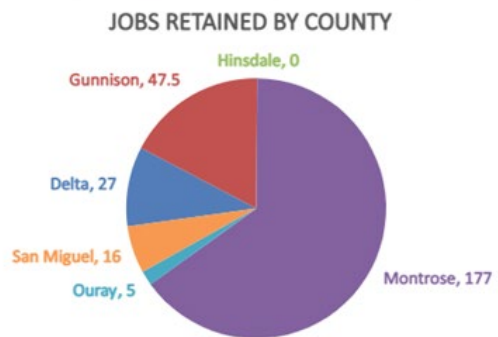
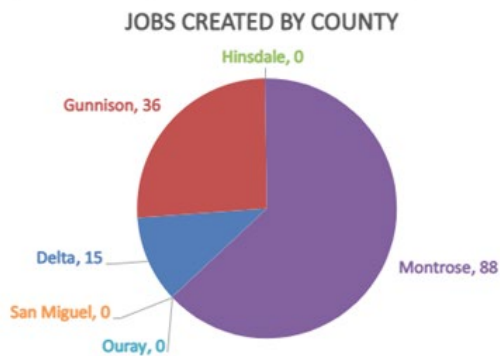
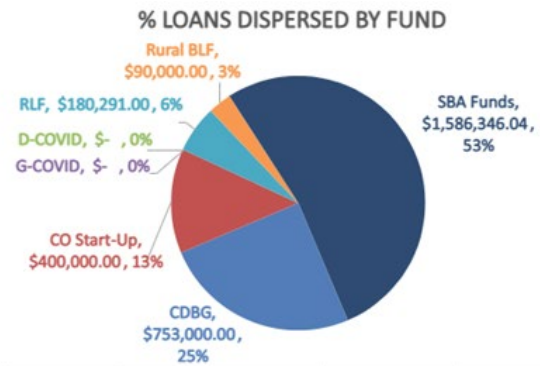
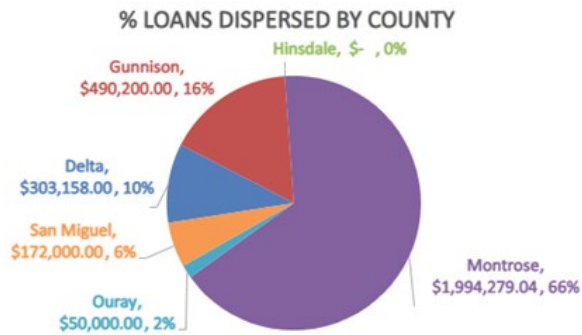
July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 (FY23)

