



**Region 10**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**December 5, 2024**

**12:00 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 October 2024**
- 4) **Action ITEMS:**
  - **Discussion/Approval of Revised Vacation Accrual**
- 5) **REPORTS**
  - a. **Executive Director Report**– Michelle Haynes
    - **Financial Report**
    - **Community Development**
    - **Regional Grants Navigator**
  - b. **Small Business Resource Center**- Nancy Murphy
    - **SBDC/Business Cultivator**
    - **Business Loan Fund**
  - c. **Area Agency on Aging**– Brian Bowler
  - d. **Regional Broadband**-Corey Bryndal
  - e. **Gunnison Valley Transportation Region Committee**- Vince Rogalski

**Action: Accept Director Reports**
- 6) **Community Roundtable**
- 7) **NEXT MEETINGS**
  - a. **Executive Committee: January 23, 2025 Noon-2:30 p.m.**
  - b. **Board of Directors Meeting: February 27, 2025 Noon-2:30**
  - c. **BLF Committee: December 6, 2024 10-11 a.m.**
  - d. **AAA Regional Advisory Committee: December 12, 2024 9:30**
  - e. **Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region10: February 13, 2025 1:30 -3:30 p.m.**
- 8) **ADJOURNMENT**



1. CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTION – Meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm.
  - a. Staff: Michelle Haynes (R10 Director), Nancy Murphy (SBRC Director), Corey Bryndal (Broadband Director), Brian Bowler (AAA Director), Aris Freeborn
  - b. In-Person Board Members: Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank (City of Montrose, Vice Chair EC), Commissioner Roger Rash (Montrose County, EC), Councilor Jim Gelwicks (City of Gunnison)
  - c. Remote Board Members: Mayor Dave Roberts (Town of Lake City, EC), Commissioner Kris Holstrom (San Miguel County, Past Chair EC), Commissioner Greg Levine (Hinsdale County), Commissioner Michelle Nauer (Ouray County, EC), Mayor Paige Smith (City of Paonia).
  
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS
  - a. ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve Agenda M/S: Roger Rash/Jim Gelwicks, as accepted. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
  
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 2024
  - a. ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve minutes: M/S: Michelle Nauer/Kris Holstrom, as accepted. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously
  
4. REPORTS:
  - a. ED/Financial Reports | Michelle Haynes
    - i. Financial Report
      1. Financials and related documents have been submitted to the auditors for FY 2024.
      2. Current financials are as expected.
      3. There are still concerns with the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) budget due to funding shortfall. Currently working on solutions.
      4. We are currently exploring ways to improve the Broadband budget, recouping administrative costs, managing cash flow and grants management.
      5. The Regional Grants Navigator (RGN) program has received funding from OEDIT for \$40,000. It was also stated by the state manager that the program will be extended for an additional year (year 3). Patty Gabriel has agreed to stay on for one more year as the program manager.
      6. We have received notice of award from DOLA to extend the Broadband Coordinator technical assistance for one more year.
    - ii. Executive Director Report
      1. We are gearing up for employee annual conversation, which are held in lieu of annual reviews.
      2. Currently reviewing employee insurance. We are still waiting for the figures for next year.
      3. Discussion/Approval: Employee Vacation and Holiday Leave hours:
        - a. Holidays and vacation time will be changed to fit scheduled hours. For example, if an employe is normally scheduled to work 9 hours the day a holiday falls, they will receive 9 hours of holiday pay.
        - b. Proposing to increase all employees' vacation time to accrue at 20 days a year. The current vacation policy states: 1-5 years 15 days, 5-10 18 days and 10+ years 21 days. We do not expect to see a significant financial note as a result of changing the current policy.



