



**Board of Directors Executive Committee Meeting
September 28, 2023
12:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Region 10: 145 S Cascade Conference Room**

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS**
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**
- 3) **APPROVAL Minutes September 2023**
- 4) **Action ITEMS:**
 - a. **DOLA Broadband Grant Amendment**
 - b. **EZ Contribution Projects (Community Development Report)**
Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory
Gunnison Valley Habitat for Humanity | Workforce Housing
- 5) **REPORTS**
 - a. **Executive Director Report**– Michelle Haynes
 - **Financial Report - July 2023**
 - b. **Small Business Resource Center**- Nancy Murphy
 - c. **Community Development/Regional Grants Navigator**
 - **Action Item: EZ Contribution Projects**
 - d. **Community Living Services** – Eva Veitch
 - e. **Regional Broadband**-Corey Bryndal
 - f. **Gunnison Valley Transportation Region Committee**- Vince Rogalski
Action: Accept Director Reports
- 6) **NEXT MEETINGS**
 - a. **Executive Committee: October 26, 2023 Noon-2:30 p.m.**
 - b. **Board of Directors Meeting: Dec 7 2023 Noon-3 p.m.**
 - c. **BLF Committee: December 7 2023 10-11 a.m.**
 - d. **AAA Regional Advisory Committee: December 14, 2023, 10 a.m.**
 - e. **Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region10: November 9, 2023 1:30 PM (virtual)**
- 7) **ADJOURNMENT**



1. **CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS**–Meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm.
 - a. **Staff:** Michelle Haynes (R10 Director), Trish Thibodo (Community Development), Eva Veitch (Community Living Services), Nancy Murphy (Small Business Development), Corey Bryndal (Broadband Director), Courtney Tribble (Program & Office Coordinator), Aris Freeborn (Executive & Finance Assistant)
 - b. **Board Members:** Dave Frank (City of Montrose, Vice Chair), Elyse Ackerman-Casselberry (City of Delta), Jim Gelwicks (City of Gunnison, Michelle Nauer (Ouray County), Kris Holstrom (San Miguel County), John Clark (Town of Ridgway, Chair), Roger Rash (Montrose County), Dave Roberts (Town of Lake City) Vince Rogalski (GVTPR & STAC)
2. We thank Trish Thibodo for her time here with Region 10 and we look forward to continuing working with her as she transitions to a new role with the Center for Rural Innovation.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**
Motion to approve agenda: M/S Jim Gelwicks/Kris Holstrom: as accepted. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for August 2023, Board Meeting**
Motion to approve: M/S: Michelle Nauer/Kris Holstrom as accepted with addition. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **Presentation | Procurement Policy:**
 - a. Last updated in 2016 so we wanted to make some updates on our procurement policy to stay in compliance on CFR 200 for Federal Grants Management.
 - b. Highlight some proposed changes:
 - i. One of the things in our RSVP recent review: even though we have a Conflict of Interest we did not have a discipline associated with it.
 - ii. Minimum value for gifts is \$50 but we often give gifts of more and so that we would like to change to \$100.
 - iii. Strike the paragraph about not contracting with Present or Former Employees or Board Members. Dave Frank asked whether or not there was a conflict of interest if we contract with current members? We do have this situation come up with Vince, he is a Region 10 Board member and he is also contracted on the STAC membership.
 - iv. Small and Minority Businesses section added to comply with federal regulation.
 - v. Section 4 for approvals, we are recommending to strike policy on Capital expenditures in excess of \$5,000. Recommend that we do put it in a requirement of emergency purchases in excess of \$25,000.
 - vi. We took out the Petty Cash section as when our treasurer requested that we do not have petty cash. If we ever bring Petty Cash back we would have a Petty Cash policy.
 - vii. We are adding more language on what is exempt for competitive bidding for single source to meet federal guidelines.
 - viii. Qualified bidders we added that we may utilize bidders from lists of our government bidders.
 - ix. Discussion on bid protest process; 10 business days is industry standard.

Motion to approve of Procurement Policy with the : M/S: Jim Gelwicks/Roger Rash as accepted with addition. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **Action Items:**
 - a. EZCP City of Delta, Innovation Center and Makerspace – Business Assistance, Fundraising for equipment acquisition and Alt Space will be managing the co-working space.
Motion to approve EZCP for City of Delta Innovation/Makerspace: M/S: Jim Gelwicks/Kris Holstrom as accepted with addition. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously. Elyse abstained from the vote.

7. Reports:

a. **Executive Director/Financial Report** – Presented by Michelle Haynes

- i. Letter from ISP in Hinsdale County was received. They have demanded payment in lieu of legal action. They argued that they had capacity to provide services but that was in the form of a microwave hop. Michelle will review and potentially follow up for legal counsel.
- ii. We are writing letters to Mesa, Garfield and La Plata counties and we are asking them to contribute \$300,000 each for the I-70 broadband project. We have the opportunity to buy a 10yr IRU rather than the budgeted 6 yr IRU, as well as the need for additional connections on the route, and the equipment prices have increased. A supplemental request for \$600,000-\$700,000 from DOLA is being asked for, for the shortfalls in the project budget.

Motion to approve authorization for ED to pursue a DOLA grant not to exceed \$700,000 for implementation of broadband: M/S: Jim Gelwicks/Michelle Nauer as accepted with addition. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

- iii. Working with Region 9 and Region 12 they are the two other regions that have middle mile projects and we are working together to look to the future as to what happens with Broadband. We are wanting to see if it makes more sense to operate Broadband as single project. We have started conversations with our attorney and are bringing in a consultant. After review of the proposals, we have asked the consultant to write us a white paper for operational models that we could consider for rural broadband. The attorney for Ken Fellman would then provide a legal opinion of the models. The cost of this process would be about \$75,000 and so split between the 3 regions it would cost about \$25,000. Then we would look at getting a grant from DOLA for a larger study. We are requesting the White Paper be returned to us by early November then if we wanted to apply for a DOLA grant in December we could. WE have TA grant that we are using to recruit a new broadband position and that is through the national Just Transitions and so that could be an alternative route we could take for procuring funding for the study.
- iv. Included in the packet are budgeted dues for next year. We are increasing the total amount of dues by 5% and that will be going towards admin costs.
- v. Recruiting for several staff members specifically Broadband and AAA.
- vi. Audit is scheduled for October 10th.

b. **Small Business Resource Center** –Nancy Murphy

- i. James Lammers has been promoted to Regional Entrepreneur Manager.
- ii. SUCO has just named their new ED and she was a former Region 10 Loan Client.
- iii. The cultivator has been charged with doing a couple of meet-ups and they went to Secret Creek for Septembers. San Juan Brews recently opened in Olathe and we had a ribbon cutting down there for that.
- iv. Callie and Nancy returned from the National SBDC Conference and we had some good sessions attended there.
- v. We had RMFI to have a Spanish financing and then we will be looking at having a lab with them in February.
- vi. Trademark Bootcamp is next week with an attorney from Washington DC from the

c. **Business Loan Fund** – Michelle Haynes

- i. We are discussing having Nancy oversee all Business Services including the Loan Fund. This way we may be able to better integrate funding sources, including the SBA TA grant funds.
- ii. We received our CDBG contract and we closed a loan immediately after for \$250,00. We have requested additional funds of over \$600,000 to support future anticipated projects.
- iii. We had an SBA audit and Susan Bony from our team assisted in the preparation for the audit. The verbal remarks were positive; we have not received the written remarks yet.

d. **Community Development** – Trish Thibodo

- i. Time has been spent thinking about how projects are transitioned during Trish's resignation.
- ii. We received confirmation from the state for the continuance of the funding for the Rural Grants Navigator. Which is good because we all know that you do not get Federal governments in 6 months and manage them well.
- iii. In addition to the RGN funds we will be receiving funds from the office of Economic Development to implement the CEDS. We are using those funds to support grant navigation for non-federal grants.