Loan Number	Amount	Date Closed	County	Jobs Created	Jobs Retained	Funds Source	Funds Leveraged
3610	\$50,000.00	7/18/22	Gunnison	0	1	SBA VI	\$-
1432	\$160,000.00	7/29/22	Montrose	8	8	CDBG	\$616,000
1089	\$50,000.00	7/29/22	Delta	6	4	RLF	\$320,000
3612	\$30,000.00	9/8/22	Montrose	1	1	SBA VI	\$-
1090	\$35,000.00	9/8/22	Montrose	1	4	RLF	\$-
3611	\$50,000.00	9/9/22	Montrose	3	2	SBA VI	\$132,050
3613	\$50,000.00	9/9/22	Delta	5	2	SBA VI	\$112,206
2500	\$35,000.00	9/27/22	Gunnison	3	3	CO Start-Up	\$95,000
2501	\$50,000.00	9/30/22	Montrose	1	2	CO Start-Up	\$5,000
2502	\$20,000.00	10/7/22	Montrose	0	2	CO Start-Up	\$-
1522	\$15,000.00	10/7/22	Montrose	0	1	SBA III	\$-
2503	\$50,000.00	10/21/22	Montrose	0	6	CO Start-Up	\$-
1433	\$83,000.00	10/28/22	Delta	0	11	CDBG	\$-
2504	\$150,000.00	11/21/22	Gunnison	14	0	CO Start-Up	\$75,000
1738	\$50,000.00	11/21/22	Gunnison	14	0	SBA IV	\$-
2506	\$50,000.00	12/2/22	Montrose	2	0	CO Start-Up	\$25,000
2507	\$40,000.00	12/28/22	Montrose	2	9	CO Start-Up	\$-
1815	\$18,400.00	1/4/23	Montrose	0	1	SBA VI	\$-
1523	\$45,000.00	1/13/23	Montrose	2	0	SBA III	\$-
3614	\$50,000.00	1/27/23	Montrose	0	3	SBA VI	\$28,350
1817	\$50,000.00	2/24/23	Ouray	5	0	SBA V	\$40,000
3615	\$50,000.00	2/24/23	Montrose	8	45	SBA VI	\$-
1818	\$17,500.00	3/24/23	Delta	2	2	SBA V	\$-
1524	\$44,200.00	3/24/23	Montrose	1	1	SBA III	\$-
1739	\$31,000.00	4/6/23	Montrose	1	4	SBA IV	\$-
1525	\$10,000.00	4/7/23	San Miguel	5	10	SBA III	\$-
1434	\$14,500.00	4/21/23	Montrose	2	1	CDBG	\$-
3616	\$5,000.00	5/17/23	Montrose	2	3	SBA VI	\$175,000
1526	\$20,000.00	5/19/23	Delta	1	4	SBA III	\$-
1819	\$15,000.00	5/19/23	Montrose	2	0	SBA VI	\$-
2508	\$5,000.00	6/6/23	Gunnison	0	5	CO Start-Up	\$10,000
Totals	\$1,343,600.00	31		91	135		\$1,633,606.00

Loan Production by County: Loan \$ Dispersed, Jobs Created/Retained

6/30/23

County	Amount	Jobs Created	Jobs Retained	Funds Leveraged	Fund	Amount2	Jobs Created3	Jobs Retained	Funds Leveraged4
					CO Start-Up	\$400,000.00	22	\$27	\$210,000
Montrose	\$1,994,279	96	177	\$2,056,900	D-COVID	\$-	0	0	\$-
Delta	\$303,158	18	27	\$619,706	G-COVID	\$-	0	0	\$-
Gunnison	\$490,200	36	47.5	\$220,000	CDBG	\$753,000	24	30	\$1,116,500
Hinsdale	\$-	0	0	\$-	RLF	\$180,291	11	25	\$335,000
Ouray	\$50,000	0	5	\$450,000	Rural BLF	\$90,000	2	4	\$7,500
San Miguel	\$172,000	10	16	\$40,000	SBA Funds	\$1,586,346	101	186.5	\$1,717,606
Total	\$3,009,637	160	272.5	\$3,386,606		\$3,009,637	160	272.5	\$3,386,606



Community Development/EZ June 2023

Action Items: None

Noteworthy:

- **Regional Grants Navigator Project (Feb – Feb 2024):** *The intent is to assist communities in accessing federal funds from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act. We have funding from the State for this project through the end of the year.*
 - Completed jurisdiction site visits
 - Hosted Regional Infrastructure Summit – 90 people were registered
 - See full report (attached)
 - Working with CO Office of Just Transitions which is going to pilot a grant writing and management initiative with our coal impacted communities.
 - Participating in a federal peer learning academy focused on Drinking Water State Revolving Fund which will take place monthly through the end of the year.
- **Aligning Strategies Policy Academy** (Colorado was one of six states selected to participate). The purpose of this academy is to assist selected states, EDDs, and other regional stakeholders to develop a strategy to promote better alignment in state and regional strategies to ensure more impactful, coordinated, and collaborative implementation of economic development programs.
 - Co-facilitated in-person Home Team meeting in Denver (July 18) to begin to develop action plan
 - Co-lead of the sixteen member Colorado Team – which meets bi-weekly
- **Summer Intern** – Gavin Lindsey started with us on May 31, 2023.
- **National Just Transition Fund** – participating on the JTF National Convening Conference Planning Committee (Convening will take place in October in Washington DC)
- **CEDS Committee** – held CEDS Committee meeting to update and reflect on CEDS progress, including review of updated county stats and data.