- c. We do not offer a cash out policy if an employee terminates employment. This policy is based on a previous Board decision to encourage employees to take their vacation time and alleviate burn out.
  - d. Vacation accrual starts on the first day of employment and is based on the number of hours an employee works. The maximum accrual is 240 hours.
  - e. Sick leave policy is 12-15 days of accrual, with a maximum accrual of 240. We do not pay out sick leave at the end of employment.
  - f. RECCOMENDATION: Documentation of the changes and the financial note to be taken to the full board for approval.
  - g. ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve vacation accrual policy for recommendation to the board: M/S: Jim Gelwicks / Michelle Nauer, as accepted. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously pending ratification from full board based on a positive recommendation from the executive committee.
- iii. Community Development
- 1. Enterprise Zone:
    - a. One new Enterprise Zone application has been received from Ouray Land Trust.
    - b. The Ouray County Commissioners signed a letter of support of the EZ application.
    - c. ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve Ouray Land Trust Enterprise Zone application. M/S: Greg Levine / Michelle Nauer as accepted. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
  - 2. Regional Grants Navigator
    - a. The Regional Grants Navigator (RGN) program has received funding from OEDIT for \$40,000 and notice that the program will be extended for an additional year (year 3). Patty Gabriel has agreed to stay on for one more year as the program manager.
    - b. REQUEST: We have received some inquiries regarding the mini-grant program. Michelle discussed renewing the program with Patrick Rondinelli. Request for consideration to submit application to DOLA for \$100k for community mini grants that will be awarded over two years. Communities will be requested to bring the match for this grant. Patti Gabriel will assist in implementation of the program.
    - c. ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve the submission of the DOLA application. M/S Jim Gelwicks /Roger Rash as accepted. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Small Business Resource Center | Nancy Murphy
- i. SBDC/Business Cultivator
    - 1. We have 5-7 Kitchen Clients on average. Currently Reporting 5, with an additional client signing up tomorrow.
    - 2. In the community
      - a. Adriana is participating on the Hispanic Outreach Committee



- b. Dario is participating on the Funding Delta Innovation Panel
    - c. Callie Koch and Sara Steffens participated in Gunnison Information Night.
  - ii. Business Loan Fund (BLF)
    - 1. Business training participation slows down mid-November through January. As a result, we are offering limited training during this time.
    - 2. Late payments are improving.
    - 3. Monthly statements are now being emailed and an online payment portal has been implemented.
    - 4. We currently have 4 clients/5 businesses that continue to pay late, which could lead to a substantial write off if not corrected. A call with attorney is scheduled for today regarding past due balances for three of the past-due businesses, owned by one individual.
    - 5. Discussion with the loan committee on the past due policy is in progress.
- c. Area Agency on Aging | Brian Bowler
  - i. Met with AAA providers in the area.
  - ii. Attended the C4A (Colorado Association of Area Agencies on Aging) Meeting. AAA agencies are working together on policy for state legislation focusing on funding. Funding is limited across the state.
  - iii. We have not been able to move anyone off the AAA waiting lists. Emergency services have been approved on a limited basis.
  - iv. Requests for funding from the Telluride Foundation and the Daniels Foundation have been submitted.
  - v. Ann Morgenthaler (Montrose Deputy City Manager) has expressed the possibility of providing financial support for AAA programs. Particularly with meals for the Montrose area.
  - vi. Medicare open enrollment has begun. There is confusion among the communities about the Advantage plans.
  - vii. We have onboarded 3 new volunteer SHIP counselors to help with Medicare enrollment.
  - viii. Our Handy Helpers program is getting back up and running as part of the RSVP program. We currently have 6 volunteers in Montrose and Delta.
- d. Broadband | Cory Bryndal
  - i. The expansion project is continuing with cabling with Zayo and CDOT along I-70, down to Montrose and Durango and to Salt Lake.
  - ii. Optical equipment setup has been completed. Acceptance testing will be in a week in California.
  - iii. Routing equipment is currently being setup in Boulder with the Front Range Giga Pop.
  - iv. Existing networks are currently being improved for network capability.
  - v. Auditing of the network was performed and received recommendations for maintenance.
  - vi. Lake City construction has been complete. A Visionary press release to come.



- e. GVTPR - Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region | Michelle for Vince Rogalski
  - i. It is anticipated that the repairs to the bridges (Middle Mile and Lake Fork) will be completed soon.
  - ii. Vince Rogalski was replaced as the STAC chair at 20 years. He will continue to serve on the STAC committee as the GVTPR representative
  - iii. Multi Modal Options Funds (MMOF) GVTPR has \$2 million allocation to award for regional projects.
  - iv. The process for the 2050 Long Range Plan has begun. Communities need to review project lists to make sure any projects are included.
  
- 5. Approval of the Director Reports
  - a. ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve reports: M/S Jim Gelwicks/Roger Rash. None opposed  
Motion passed unanimously.
  
- 6. Next meetings:
  - a. Executive Committee: 1/23/25, Noon-2:30 p.m.
  - b. Board of Directors Meeting: 12/6/24, Noon-2:30 p.m.
  - c. BLF Committee: 12/9/24, 10-11 a.m.
  - d. AAA Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) 11/21/24, 9:30 a.m.
  - e. Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region 10: 11/14/24, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Michelle Haynes: Noted to the Executive Committee that she will be out of the office for the majority of December.