- e. **Community Living Services** –Eva Veitch
 - i. We have done some assessments are we are serving a large population of adults 80+ and that is an estimated 60% of those that we serve. That section of the population will need more of our services to be able to stay in their homes. We are looking at how many people are receiving multiple services.
 - ii. The Village on San Juan is pouring concrete this week and that is the project for unhoused older adults.
 - iii. We have new rack cards (brochures) that you can take to your communities to share information regarding AAA services.
 - iv. Family Caregiver Summit next Friday October 6th and presentations begin at 1pm.
 - v. Next RAC meeting is December 14th at 10am in the Montrose office if you would like to attend.

- f. **Broadband** – Corey Bryndal
 - i. The I-70/SWCO project expansion has grown significantly and we are fulfilling a material need.
 - ii. The CBO had a staffing change and Corey has met with the new staff and they are also figuring out where the statewide Broadband project goes.
 - iii. DOLA extended \$5 million set aside for broadband for one year; we are anticipating this will be the last year.
 - iv. Service has been activated in Telluride/San Miguel Count.
 - v. We are getting a bid for an audit of the existing equipment and CNLs.
 - vi. Lake City moving along towards completion and we are anticipating activation of services there soon. Look for the story from KVMF on that project, Dave Roberts is meeting with them.

- g. **Gunnison Valley Transportation Region Committee** – Vince Rogalski
 - i. HB1101: Has been a focus of CDOT and STAC, they have been discussing if the Chair and Vice Chair of STAC should rotate between rural and urban as well as adding a member of TRAC to the STAC.
 - ii. Considering boundaries of the TPRs, they are looking at splitting Intermountain TPR or merging a couple of TPRs – the TPRs have to give report to the commission at the end of November.
 - iii. Long Range plan for 2050 will begin next spring. We have begun the process of addressing projects for the 2050 plan.
 - iv. STAC is reviewing the MMOF formula, the committee recommended rural receiving 19% of the funding and urban receiving 81% of the funding. The percentage is based on a number of items, # of elderly population, bus routes, etc. Minimum for infrastructure and grants has to be \$100,000 but a couple of TPRs are only receiving \$130,000. This will be discussed at the next meeting on October 5th. We will be in person next week and the next in person meeting will be in May.
 - v. Next TPR Meeting, November 9th we have discussed having it in the afternoon and virtual to accommodate the CDOT representative ability to attend both the Region 9 and Region 10 meetings.

Motion to approve Reports as presented: M/S: Kris Holstrom/Roger Rash as accepted. None opposed.

8. Next Meetings:

- a. **Executive Committee Meeting:** October 26, 2023 Noon-2:30pm
- b. **GVTPR:** Proposed November 9, 2023 10am-12 noon
- c. **BLF Committee Meeting**
- d. **Board of Directors meeting:** December 7, 2023 Noon-3pm
- e. **Regional Advisory Council AAA:** December 14th 10 am

9. Meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

- a. **Motion to adjourn M/S Roger Rash/Kris Holstrom:** None opposed.

Balance Sheet by Category

Region 10
 Period Ending: 9/30/2023
 Format: 1 Region 10 Balance Sheet

Run Date: 10/23/23
 Run Time: 7:02:58 pm
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Assets:

Region 10 Cash	175,271.13
BLF Cash	661,717.44
SBA Cash	454,635.49
Prepaid Expenses	3,402.33
Loans Receivable	3,172,174.69
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	(164,086.40)
AAA Receivables	401,135.13
Grants Receivable	417,607.03
Other Receivables	212,645.27
Building and Land	1,781,538.00
Broadband Assets	13,363,527.38
Furniture and Fixtures	14,461.15
Accumulated Depreciation	(3,766,945.34)
Enterprise Center Remodel	1,142,298.00

Assets:	\$17,869,381.30
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Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	271,528.29
Accrued Leave	54,919.81
Deferred Revenue	71,882.14
Building Security	400.00
Other Liabilities	9,566.74
Broadband Deferred Revenue	287,857.75
Alpine LOC	461,864.21
SBA Loan	1,347,014.89
Cost Allocation Control	388.78

Liabilities:	\$2,505,422.61
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Equity:

Enterprize Zone	(7,548.48)
Community Development	(48,554.87)
Transportation and Transit	44,904.92
Olathe RISE	1,105,400.48
Area Agency on Aging Projects	377,771.12
BLF Projects	1,250,995.12
Small Business Resource Center	(132,723.47)
Regional Broadband	(324,867.87)
Unrestricted Net Assets	(174,557.62)
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	(11.82)
RLF Retained Earnings	13,273,151.18

Equity:	\$15,363,958.69
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Total Liabilities and Equity	\$17,869,381.30
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Balance:	\$0.00
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Agencywide Line Item Revenues and Expenditures