Informational/Ongoing:

- **Norwood/Nucla/West End Public Schools** – initiated meeting with the Brownfield Partnership to discuss potential Brownfield sites in Norwood and with the old Nucla School. Both are looking at moving forward with the Phase 1 application to CDPHE
- **Ouray County/High Alpine/ORRCA** – met with Ouray County Commissioners Nauer and Padgett to discuss how the High Alpine and ORRCA initiatives might cross over.
- **Workforce Sector Partnerships** – met with Wayne Urbonas, the new Sector Partnership Coordinator
- **San Juan Regional Leadership Committee** – participating on the SJRLC which just launched and will work to identify a regional pressing cross- sector issue, and develop shared agreement on a capacity-building strategy. This work will continue into 2024-25, where the RLC will begin bringing regional partners to the table to explore and advance solutions.
- **West End Economic Development Corporation** (Nucla, Naturita, Norwood): Closed out the

REDI grant we manage and participate on board of directors.

- **Delta County**- Continue to participate as an ex-officio member of the One Delta County Board.
- **Economic Development Council of Colorado:** Board of Directors, Executive Committee (Treasurer), Events Planning Committee and Public Policy Committee.
- **West Slope Career Collaborative** Steering Committee member
- **Grant reporting:** working on quarterly, semi-annual and final reports for our three REDI grants, USDA RISE EDA Partner Planning , CEDS and EZ Admin grants.

West Slope Resource Development

223 Regent Circle

Gunnison, CO 81230

Memorandum

To: Region 10 Board of Directors
From: Colleen Hannon, Regional Grant Navigator
Date: July 19, 2023
Re: Project Update

Dear Board members:

Our July report begins with an update on personnel. As you know, Shay Coburn, Urban Rural Continuum, has been added to the Navigator team. Shay provides support to jurisdictions in Delta and Ouray Counties as well as the east end of Montrose County. Colleen is the Navigator lead in the West End and San Miguel, Hinsdale, and Gunnison Counties. We welcome Gavin Lindsey, your Region 10 summer intern, to the Navigator team.

As for accomplishments during the month of July, not quite over, here is our update to you.

- By the time you read this report, the Navigator Team will have interviewed, in person, all Region 10 jurisdictions and catalogued infrastructure needs in the state priorities of water; wastewater; energy efficiency and resiliency; broadband; transportation; and disaster resiliency. We have also been asked to reach out to Egnar on its needs by San Miguel County and have done so. Finally, we have had conversations with a few special districts on their infrastructure needs. This includes medical, transit, and water/wastewater special districts. They, too, are eligible for IJA funding.
- Our first Grants and Grub event was held on June 26th. The topic was lesser-known funding sources and included speakers from the Gunnison Valley Community Foundation and DOLA. 26 people attended.
- The July Grants and Grub roundtable will be held on July 31st and will feature Eric Lowe, Local Government Project Manager, Colorado Energy Office. He will be discussing how to address Justice 40 impacts in federal grant applications. This criterion is very often found in EPA and other funding programs. This is a zoom event. Future topics include:
 - How to apply for disaster resiliency funding through FEMA with a local fire district and FEMA representatives
 - How to interpret Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs)
 - How to write benefit-cost analyses for USDOT applications
 - How to define labor force impacts to meet federal grant application criteria for funding
- Region 10 supported the State's Regional Infrastructure Summit in Ridgway on July 11th. The summit was well attended with over 90 participants and more via Zoom. The slide deck should be available at the end of the month.
- The State of Colorado Just Transitions Office has entered into a pilot project with Region 10 to provide coal impacted communities with a grantwriter (possibly writing up to six applications). The State is also considering putting a grantwriter in the Regional Grant Navigator program to assist with writing.
- Our second quarter report was submitted to the State.
- Third quarter work will focus on matching jurisdictions by shovel ready needs to federal funding sources. We hope to support as many jurisdictions as possible over the next six months with their submission efforts. This could be with project design; budget development; funder identification; development of partnerships and collaborations; application submission; or other tasks.

Please reach out to Michelle, Trish, or me with questions anytime. I can be reached at 970.275.3651 or channon@region10net. Thank you.