- 7. ADJOURNMENT
  - a. The meeting was adjourned at 1:19 pm

## Balance Sheet by Category

Region 10  
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### Assets:

Region 10 Cash	368,961.17
BLF Cash	528,409.16
SBA Cash	596,321.30
Prepaid Expenses	225,950.82
Loans Receivable	3,813,789.68
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	(196,688.32)
AAA Receivables	346,546.34
Grants Receivable	386,564.15
Other Receivables	170,562.34
Building and Land	1,781,538.00
Broadband Assets	16,830,081.29
Furniture and Fixtures	14,461.15
Accumulated Depreciation	(5,502,940.58)
Enterprise Center Remodel	1,142,298.00

### Assets:

\$20,505,854.50

### Liabilities:

Not Assigned to a Code	23,000.00
Accounts Payable	650,511.95
Accrued Leave	63,862.60
Payroll Benefits Payable	(147.65)
Deferred Revenue	(10,443.00)
Building Security	4,000.00
Other Liabilities	(21,696.57)
Broadband Deferred Revenue	263,659.74
Project Advances	174,023.75
Alpine LOC	409,952.06
SBA Loan	1,138,508.08
Cost Allocation Control	(3,429.94)

### Liabilities:

\$2,691,801.02

### Equity:

Enterprize Zone	(16,729.98)
Community Development	(70,841.52)
Transportation and Transit	54,051.89
Olathe RISE	1,100,212.25
Area Agency on Aging Projects	318,869.24
BLF Projects	2,146,563.06
Small Business Resource Center	(193,756.20)
Regional Broadband	1,377,103.00
Unrestricted Net Assets	(174,557.62)
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	(11.82)
RLF Retained Earnings	13,273,151.18

### Equity:

\$17,814,053.48

### Total Liabilities and Equity

\$20,505,854.50

### Balance:

\$0.00

## Agencywide R&E by Category

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**With Indirect Cost Detail**