Region 10

Period: 7/1/2023 to 7/31/2023

Code	Description	Budget	Current	YTD	Un/Over	% Bud
Revenues						
40000	EZ Admin Grant	22,473.00	3,745.50	3,745.50	18,727.50	16.67 %
40100	EDA Grant	70,000.00	5,833.33	5,833.33	64,166.67	8.33 %
40120	USDA CFTA	420,000.00	0.00	0.00	420,000.00	0.00 %
40200	AAA Admin Fed	78,600.00	10,895.81	10,895.81	67,704.19	13.86 %
40210	AAA Admin State	91,340.00	7,611.75	7,611.75	83,728.25	8.33 %
40400	CDOT Annual Grant	30,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	27,500.00	8.33 %
40800	DOLA - Community Development Grant	60,000.00	0.00	0.00	60,000.00	0.00 %
40840	In-Kind Donation	42,000.00	3,499.00	3,499.00	38,501.00	8.33 %
40850	Regional Broadband Capital	0.00	7,200.00	7,200.00	(7,200.00)	0.00 %
40860	Broadband Service Income	384,000.00	18,405.10	18,405.10	365,594.90	4.79 %
40865	BB Grant - OPERATIONS	240,000.00	0.00	0.00	240,000.00	0.00 %
40900	AAA Program Income	500.00	7,000.02	7,000.02	(6,500.02)	1,400.00 %
41200	AAA State Caregiver Match	5,200.00	0.00	0.00	5,200.00	0.00 %
41400	AAA NSIP Fed	36,000.00	0.00	0.00	36,000.00	0.00 %
42000	Member Dues	115,540.00	10,115.00	10,115.00	105,425.00	8.75 %
42500	AAA Fed Funding	767,600.00	79,877.66	79,877.66	687,722.34	10.41 %
42700	Transportation Assessments	25,860.00	2,154.00	2,154.00	23,706.00	8.33 %
43000	AAA Program State	822,060.00	82,483.76	82,483.76	739,576.24	10.03 %
43100	Small Business Resource Center Funding	16,500.00	0.00	0.00	16,500.00	0.00 %
43150	SBRC - Tuition Fee Income	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00 %
43200	SBDC Program Income	170,000.00	0.00	0.00	170,000.00	0.00 %
43227	SBDC Grant Income	0.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	(6,500.00)	0.00 %
43400	AAA Assessments	31,600.00	2,682.00	2,682.00	28,918.00	8.49 %
44500	Tenant Property Taxes	0.00	4.00	4.00	(4.00)	0.00 %
45000	Bank Interest Earned	120.00	836.20	836.20	(716.20)	696.83 %
45700	Security Deposit Income	42,000.00	0.00	0.00	42,000.00	0.00 %
45800	EZ Contribution Fees	21,000.00	7,834.79	7,834.79	13,165.21	37.31 %
47000	Other AAA Revenue	41,480.00	0.00	0.00	41,480.00	0.00 %
48000	AAA Local Donations	0.00	100.00	100.00	(100.00)	0.00 %
48050	Other Income	21,600.00	25.00	25.00	21,575.00	0.12 %
48100	Other CLS Grants	210,000.00	0.00	0.00	210,000.00	0.00 %
48200	SHIP Grant	22,000.00	0.00	0.00	22,000.00	0.00 %
48400	RSVP Grant	300,000.00	17,000.00	17,000.00	283,000.00	5.67 %
48500	SMP State Grant	0.00	1,125.00	1,125.00	(1,125.00)	0.00 %
49000	AAA ARPA Fed	749,180.00	0.00	0.00	749,180.00	0.00 %
49100	Loan Interest	120,000.00	834.69	834.69	119,165.31	0.70 %
49110	Loan Interest-CDBG #6	0.00	297.63	297.63	(297.63)	0.00 %
49115	Loan Interest Rural BLF Statewide	0.00	226.05	226.05	(226.05)	0.00 %
49130	Loan Interest-SBA II #5303545000	0.00	284.14	284.14	(284.14)	0.00 %
49140	Loan Interest-SBA III # 9325495008	0.00	1,037.66	1,037.66	(1,037.66)	0.00 %
49150	Loan Interest-SBA IV # 2489697006	0.00	1,276.62	1,276.62	(1,276.62)	0.00 %
49155	SBA Loan V Interest Income	0.00	993.87	993.87	(993.87)	0.00 %
49156	SBA VI Interest Income	0.00	1,550.64	1,550.64	(1,550.64)	0.00 %
49160	Loan Interest-CDBG #8	0.00	2,898.22	2,898.22	(2,898.22)	0.00 %
49165	Loan Interest CO Start Up	0.00	2,286.94	2,286.94	(2,286.94)	0.00 %
49200	Loan Fees	7,200.00	3,464.30	3,464.30	3,735.70	48.12 %
49210	Loan Administrative Fees	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00 %
49300	Late Fees/Penalties	240.00	943.10	943.10	(703.10)	392.96 %
49500	CDBG Administration	22,400.00	0.00	0.00	22,400.00	0.00 %
49600	SBA Technical Assistance Grant	0.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	(8,000.00)	0.00 %
49700	CDBG Grant Funds	140,000.00	0.00	0.00	140,000.00	0.00 %

Agencywide Line Item Revenues and Expenditures

Region 10

Period: 7/1/2023 to 7/31/2023

Code	Description	Budget	Current	YTD	Un/Over	% Bud
Revenues		5,138,493.00	301,521.78	301,521.78	4,836,971.22	5.87 %
Expenses						
50000	SALARIES	1,492,983.00	75,433.30	75,433.30	1,417,549.70	5.05 %
50500	FRINGE BENEFITS	447,901.00	27,990.83	27,990.83	419,910.17	6.25 %
52000	Meetings & Travel Expenses	68,800.00	4,795.48	4,795.48	64,004.52	6.97 %
52100	Broadband Service	120,000.00	0.00	0.00	120,000.00	0.00 %
52400	Taxes, Licenses & Fees	180.00	0.00	0.00	180.00	0.00 %
52700	Telephone/Fax	12,120.00	507.24	507.24	11,612.76	4.19 %
53000	Rent	37,800.00	8,345.00	8,345.00	29,455.00	22.08 %
53300	Background and Security Verification	0.00	91.00	91.00	(91.00)	0.00 %
53600	Postage & Shipping	4,200.00	45.32	45.32	4,154.68	1.08 %
53650	Educational Supplies	6,000.00	179.08	179.08	5,820.92	2.98 %
53700	Printing & Supplies	48,600.00	3,291.21	3,291.21	45,308.79	6.77 %
53800	DOLA - Community Development Pass Thru	36,000.00	0.00	0.00	36,000.00	0.00 %
53900	Software - Finance	6,000.00	153.00	153.00	5,847.00	2.55 %
53910	Software - Miscellaneous	39,000.00	7,924.16	7,924.16	31,075.84	20.32 %
53920	Internet - COGS	120,000.00	2,931.00	2,931.00	117,069.00	2.44 %
53930	Web Hosting & Design	3,600.00	0.00	0.00	3,600.00	0.00 %
53940	Computer Repair & Maintenance	36,000.00	0.00	0.00	36,000.00	0.00 %
53950	Broadband Network Management	60,000.00	1,550.00	1,550.00	58,450.00	2.58 %
54000	Dues & Subscriptions	18,000.00	1,129.97	1,129.97	16,870.03	6.28 %
54900	Consulting Fees	3,000.00	9,981.25	9,981.25	(6,981.25)	332.71 %
55000	Contractual Services	136,200.00	31,262.50	31,262.50	104,937.50	22.95 %
55100	Legal Fees	12,000.00	155.00	155.00	11,845.00	1.29 %
55200	Audit & Accounting	36,000.00	210.50	210.50	35,789.50	0.58 %
55300	Recruitment & Retention	2,700.00	180.00	180.00	2,520.00	6.67 %
55350	Donations & Sponsorships	10,800.00	200.00	200.00	10,600.00	1.85 %
55360	Volunteer Costs Travel and Meals	0.00	7,659.45	7,659.45	(7,659.45)	0.00 %
55600	Promotions	31,200.00	293.94	293.94	30,906.06	0.94 %
56200	Bank Service Charges/Fees	240.00	251.59	251.59	(11.59)	104.83 %
56300	Other Insurance	9,600.00	0.00	0.00	9,600.00	0.00 %
58000	Depreciation Expense	44,000.00	2,263.14	2,263.14	41,736.86	5.14 %
58100	BB Infrastructure Depr	840,000.00	68,057.11	68,057.11	771,942.89	8.10 %
58500	Stipend	291,430.00	0.00	0.00	291,430.00	0.00 %
59400	Equipment Rental, Repairs & Maintenance	2,400.00	65.52	65.52	2,334.48	2.73 %
59600	Equipment & Furniture	48,600.00	9,385.84	9,385.84	39,214.16	19.31 %
60100	Building Insurance	14,400.00	0.00	0.00	14,400.00	0.00 %
60200	Building Maintenance & Repair	27,000.00	2,121.93	2,121.93	24,878.07	7.86 %
60500	Building Loan Interest	18,000.00	1,454.23	1,454.23	16,545.77	8.08 %
60600	Building Utilities	21,600.00	1,665.77	1,665.77	19,934.23	7.71 %
61000	Building Rent & Misc Expenses	12,000.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	0.00 %
71400	AAA NSIP Fed	36,000.00	0.00	0.00	36,000.00	0.00 %
71500	AAA State Caregiver Match	5,200.00	0.00	0.00	5,200.00	0.00 %
72500	AAA Fed Funding	925,730.00	74,359.87	74,359.87	851,370.13	8.03 %
73000	AAA State Funding	1,015,750.00	65,991.14	65,991.14	949,758.86	6.50 %
78100	Other CLS Grants Expense	52,000.00	6,367.67	6,367.67	45,632.33	12.25 %
92000	SBA Loan Interest	10,800.00	442.85	442.85	10,357.15	4.10 %
92100	Loan Expenses	12,000.00	3,553.41	3,553.41	8,446.59	29.61 %
92200	Bad Debt/Write Off	42,000.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	39,600.00	5.71 %
Expenses		6,217,834.00	422,689.30	422,689.30	5,795,144.70	6.80 %
Agency Balance		(1,079,341.00)	(121,167.52)	(121,167.52)		