CLS Board Report July 2023

Action Item: None

Noteworthy:

- Please consider signing on to the attached letter to Governor Polis requesting an increase to AAA state funding. We are already making tough decisions about who we can and cannot serve, next year those decisions will be what programs to eliminate. ARPA funding is helping for this fiscal year, but will not be available in the following year.
- Some county Commissioners are having summer community events, please let us know so we can also attend.
- The MOMs Meals and Consumer Directed programs continue to grow, these programs have been an effective way to reach older adults in our rural and frontier communities.

Informational/Ongoing

- Caregiver Summit on Oct 6th at the Montrose Pavilion from 1-4:30.
- Next RAC meeting Sept 7th 10:00 R 10

Modernizing the Older Americans Act: What it Means and How You Can Comment

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) is organizing a webinar on August 3 to discuss the modernization of the Older Americans Act implementing regulations, marking the first update in 35 years. This webinar will focus on the expected changes being implemented by the U.S. Administration for Community Living (ACL) and provide valuable information on how participants can submit their comments.

Presenter:

- Dianne Stone, Associate Director of Network Development and Engagement, Modernizing Senior Centers Resource Center and National Institute of Senior Centers, NCOA

This webinar will take place on **Thursday, August 3 at 1:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

July 31, 2023

The Honorable Jared Polis
Governor, State of Colorado
136 State Capitol Building
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Governor Polis:

The undersigned organizations and individuals urge you to work with us over the coming months to increase the state's investment in community-based services for Colorado's older adults. **Specifically, as part of your FY 2024-25 budget proposal, we respectfully request an increase in General Fund support for the State Funding for Senior Services line item in the Department of Human Services.** This request has three elements:

1. A General Fund "base" increase of \$5 million to help address unmet need.
2. Classification of the State Funding for Senior Services line item as a "community provider", thereby ensuring that the line item will be considered for annual inflationary increases.
3. A statutory proposal to review the adequacy of funding for the line item every five years.

Background: The State Funding for Senior Services is administered by the state's 16 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA). The services provided with these funds help older adults live independently in their communities and avoid more expensive institutional care and Medicaid programs. **The AAAs have not had a budget increase in state General Fund since 2018.** While increases in federal funding helped meet the demand resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, those funds will end in 2024 despite the fact that demand for services has not declined accordingly. As a result, the **AAAs face a serious "funding cliff" if state funding is not increased in the upcoming budget.**

The service needs for older adults is continuing to grow. Today, one-in-five Coloradans is age 60 and older and Colorado is one of the fastest aging states in the nation. This represents the highest growth of any segment of Colorado's population. The state has now reached the point where there are more residents over the age of 60 than there are under the age of 18.

Further, Colorado's older adults were hit the hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic and are affected the most by inflationary pressures, especially in housing and health care. Throughout the COVID-19 crisis, the AAAs served more older adults than ever before. **In order to continue to support the growing and increasingly diverse older Coloradan population, additional and sustainable funding for the AAAs must be prioritized.**

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Aging services provided by AAAs help people "age in place" in the settings where they prefer to live. AAAs also enable older adults to avoid or delay the need for higher level hospital or nursing home care, which are more expensive and put more pressure on the state budget, particularly Medicaid (not to mention the individuals and their families).

Thus, increasing the General Fund for the State Funding for Senior Services line will help the state save money, since AAA services primarily are targeted to individuals who do not qualify for Medicaid services.

Colorado's AAAs are efficient and trusted stewards of state dollars. The AAA's know how to extend the value of the funding utilizing local, foundation, participant and volunteer contributions. For 50 years, they have served as the local leaders on aging by planning, developing, funding and implementing local networks of coordinated community-based services that enable older adults to age well in the community. AAA services include information and referral/assistance in-home care, congregate and home-delivered meals, adult day care, case management, transportation, legal services, caregiver support/respite and more. Colorado's AAAs increasingly have partnered with both state and federal agencies on efforts to address the growing and increasingly complex needs of Colorado's older adults. But many of these programs are underfunded or funded for a limited time.