Code & Description	Budget	Current	YTD	Un/Over	% Bud
<b>Revenues</b>					
<b>Grants and Contracts</b>	<b>1,713,880.00</b>	<b>136,847.99</b>	<b>383,527.55</b>	<b>1,330,352.45</b>	<b>22.38 %</b>
40000 EZ Admin Grant	22,500.00	2,809.12	8,427.36	14,072.64	37.45 %
40100 EDA Grant	70,000.00	5,833.34	17,500.00	52,500.00	25.00 %
40120 USDA CFTA	320,000.00	116.01	56,116.01	263,883.99	17.54 %
40400 CDOT Annual Grant	30,000.00	3,194.46	8,194.46	21,805.54	27.31 %
40800 DOLA - Community Development Grant	124,000.00	0.00	0.00	124,000.00	0.00 %
40820 Infrastructure Navigator Funds	0.00	8,333.33	24,999.99	(24,999.99)	0.00 %
40865 BB Grant - OPERATIONS	90,000.00	46,219.41	66,219.41	23,780.59	73.58 %
43227 SBDC Grant Income	160,000.00	30,585.57	43,585.57	116,414.43	27.24 %
48100 Other CLS Grants	56,000.00	14,000.00	30,478.00	25,522.00	54.43 %
48200 SHIP Grant	40,420.00	0.00	0.00	40,420.00	0.00 %
48300 MIPPA Grant	0.00	3,666.00	3,666.00	(3,666.00)	0.00 %
48400 RSVP Grant	300,000.00	18,607.90	68,607.90	231,392.10	22.87 %
48500 SMP State Grant	0.00	1,125.00	3,375.00	(3,375.00)	0.00 %
49500 CDBG Administration	28,800.00	0.00	0.00	28,800.00	0.00 %
49600 SBA Technical Assistance Grant	292,160.00	2,357.85	52,357.85	239,802.15	17.92 %
49700 CDBG Grant Funds	180,000.00	0.00	0.00	180,000.00	0.00 %
<b>AAA Federal and State Program</b>	<b>2,116,680.00</b>	<b>160,438.58</b>	<b>515,820.73</b>	<b>1,600,859.27</b>	<b>24.37 %</b>
40200 AAA Admin Fed	78,600.00	6,874.58	20,915.98	57,684.02	26.61 %
40210 AAA Admin State	87,700.00	0.00	0.00	87,700.00	0.00 %
40253 AAA Carry-Over - Fed	274,900.00	0.00	0.00	274,900.00	0.00 %
40900 AAA Program Income	0.00	0.00	5,833.35	(5,833.35)	0.00 %
41200 AAA State Caregiver Match	5,200.00	422.25	844.50	4,355.50	16.24 %
42500 AAA Fed Funding	774,170.00	22,385.21	122,772.10	651,397.90	15.86 %
43000 AAA Program State	854,110.00	90,385.08	273,235.14	580,874.86	31.99 %
43600 ADRC Revenue	42,000.00	3,783.11	11,349.33	30,650.67	27.02 %
49000 AAA ARPA Fed	0.00	36,588.35	80,870.33	(80,870.33)	0.00 %
<b>RLF Interest &amp; Fees</b>	<b>133,440.00</b>	<b>18,211.03</b>	<b>44,868.44</b>	<b>88,571.56</b>	<b>33.62 %</b>
49100 Loan Interest	120,000.00	2,999.29	7,900.97	112,099.03	6.58 %
49110 Loan Interest-CDBG #6	0.00	117.38	435.69	(435.69)	0.00 %
49115 Loan Interest Rural BLF Statewide	0.00	145.57	471.46	(471.46)	0.00 %
49130 Loan Interest-SBA II #5303545000	0.00	243.31	472.26	(472.26)	0.00 %
49140 Loan Interest-SBA III # 9325495008	0.00	1,208.72	5,379.91	(5,379.91)	0.00 %
49150 Loan Interest-SBA IV # 2489697006	0.00	1,060.58	2,950.54	(2,950.54)	0.00 %
49155 SBA Loan V Interest Income	0.00	1,133.38	3,437.28	(3,437.28)	0.00 %
49156 SBA VI Interest Income	0.00	2,354.81	6,390.34	(6,390.34)	0.00 %
49160 Loan Interest-CDBG #8	0.00	3,697.47	7,773.38	(7,773.38)	0.00 %
49200 Loan Fees	7,200.00	1,211.98	3,177.98	4,022.02	44.14 %
49210 Loan Administrative Fees	6,000.00	2,917.39	3,909.39	2,090.61	65.16 %
49300 Late Fees/Penalties	240.00	1,121.15	2,569.24	(2,329.24)	1,070.52 %
<b>Other Fees &amp; Services</b>	<b>38,100.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>398.72</b>	<b>37,701.28</b>	<b>1.05 %</b>
43100 Small Business Resource Center Funding	12,000.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	0.00 %
43150 SBRC - Tuition Fee Income	3,600.00	0.00	0.00	3,600.00	0.00 %
45800 EZ Contribution Fees	22,500.00	0.00	398.72	22,101.28	1.77 %
<b>Membership</b>	<b>197,000.00</b>	<b>15,019.00</b>	<b>46,268.32</b>	<b>150,731.68</b>	<b>23.49 %</b>
42000 Member Dues	115,540.00	10,090.00	31,481.32	84,058.68	27.25 %
42700 Transportation Assessments	25,860.00	2,178.00	6,534.00	19,326.00	25.27 %
43400 AAA Assessments	55,600.00	2,751.00	8,253.00	47,347.00	14.84 %
<b>Building</b>	<b>21,600.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>17,600.00</b>	<b>18.52 %</b>

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44000 Building Rent	21,600.00	1,000.00	4,000.00	17,600.00	18.52 %
<b>Broadband Revenues</b>	<b>660,000.00</b>	<b>111,080.20</b>	<b>167,034.60</b>	<b>492,965.40</b>	<b>25.31 %</b>
40855 BB Partners Capital	0.00	83,103.00	83,103.00	(83,103.00)	0.00 %
40860 Broadband Service Income	660,000.00	27,977.20	83,931.60	576,068.40	12.72 %
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>388,300.00</b>	<b>138,678.43</b>	<b>157,825.85</b>	<b>230,474.15</b>	<b>40.65 %</b>
40115 Program Income	0.00	1,480.00	3,182.36	(3,182.36)	0.00 %
40840 In-Kind Donation	42,000.00	3,499.00	10,497.00	31,503.00	24.99 %
43350 Region 9 Loan Proceeds	0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	(50,000.00)	0.00 %
45000 Bank Interest Earned	9,600.00	721.38	2,485.88	7,114.12	25.89 %
46000 Local Donations	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00 %
48000 AAA Local Donations	28,000.00	295.00	570.00	27,430.00	2.04 %
48050 Other Income	0.00	55,500.00	55,500.00	(55,500.00)	0.00 %
48425 Senior Companion Grant	288,700.00	20,989.02	20,989.02	267,710.98	7.27 %
49157 SBA VII Interest Income	0.00	2,385.17	5,809.91	(5,809.91)	0.00 %
49162 CDBG #9 Interest Income	0.00	141.94	141.94	(141.94)	0.00 %
49165 Loan Interest CO Start Up	0.00	3,666.92	8,649.74	(8,649.74)	0.00 %
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>5,269,000.00</b>	<b>581,275.23</b>	<b>1,319,744.21</b>	<b>3,949,255.79</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>