Executive Director Update October 2023

Action Items

- **Approve DOLA Broadband Grant Amendment**

Discussion Items:

- Have met with executive directors from Region 9 and 12 on expanded broadband model. The directors also met with attorney Ken Fellmen and consultant to discuss proposal for evaluation of potential models for a larger integrated network model. Estimated cost of the proposals is \$75,000 (\$45,000 consultant and \$30,000 legal) to be considered to split among participating entities. This phase may lead to a larger discussion and proposal, at which point additional grant funds would be necessary.

Informational Items:

- Auditors Blair and Associates did initial on-site visit for fiscal and single audit services Oct 10.
- Have received the CDOT IGA and Task Order for fiber lease for service on the I70 corridor and community access connections. Region 10 team is working to develop pricing model, MOUs for community use of the lateral connections and the CNLs, as well as working on final contracts for fiber and equipment for the project. Also submitted funding requests from Mesa, Garfield and LaPlata Counties, as well as initial DOLA grant supplemental email to the Regional Managers, to obtain estimated shortfall for the project.
- Continuing to work with CDOT on TPR study and recommendations.
- Working with CISCO on updating phone operation system, which would improve service in satellite offices and for team working remotely. Installation will be November 2.
- Attended Just Transitions National Conference (Washington DC) Oct 17-19.
- **NOTE: November/December Meeting: will be Thursday, December 7**

Staffing:

- Trish Thibodo, who has served as Community Development and Deputy Director resigned effective October 4.
- Admin and Program Directors have worked on reviewing and revising the staffing model.
 - Nancy Murphy will oversee all Small Business programs, including the Loan Fund. To facilitate the transition, several staff were promoted to Project Managers:
 - James Lammers for Entrepreneurship Program
 - Callie Koch for SBDC
 - Sarah Steffens for BLF
 - Courtney Rodwell Tribble was promoted to EDD Program Manager and EZ Administrator.
- Positions are currently posted for Broadband Network Manager, Infrastructure Project Coordinator, and CLS/AAA Volunteer Program Coordinator. Posted at <https://www.region10.net/work-with-us/>

Michelle Haynes

From: Michelle Haynes
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 12:53 PM
To: DOLA - Dana Hlavac; DOLA - Patrick Rondinelli
Cc: Corey Bryndal
Subject: DOLA EIAF B018 Amendment Request

Dana and Patrick,

Thanks for your continued engagement and support for our regional broadband efforts. We have been working on the I-70/SW CO project and budgets. As we have discussed, there is a significant shortfall in the budget numbers. Prior to sending a formal request for an amendment, I wanted to send information for your review and comments.

Below is an estimate of current costs, the current grant funds awarded, and the overall difference. A couple of items to note on the differences:

-The IRUs are higher than estimated due to the opportunity to extend the Tri-State IRU that is being purchased between Nucla and Durango/Cortez from 6.5 years to 10 years, at an additional cost of \$284,900, and also provide an unanticipated connection needed to complete the project in Glenwood Springs and/or Denver (depending on the final routes and providers).

-In addition to the increased IRU/connection expenses, the equipment budget is higher than quoted (approximately 10%) at the beginning of the grant application, partially due to some equipment capacity being upgraded as older models are discontinued. Negotiation with the supplier has offset some of the original increase, and reduced the overall increase.

-Finally, as Region 10 maintains limited staff, the contracted services needed to complete the installation and implementation is anticipated to be higher than originally requested.

Category	Budget Revised	Funding by Source			Current Funding
		EDA	DOLA B003	DOLA B018	
New Fiber Leases	2,670,120.00	880,000.00	188,160.00	1,029,060.00	2,097,220.00
New Equipment	3,208,291.78		197,000.00	2,877,390.00	3,074,390.00
Project Management 3.0%	176,150.00			76,150.00	76,150.00
TOTAL	11,410,901.20	880,000.00	385,160.00	3,982,600.00	5,247,760.00
Extend TriState IRU to 10 Years (budgeted 6.5)					
I-70 Connection					-

We are anticipating possible additional costs during implementation, and the budget below does not include contingencies; therefore, we are also requesting that participating counties provide some additional funding for project implementation. We have sent these requests to Mesa, Garfield and LaPlata Counties, but have not received any commitments for funding.

Please share any thoughts/concerns you may have on the request, or if you think it is acceptable to proceed with a formal letter. During the amendment, we will also request a 12-24 month extension for completion of the project (we are anticipating Summer 2024, but now know to expect unexpected impacts!)

Thanks for your assistance and support as we work to complete the project.

SBRC Board Report

October 26, 2023

Of Interest

- Callie Koch has been promoted to SBDC Program Manager.
- We announced that James Lammers has been promoted to Regional Entrepreneur Manager at the last board meeting.

What's Been Happening

- We're in the process of integrating, streamlining, and coordinating the business services: Business Loan Fund, SBDC, and the Business Cultivator.
- The 4-part Food Truck series is complete. Part 3 was a huge success with an onsite tour and explanation of layout and design of the Homestead Hut food truck at the Cultivator.
- United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) Trademarks Bootcamp went really well. The majority of participants were from Gunnison and Crested Butte!
- Callie and Sarah attended ICELab's Coffee with Coworkers.
- Sarah attended ICELab's startup financial mentor meeting.
- Sarah, James, Callie, and I attended the EDCC conference in Grand Junction, Oct 18-20.
- Michelle and James attended the Hotchkiss Chamber meeting on Monday.
- Sarah, James, Callie, and I visited the West End this week and met with Makala at WEEDC and with Carrie Anderson at the Lone Cone Library.
- Callie and Sarah attended the Main Place Business After Hours in Gunnison.