Without additional funding, the AAAs likely will need to establish waiting lists for critical services. The State must recognize that the need to dramatically increase funding for AAAs to meet the ongoing and rising needs due to the rapidly aging population.

The budget request outlined above will allow the AAAs to continue to serve an increased number of older Coloradans who rely on their local community organizations. In addition, categorization of the line item as a "community provider" will make the program eligible for consideration of annual inflationary increases, thus recognizing the important work of the AAAs – and that our demographics are not going to result in a caseload decrease. Finally, having a 5-year review of funding will allow the state to consider whether the annual funding that is provided is adequate to address the needs of Colorado's older adult community.

We look forward to working with you and your staff on this funding request in an effort to reach our collective goal of making Colorado the best state in which to age – and thrive – in place.

Sincerely,

C: Jarett Hughes, Deputy Director of Policy and Research
Michelle Barnes, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Human Services
Mark Ferrandino, Executive Director, Office of State Planning and Budgeting



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- DOLA responsibilities -in the “Technical Assistant” role, Region 10 staff continues to present broadband educational materials, review potential project applications, attend regional meetings and provide technical assistance for broadband development throughout our DOLA identified territory. Engagements include SCEDD, San Luis Valley DRG, Region 9/SWCOG, AGNC, numerous municipalities and others.
- Region 10 will present middle-mile broadband project plans twice at the 2023 Mountain Connect broadband conference. One presentation will illustrate Region 10’s collaboration with Region 9 and AGNC and their municipalities. Another presentation will deliver a specific use case showing the benefits of connecting educational networks with faster, more reliable, cost effective broadband service.
- Within **Garfield County and Mesa County** eleven communities have used local matching funds have active projects in varying states of construction as a result of DOLA funding and Region 10 project coordination. Each will connect to the Region 10 backbone along Interstate 70. Coordination includes construction planning, optical and routing equipment and CNL activation.
- Western Slope communities desperately need a second connection to a major city. A second connection will provide failover during outages, double capacity and lower wholesale costs. Region 10 is negotiating with Zayo Group for two 100G circuits to Salt Lake City. Interest from Western Slope ISP’s and municipalities has been strong.
- We continue to work with our neighbors to the south in **Region 9** and is working on projects in the region to develop redundant fiber routes with more capacity and connect to primary Internet sources for the Western Slope in general. Since Region 9 was not selected for a NTIA Middle-Mile grant award, we met with Senator’s staff, and at their direction Region 9 will be collaboratively developing an application for CPF funds to include primary planned middle-mile routes. Region 10 will support this effort with engineering and estimating efforts.

- Worked with Region 9 stakeholders on a significant fiber gap between Durango and Pagosa Springs. This route will provide an opportunity for improved reliability for the entire western slope of Colorado. Region 10 brought together five partners came together to develop \$2 million in matching funds for the project. DOLA awarded La Plata County \$2.1 million in middle-mile funds for purchase of a one-time assignable IRU. The \$4.1 million project includes La Plata County, Archuleta County, La Plata Electric Association, Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The parties have worked through several versions of an IGA and IRU agreement for access to the fiber route. Final drafts are being reviewed and commitment from the parties is expected within a few weeks.
- The San Luis Valley appears to have experienced some leadership change. Region 10 met with the SLV DRG to discuss development of a CNL and attachment to middle-mile fiber. We also continue to actively engage ISP's in the San Luis Valley regarding enhanced middle-mile services.
- Region 10 presented middle-mile broadband plans to Huerfano County and governments at the request of Lola Spradley. Q&A session followed the presentation
- Provided project deployment support for Garfield County, City of Grand Junction, Collbran, Fruita, Palisade and Mesa County and Lake City. Also helped develop project plans for Town of Pitkin, Town of Crested Butte and Gunnison County.
- Region 10 activated a new 200G fiber link into the Town of Telluride with upgrades along the way for Nucla and Norwood communities.
- Region 10 continues active engagement with the Colorado Broadband Office, DOLA, Senator Hickenlooper and Bennet's staff and NTIA staff advocating for middle-mile fiber projects.