What's Coming Up

SET YOURSELF UP FOR SUCCESS: NOVEMBER 2023

Region 10 | SBDC Workshops for Small Business + Entrepreneurs

 <p>ACCOUNTING</p>	 <p>MANAGEMENT</p>	 <p>STARTUP</p>	 <p>MANAGEMENT</p>
<p>November 2: 9am-3pm BOOKKEEPING BOOTCAMP Understanding Financial Statements: \$75</p>	<p>November 2: 9-10am MANAGING A BUSINESS Let's Talk: Exit Planning</p>	<p>November 7: 12-2pm SMART START How to Start a Business Online: \$30</p>	<p>November 15: 9-10am MANAGING A BUSINESS Let's Talk: Myths about Funding & Financing</p>
 <p>MANAGEMENT</p>	<p>November 30: 9-10am MANAGING A BUSINESS Save your sanity with processes and systems</p>	<p>+ WORKSHOPS ON-DEMAND! Self-paced programming available to you on your schedule!</p> <p>CASH FLOW ESSENTIALS Learn how to leverage cash flow as a financial planning tool.</p> <p>PROFITABILITY ESSENTIALS Increase the profitability of your business to put more money in your pocket.</p>	

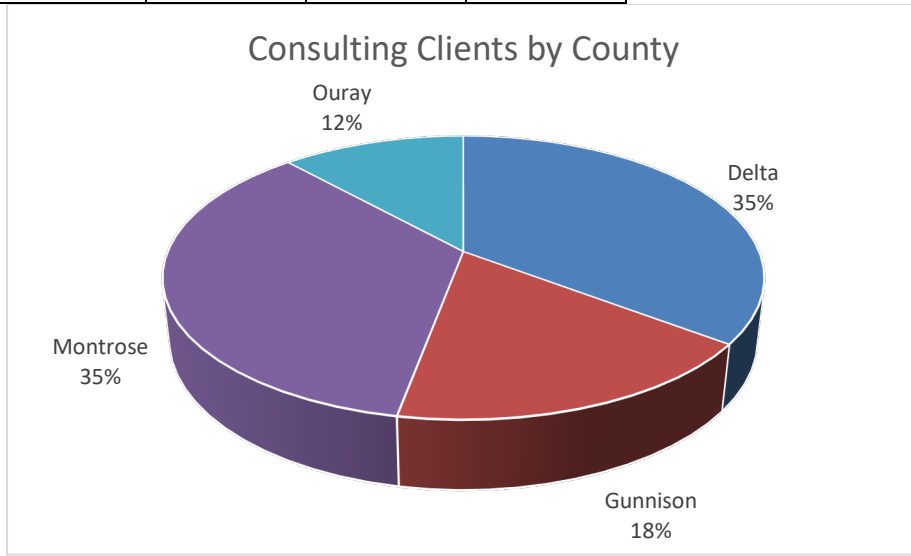


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970.765.3139 | www.region10.net/businesses-resources



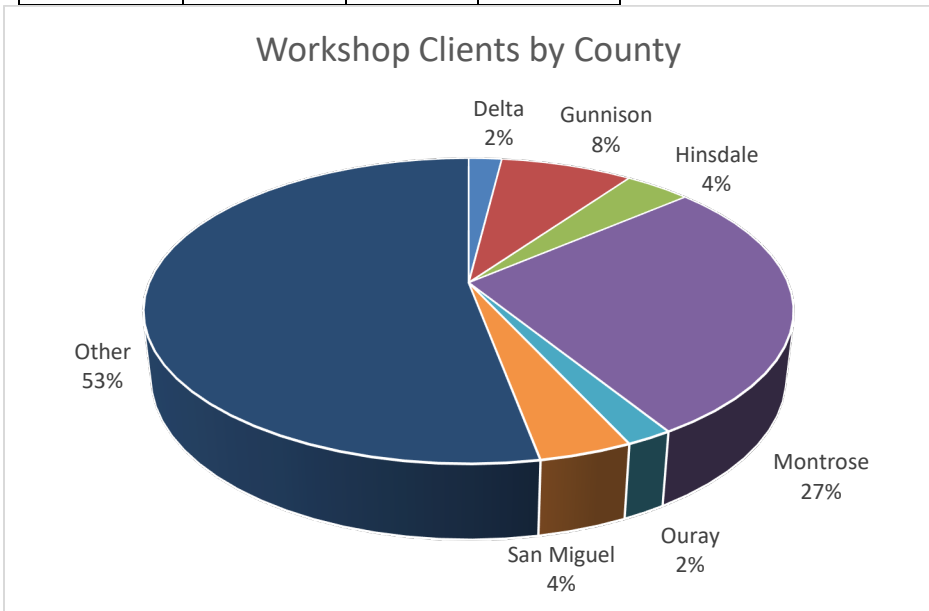
September Consulting

Clients	Sessions	Hours	Rating
17	19	22	4.25



September Trainings

Attendees	Workshops	Hours	Rating
51	4	9	5





Business Loan Fund October 2023

Action Items/Activities/Inquiries

Action Items

- None

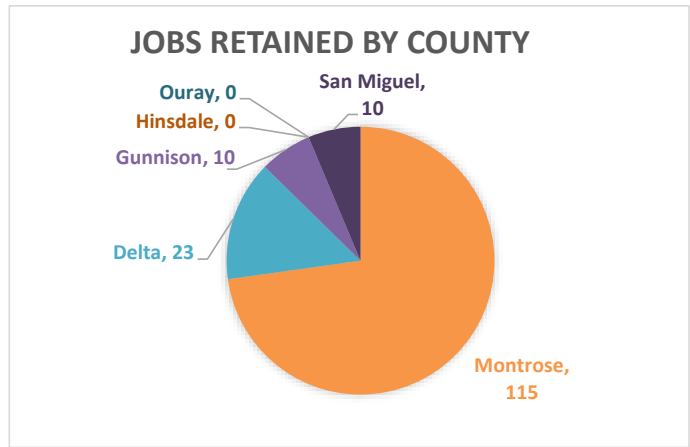
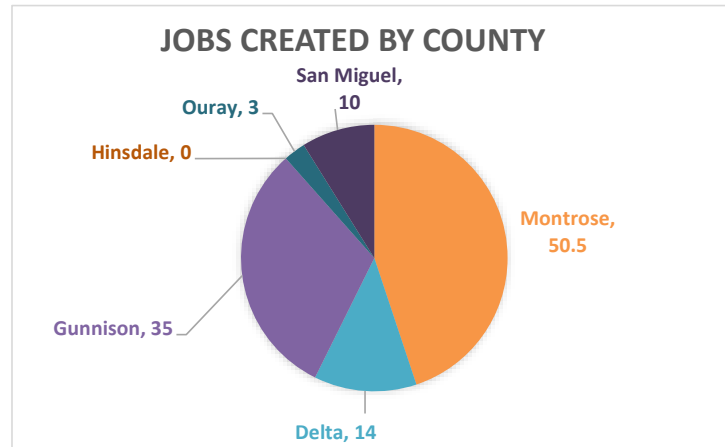
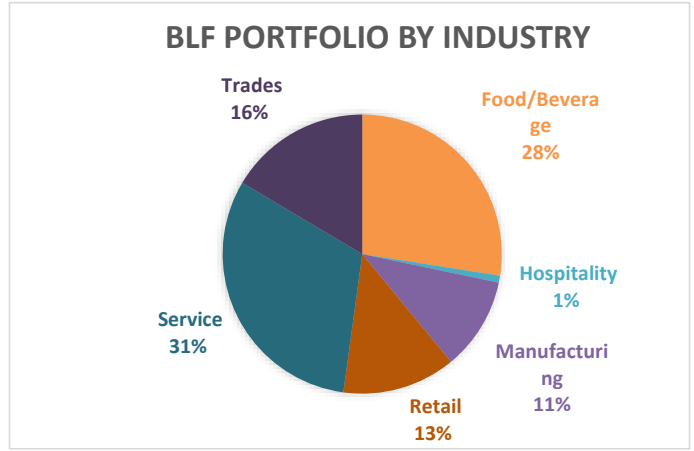
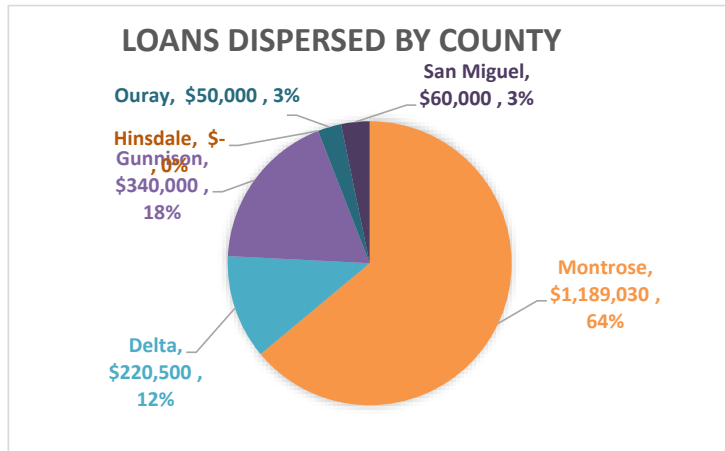
Activities/Inquiries