TRANSPORTATION NEWSLETTER

DATE: JULY 2023

Vince Rogalski, Chairman

Gunnison Valley TPR

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CDOT Legislative Report – Jamie Grim Budget & Policy Analyst, CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations

- Federal Legislative Update
 - Federal Rail Safety Act - it will be important to see how that will impact freight as well as the Front Range Passenger Rail plans. The Act is being negotiated in Congress.
 - Started negotiations for the Defense Authorization Act- that might cover transportation elements.
- CDOT localities and Colorado submitted 23 RAISE Grant applications, and received \$71.9 million worth of RAISE Discretionary Grants Awarded in Colorado. Recipients included Boulder, Lakewood, Delta, Fort Collins, Idaho Springs, and Cortez.
 - Boulder County was awarded \$25 million for CO 119 Diagonal Highway Mobility Improvement Project
 - Lakewood was awarded \$20 million for the U.S. 6 and Wadsworth Interchange Improvement Project
 - Delta received \$13 million for a Revitalizing Main Street Program project.
 - Fort Collins was awarded \$10.7 mil for the Foothills Transit Station and roundabout.
- Multimodal Discretionary Grant program (MPDG) applications are due Monday Aug 21st
- Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods program applications are due September 28th and applications opened yesterday to the STAC meeting.

Program Distribution: Transportation Alternatives Program Funds – Marissa Gaughan and Aaron Willis, Multimodal Planning Branch

- Sheryl Trent is the Program Distribution facilitator and refreshed STAC members regarding her role and ground rules for Program Distribution discussions.

- CDOT staff shared with STAC highlights from the recent Call for Projects- TAP discussions, a press release is scheduled for distribution in the near future.
- CDOT staff reviewed the current distribution formula for the TAP and requested the STAC to approve recommending the existing formula to the TC.
- **Action: STAC members approved the current formula for the Transportation Alternatives Program outlined in the presentation.**

HB 23-1101 Study Update – Herman Stockinger, CDOT Deputy Executive Director, and CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations Director

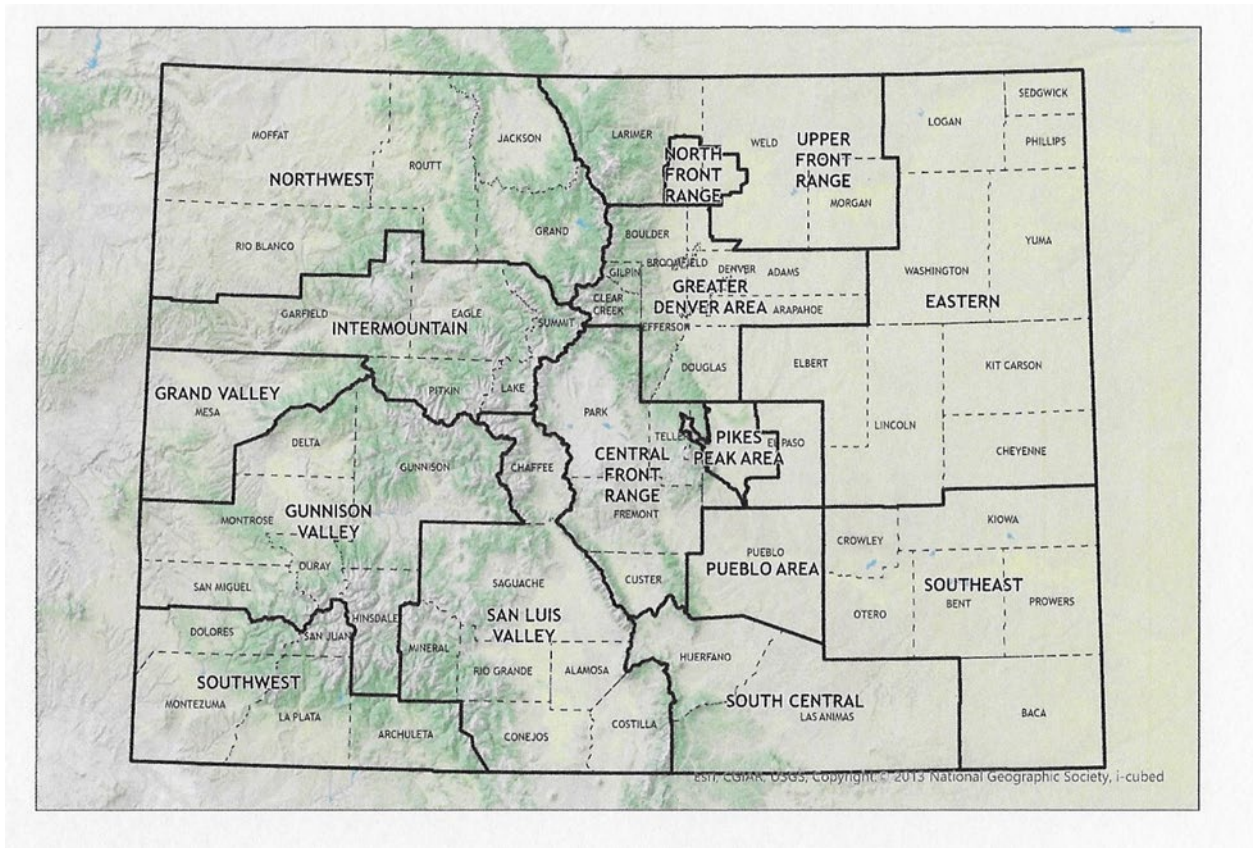
- For the Study Process:
 - There were two successful meetings with the TPR Study Advisory Committee.
 - Received feedback from this committee recommending Staff continue to examine management of TPRs and to look for opportunities to educate the public on the role of TPRs.
 - A survey has been developed to reach out to the public and interested stakeholders pertaining to this study to identify how to solicit more public involvement and stakeholder engagement.
 - CDOT staff have continued to critically review TPR IGAs and Bylaws
 - CDOT staff continue to compile maps and data that reflect all of the statutory study requirements.
 - A series of virtual public meetings are being scheduled for each of the five CDOT Engineering Regions. They will occur at the end of July and early August.
 - Survey being distributed to stakeholders around the state.
- The TPR Study Advisory Committee meetings are being documented well with detailed note taking.