- CDBG contract was received in September. The current contract is for a total of \$348,000.00 through August 31, 2025. We have funded \$250,000.00 for Disaster Recovery of the Rockies. Currently, the hotel in the City of Montrose is approved for \$400,000. An amendment for an additional \$633,360 (\$546,000 as available to lend and \$87,360 for administration and technical assistance support) has been submitted. We are currently awaiting approval of the amendment, and we expect to close the hotel loan at the beginning of next year.
- The state network of BLF directors met up in Grand Junction October 17-18. Sarah Steffens attended the meeting. Sarah got some updates from each region at the meeting and learned about some important updates from OEDIT. She met the new Director for the Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments Dave Paul. She also met some members of the Region 9 team that she had not yet met in person. She also met members of the San Luis Valley Development Resources Group and Council of Governments including Cony Dominguez (the new Business Loan Fund Manager) and Sarah Stoeber (the Executive Director). The state network of BLF directors plans to meet again in the Spring of 2024 in Durango.
- Sarah toured the Grand Junction Business Incubator Center and met the new SBDC Director Tracy Baker and other staff members including Antonia Saucedo the new Mesa County Enterprise Zone Program Administrator and BLF program Associate.
- Sarah Steffens also attended 1 day of the EDCC and met in person with many of the businesses that we have loans to (including Geyser, Secret Creek, and PACT) at the Opening Reception which featured a mini-outdoor recreation manufacture and retailer Expo that Brian Rose organized.
- The BLF team of Sarah Steffens, Susan Bony and contractor Matt Evans are continuing to meet with businesses and take requests and are managing the day-to-day aspects of the program. There are several potential loans currently under consideration. Matt Evans also continues to work with the City of Montrose MOU services.

July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 (FY24)								
Loan Number	Amount	Date Closed	County	Jobs Created	Jobs Retained	Funds Source	Funds Leveraged	
3700	\$ 50,000.00	7/6/23	Ouray	3	0	SBA VII	\$ 50,000	
3701	\$ 50,000.00	7/10/23	Gunnison	4	1	SBA VII	\$ 170,000	
3702	\$ 50,000.00	7/6/23	Montrose	0.5	1	SBA VII	\$ 119,000	
3703	\$ 25,000.00	7/6/23	Montrose	2	4	SBA VII	\$ 92,000	
3705	\$ 15,000.00	7/6/23	Montrose	4	2	SBA VII	\$ 128,000	
3706	\$ 5,000.00	7/14/23	Montrose	1	0	SBA VII	\$ 7,000	
3707	\$ 40,830.00	7/14/23	Montrose	1	1	SBA VII	\$ -	
1820	\$ 10,100.00	8/3/23	Montrose	1	1	SBA V	\$ -	
1740	\$ 20,000.00	8/28/23	Montrose	1	11	SBA IV	\$ -	
1435	\$ 250,000.00	9/15/23	Montrose	4	2	CDBG	\$ 128,000	
Totals	\$515,930.00			21.5	23		\$ 694,000.00	

9/30/2023

County	Amount	Jobs Created	Jobs Retained	Funds Leveraged	Industry	Current \$ by Industry	% Industry
Montrose	\$ 1,189,030	50.5	115	\$ 1,455,400	Food/Beverage	\$ 887,110.40	27%
Delta	\$ 220,500	14	23	\$ 432,206	Hospitality	\$ 25,857.19	1%
Gunnison	\$ 340,000	35	10	\$ 350,000	Manufacturing	\$ 346,898.80	11%
Hinsdale	\$ -	0	0	\$ -	Retail	\$ 423,892.04	13%
Ouray	\$ 50,000	3	0	\$ 50,000	Service	\$ 1,012,733.61	31%
San Miguel	\$ 60,000	10	10	\$ 40,000	Trades	\$ 531,498.87	16%
Totals	\$ 1,859,530	112.5	158	\$ 2,327,606		\$ 3,227,991	100%



Community Development/EZ October 2023

Action Items: Enterprise Zone Contribution Projects:

- Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory RMBL- renewal of project, some items were delayed due to COVID. Workforce Housing is the focus of the project.
- Gunnison Valley Habitat for Humanity | Workforce Housing - EZ donations will be used for the development and construction of affordable, workforce housing located in the City of Gunnison. In addition, donations for land acquisition will be solicited to increase capacity. Habitat for Humanity Gunnison Valley (HFHGV) has been building single-family homes on land acquired in 2012 and dedicated as Parcels 1-9 Wills Way Community (WWC). Future plans and fundraising efforts will focus on multi-family housing to increase density on the remaining parcels we currently own and plan to acquire.

Informational/Ongoing:

- **Delta County/West End/Olathe:** AGNC submitted the application for the regional application for strategy development to include these communities. We submitted a Letter of Support.
- **Regional Grants Navigator Project (Feb – Feb 2024):** *See Attached RGN Report on next page*
- **National Just Transition Fund – Trish** participated on the JTF National Convening Conference Planning Committee (Convening will take place in October in Washington DC) and Trish presented on “Accessing Federal Funds” session at the conference.
- **San Juan Regional Leadership Committee** – Trish has been 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, and Courtney will continue participation.
- **West End Economic Development Corporation (Nucla, Naturita, Norwood):** Courtney attended a meeting with OEDIT and Nucla/Naturita about the funding program OEDIT has partnered with Office of Just Transitions. Also met with the Rural Opportunity Office and Rural Jumpstart program.
- **Economic Development Council of Colorado (EDCC):** Courtney continued to attend Events Planning Committee as well as attended the annual conference in Grand Junction, October 18-20th.
- **Enterprise Zone:** Approved annual reports submitted by all active projects for renewal of their project for 2024. Approving business pre-certifications for their business locations for tax year 2024, all businesses could begin submitting locations in October.