We need your opinions and feedback about your regional planning process!

On April 28, 2023, Governor Polis signed [HB 23-1101: The Ozone Season Transit Grant Program Flexibility bill](#). This bill requires CDOT to analyze the consistency of the regional planning process across the state and prepare a study to be submitted to the [Transportation Commission of Colorado](#). The study could include recommendations for adjustments or improvements to the administration and boundaries of the state's 15 Transportation Planning Regions. However, the TC is not required to adopt the recommendations and will make the final decision regarding any changes.

As part of this study, CDOT will host five virtual public meetings, one for each [CDOT Engineering Region](#), and circulate a [short survey](#) to capture your input. We encourage all stakeholders to complete the [survey](#) to help CDOT gather as much public feedback as possible. The [survey](#) will close on August 31, 2023.

Below are the links to register for the public meetings we will be conducting. Anyone can attend any of the meetings but the content of each presentation will be tailored to that region.



Public Engagement and Mapping Resources:

[July 25, 2023: CDOT Region 5 REGISTRATION](#) (this includes San Luis Valley TPR, Southwest TPR, and parts of Gunnison Valley TPR)

[July 31, 2023: CDOT Region 4 REGISTRATION](#) (this includes North Front Range MPO, Upper Front Range TPR, Eastern TPR, and parts of the Denver Regional Council of Governments)

[August 1, 2023: CDOT Region 2 REGISTRATION](#) (This includes Pike's Peak Area Council of Governments, Pueblo Area Council of Governments, Southeast TPR, South Central TPR, and Central Front Range TPR)

[August 2, 2023: CDOT Region 1 REGISTRATION](#) (This includes DRCOG)

[August 3, 2023: CDOT Region 3 REGISTRATION](#) (This includes Grand Valley MPO, Intermountain TPR, Northwest TPR, and parts of Gunnison Valley TPR.)

Transportation TPR Meeting
NEXT MEETING NOTICE TPR meeting
August 10, 2023
In-Person
From 10am to NOON
REGION 10