West Slope Resource Development

223 Regent Circle

Gunnison, CO 81230

Memorandum

To: Region 10 Board of Directors
From: Colleen Hannon, Regional Grant Navigator
Date: October 18, 2023, 2023
Re: Project Update

Dear Board members:

Our update to you follows:

1. Our September **Grants and Grub** featured a discussion of cost benefit analyses as required in applications to the USDOT. Ajin Hu, Colorado Grants Manager, USDOT Federal Highways Administration spoke. We have lined out the topics for the G&G's for the remainder of this first year. They include:
 - October 31st: Labor force impacts and how to integrate them into your application.
 - November 30th: Community engagement in the application process and beyond.
 - December: No roundtable this month.
 - January 31st: Tax credits for local governments as an alternative to direct grant funds.
 - February 29th: Justice, equity, inclusive, and diversity (JEDI) plans.
2. The RGN team continues its **weekly funding memos** by category (water, wastewater, disaster resiliency, energy efficiency and resiliency, and transportation) every week from either Shay or me. In the next few memos, in addition to identifying funding sources, we will be outlining the process by which to request **letters of support from the State or Congressional delegation**. So look for that information. In the meantime, reach out to Shay or me for assistance with these processes.
3. We have not heard yet on a start date for the grant writing firm retained by the State to support **the Regional Grant Navigator project**.

But, there is another resource of which we would like to make you aware. **The Colorado Dept. of Natural Resources has grant writing assistance** for applications to the federal government for water projects. This program requires a contract for services and, therefore, takes the State 30-45 days to approve either a grant or a consultant to assist you with grant writing. We have explained to their staff that this turnaround on a grant to provide grant writing assistance can eat up the entire notice period for the application, leaving a jurisdiction with no time to use this resource. So, if you are pursuing a water projects grant at the federal level, please consider this resource and give yourselves a lot of time at the front end of the process to ask the State for support. The link is <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/federal-technical-assistance>

And, one more resource to share with you, thanks to some sleuthing by Shay. The WaterNow Alliance, out of San Francisco, will review draft applications to the US Bureau of Reclamation and other federal sources gratis. They just provided reviews on two WaterSMART applications from our jurisdictions. Let me know if you need the contact person for this organization. Their website link is <https://waternow.org/consulting-services/>

4. October is the first quarter of the project with the **dual purposes of funding searches and technical assistance** to jurisdictions with the submission of their federal applications. To that end, we have seen more requests for support in this arena and have responded. Those requests have come from towns and special districts. It should be noted that, in some cases, the grant application went to a non-federal funding source. And, in others, work was undertaken at the request of jurisdictions. Additionally, our team includes Sara Struckman, a consultant to the Office of Just Transitions (OJT), as a pilot project. OJT approves technical assistance on specific applications through that pilot to our coal impacted communities and, as mentioned above, not all sources are federal.

I think it's important to note that the staff and elected officials of our jurisdictions are doing the yeoman's work on these applications. Our support has been anywhere from revising drafts, checking budgets, shepherding letters of support, explaining NOFO requirements to providing examples of JEDI plans, our CEDS, labor force plans and struggling with the grants.gov portal. **Kudos to them for pursuing a very complicated and arduous application process!**

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A few of the applications with which we have supported our jurisdictions in the submission process include:

- US Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Project Design grant
- US Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Water Strategy grant
- US Bureau of Reclamation Drought Resilience grant or a grant to the Colorado Office of Just Transitions by a Tier II community (pending)
- El Pomar Foundation for firefighter and emergency equipment
- EPA to secure committed Community Designated Funding by Congressional allocation (pending)
- GOCO
- US DOT Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods

All in all, it has been a very busy month for all of us. We already miss Trish! Please reach out any time with questions. I can be reached at 970.275.3651 or channon@region10net.



CLS Board Report October 2023

Action Item: None

Noteworthy:

- The Family Caregiver Summit was a huge success with 120 caregivers in attendance.
- We began our first evidenced based program this month Tai Chi for Arthritis. This will be a continuing program offered in Montrose, Ouray and Delta Co.
- C4A (Colo Assn of AAA) met last week, we are exploring some statewide contracts to see if we can improved pricing. No word from the legislators yet about the funding increase request. We did get a very nice surprise and received more than double the amount of carryover we were hoping for. We expended 100% of the FY 23 funding. This will help us get through the year.
- SHIP -open enrollment has begun Oct 15-Dec 7 calls have been steady
- Community Paramedicine-going strong in Delta County and they are serving the West End twice a month.
- RSVP-our plan of correction has been approved, we are in the process of completing the continuation grant.
- Ombudsman-Program audit is complete with no deficiencies, congratulations to Sandy Walker.
- The Villiage on San Juan is becomong a reality, framing began last week.
- We are actively searching for a Community Living Services Program Coordinator, this position will assist Joe with the volunteer programs freeing him up to assist with more of the administrave duties.

Informational/Ongoing

- Next RAC meeting Dec 14 10:00-1:00 R 10
- Reminder: if you would like to have any of our brochures let me know.



October 2023
Corey Bryndal
Regional Broadband Project Director
Broadband Report to the Board

- **DOLA EIAF Broadband** middle mile expansion plan is moving forward. This allows for direct fiber connection east into metro Denver and expansion south into Durango and Cortez. CDOT Task Order is signed and complete. Staff is pursuing fiber leases with Tri-State, Zayo Group Emery Telcom and others. Nine communities along Interstate 70 are constructing fiber laterals and CNL equipment rooms. Region 10 placed an order for Ciena Optical equipment funded by the DOLA expansion grant. Equipment is estimated to arrive in late December. Lab staging is estimated at 45-60 days. The first sites deployed will be Denver, Grand Junction and Glenwood Springs. After those sites, the other communities will be added. Staff is working to address a \$900k budget shortfall for equipment and fiber. Garfield, Mesa and La Plata Counties have been approached to close this gap. EDA has been asked to approve proposed changes to fiber and equipment procurement.
- Region 10 has seen strong interest in our planned Salt Lake City route. This path provides redundancy should there be a problem with Denver connections. i.e. – mud-slide, fire, power or equipment failure. Staff is working to determine the optimal fiber path from Interstate 70 to our existing network in downtown Grand Junction.
- Region 10 is talking with Region 9 and NWCCOG about forming a broadband consortium. This would place network management and certain financial responsibilities in an organization comprised of several regions. Region 10 has consulted with an attorney and is looking into consulting services to develop options.
- Lake City fiber build is nearing completion and Region 10 expects to receive it's fiber IRU soon. This will allow for connections between Community Anchor institutions and the CNL, as well as extend connectivity to the GCEA substation. Region 10 provides no services to residences. Region 10 provides no last mile services. Once the IRU is received lit services and possibly fiber leases may be made available to address open-access for requesting parties. GCEA pole make-ready activities are underway.
- **Region 10** continues to have a good dialogue with Just Transitions Fund regarding the \$150k grant awarded earlier this year. Region 10 posted a supporting position. We are reviewing responses and expanding the solicitation.

- Dark fiber into **Telluride** has been activated with 200Gbps of aggregate transport capacity. Pricing was delivered to San Miguel County to serve government clients. We have discussed needs with county IT staff.
- **Gunnison County, Crested Butte and Mount Crested Butte** have asked Region 10 to focus on long-term, permanent fix, with possible interim solution between Gunnison and Crested Butte. Our focus is on middle-mile fiber between towns and developing a CNL in Mt. Crested Butte. We are currently on our third iteration of the project and believe the current plan to be viable. Mt. Crested Butte will issue an RFP to construct fiber along Gothic Road and construct the CNL at the Transit Center at the base area. This approach will ensure open-access to fiber and services for multiple commercial ISP's and mobile cellular providers. Town board members are motivated to get into construction asap. We anticipate CNL remodel could occur during winter of 2023/2024 and fiber construction would begin spring of 2024. Matching funds need to be developed, and the project will use existing DOLA grant award funds. Region 10 presented to the Mt. CB Town Council and took questions. Staff is working with Town of Mt. CB to engage Vail Resorts regarding CNL space and usage. Two ISP's have approached Region 10 with strong interest in last-mile fiber deployment in the area.
- Region 10 is contracting for an audit of CNL facilities and network assets. We will use a technical consulting firm for this service. The output will include a topology map, remediation plan for equipment and configuration needs. Work is anticipated to begin the second week in November.
- Staff is working to expand visibility of the network and to identify and address service issues within the existing Region 10 network. A mix of new software, and partner services are being considered. The result should be improved uptime, timely software updates and better response to service impacting and ongoing maintenance needs. Region 10 may consider issuing an RFP for network management services to ensure costs are competitive with market offerings.
- Continuing 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. Four CNL's in Region 9 are planned to connect to the Region 10 network.
- Governments in Alamosa & Walsenburg have reached out to learn more about the Region 10 model. We have helped them get a consulting firm involved, and will continue to support their efforts as needed.
- Region 10 identified 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 – especially Region 10's six counties. 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 and Region 10. As a result, Region 10 will receive use of four strands of fiber that will contribute to improved reliability of our overall infrastructure. Partners in the Durango will lead the project.

Region 10 met with the four funding parties including the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and attorneys to continue the process of forming a multi-party agreement. This agreement appears to be close to finalized.

- 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, PPACG, San Luis Valley BCO, Region 9/SWCOG, AGNC and others.
- Region 10 staff continues to communicate actively with the Colorado Broadband Office – part of the Governor’s Office of Information Technology. Latest discussions center around the effectiveness of CPF and BEAD funding, and the critical role middle-mile fiber plays to the success of these generational funding opportunities. CBO staff introduced us to broadband leadership in the State of New Mexico, and opening discussions include an opportunity to cooperatively use fiber NM has access to along Interstate 25. Discussions with New Mexico continue.



TRANSPORTATION NEWSLETTER

DATE: OCTOBER 2023

Vince Rogalski, Chairman **Gunnison Valley TPR** **vrogal@montrose.net**

US 50 Little Blue Creek Canyon Improvements

Project Overview

The Federal Highway Administration and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will begin a 4-mile improvement project of US Highway 50. This project is also supported by the Central Federal Lands Highway Division (FHWA-CFLHD), in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Grand Mesa Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the National Park Service.

The project is located between mileposts 123 and 127, approximately 30 miles east of Montrose, Colorado, and about 33 miles from Gunnison, Colorado. The route provides access to various federal lands, including The Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park, Curecanti National Recreational Area, BLM land, and USFS land. The project is divided into two segments, 3 and 4, respectively. The critical roadway project plans improvements within Segment 3 to include realignment, widening the highway to two 12-foot travel lanes with two 4-foot wide paved shoulders, guardrail replacement, additional rockfall catchment area, new signage, and striping. Proposed improvements within Segment 4 include realignment, widening the highway to two 12-foot travel lanes with two 8-foot wide paved shoulders, new signage, and striping.

TRAFFIC AND RECREATION IMPACTS

Travel impacts for motorists will be consistent throughout the project. For much of the roadwork, motorists should plan for single-lane closures, and full roadway closures reduced speed limits and narrowed roads. Significant delays are anticipated.

Current update October 11, 2023

At the current update the estimate for completion this year will be about Mid June 2024.

Items to be completed are this year 2023:

1. Seeding
2. All culverts
3. Sub excavation East of bridge
4. GRS Wall #3 Construction
5. 85% of asphalt paving

Construction is estimated to be halted mid-December to mid-march, depending on the weather.

Items for completion 2024 (March to mid June)

1. Finish up asphalt
2. Finish up guardrails / concrete barriers Placement
3. Stripping
4. Signing
5. Fencing
6. Mumble Strips

Legislative Report – Emily Haddaway and Jamie Grim CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations (OPGR)

- Update on State Legislature ○ The Transportation Legislation Review Committee (TLRC) reviewed drafts of 10 bills and 5 got picked to be carried on next year, including:
 1. Vulnerable road user protection enterprise,
 2. Child Passenger Safety Education,
 3. Railroad safety requirements regarding train length and increased firefighter training,
 4. Accountability requirements added in towing carrier regulations, and
 5. Methods to Increase the use of transit with transit tax credits, universal passes, etc.
- Update on Federal Legislation
 - Congress was able to pass a last minute spending bill that will last through until Nov 17th to put together an Appropriation bill to keep the government funded right before Thanksgiving.

- For the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the nomination hearing for Michael Whitaker in the House and he was asked a lot of questions on housing shortages.
- UAW (United Auto Workers Union) strike continues and will have ripple effects across transportation
- NHTSA (Natl Highway Traffic Safety Admin) in first half of year- there have been 19,505 motor vehicle crash fatalities

HB1101 TPR Boundary Review Study Update – Herman Stockinger, CDOT Deputy Director

- Several TPRs that are under consideration for boundary changes requested they be left as is.
- SETPR in particular voiced opposition to the concept of Southeast and South Central TPRs merging. It was explained that the merging may require legislative action if all recommendations create less than 10 rural TPRs. Also the TC has the final say on the decisions regarding TPR Boundary Changes.
- Many staff recommendations pertained to administrative practices of TPRs and the STAC. One example is STAC term limits for Chair and Vice Chair, and a list of guiding documents TPRs need to develop and maintain.
- A recommendation to split the Intermountain TPR into two planning regions is under consideration, but the exact boundaries recommended are not yet determined.
- In addition, CDOT staff suggested having eastern El Paso County merge into the Pikes Peak Region. El Paso County staff have thus far expressed opposition to this concept. More discussions with PPACG and El Paso County, along with Central Front Range TPR are scheduled to occur.
- TPR members with concerns regarding the TPR Study recommendations were advised to reach out to their TC representatives to express their concerns.

STAC Work Plan – Darius Pakbaz, CDOT Division of Transportation Development Director

- **The STAC was provided the opportunity to bring up any topics they would like to cover in 2024.**
- **STAC agreed to not hold a meeting in December this year.**
- **Staff suggested the work plan include a general planning refresher in early 2024 for the benefit of new and existing STAC members after the November elections.**

- CDOT staff is planning to have a 10-Year Plan lessons learned overview and discussion in March 2024, then in April discuss what the next 10-Year Plan will include before finalization in May 2024.
- The Freight Plan update can be brought to the STAC for discussion in January 2024.
- STAC discussed the concept of moving the location of meetings throughout the state. This will be discussed further, in addition to the number or frequency of in-person meetings to hold.
- The next STAC Chair/Vice Chair election is scheduled for October 2024.

Transportation TPR Meeting

NEXT MEETING NOTICE TPR meeting November 9, 2023

1:30pm – 3:30pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/kdUqCH8cUT>

Video Conference Only