**Expenses**

<b>Salaries &amp; Fringe</b>	<b>1,845,914.00</b>	<b>126,277.33</b>	<b>400,383.55</b>	<b>1,445,530.45</b>	<b>21.69 %</b>
50000 SALARIES	1,420,791.00	86,261.99	279,673.46	1,141,117.54	19.68 %
50500 FRINGE BENEFITS	425,123.00	40,015.34	120,710.09	304,412.91	28.39 %
<b>Travel</b>	<b>65,800.00</b>	<b>12,795.01</b>	<b>29,020.32</b>	<b>36,779.68</b>	<b>44.10 %</b>
52000 Meetings & Travel Expenses	65,200.00	12,795.01	29,020.32	36,179.68	44.51 %
52400 Taxes, Licenses & Fees	600.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	0.00 %
<b>Supplies</b>	<b>31,200.00</b>	<b>1,987.65</b>	<b>7,891.92</b>	<b>23,308.08</b>	<b>25.29 %</b>
53700 Printing & Supplies	31,200.00	1,987.65	7,891.92	23,308.08	25.29 %
<b>Equipment</b>	<b>55,200.00</b>	<b>6,028.09</b>	<b>9,109.05</b>	<b>46,090.95</b>	<b>16.50 %</b>
59400 Equipment Rental, Repairs & Maintenance	40,200.00	3,929.09	3,929.09	36,270.91	9.77 %
59600 Equipment & Furniture	15,000.00	2,099.00	5,179.96	9,820.04	34.53 %
<b>Contractual</b>	<b>277,600.00</b>	<b>38,991.25</b>	<b>92,786.74</b>	<b>184,813.26</b>	<b>33.42 %</b>
54900 Consulting Fees	15,000.00	771.25	3,708.75	11,291.25	24.73 %
55000 Contractual Services	262,600.00	38,220.00	89,077.99	173,522.01	33.92 %
<b>RFL Interest and Exp</b>	<b>72,800.00</b>	<b>5,065.24</b>	<b>15,090.80</b>	<b>57,709.20</b>	<b>20.73 %</b>
92000 SBA Loan Interest	10,800.00	1,017.41	2,890.74	7,909.26	26.77 %
92100 Loan Expenses	26,000.00	1,647.83	5,000.06	20,999.94	19.23 %
92200 Bad Debt/Write Off	36,000.00	2,400.00	7,200.00	28,800.00	20.00 %
<b>Broadband Expenses</b>	<b>202,800.00</b>	<b>11,987.86</b>	<b>35,953.58</b>	<b>166,846.42</b>	<b>17.73 %</b>
52100 Broadband Service	202,800.00	2,136.96	6,410.88	196,389.12	3.16 %
53920 Internet - COGS	0.00	6,230.98	18,692.94	(18,692.94)	0.00 %
53950 Broadband Network Management	0.00	3,619.92	10,849.76	(10,849.76)	0.00 %
<b>General Expense</b>	<b>290,700.00</b>	<b>24,229.93</b>	<b>60,249.76</b>	<b>230,450.24</b>	<b>20.73 %</b>
52700 Telephone/Fax	6,000.00	4,552.93	5,588.91	411.09	93.15 %
53000 Rent	63,000.00	5,299.00	15,897.00	47,103.00	25.23 %
53300 Background and Security Verification	0.00	30.00	258.25	(258.25)	0.00 %
53600 Postage & Shipping	4,800.00	0.00	658.87	4,141.13	13.73 %
53900 Software - Finance	2,400.00	80.00	1,222.00	1,178.00	50.92 %
53910 Software - Miscellaneous	40,800.00	10,988.77	11,820.87	28,979.13	28.97 %
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 %



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54000 Dues & Subscriptions	14,400.00	457.00	3,305.00	11,095.00	22.95 %
55100 Legal Fees	14,400.00	0.00	442.50	13,957.50	3.07 %
55200 Audit & Accounting	24,000.00	298.00	959.62	23,040.38	4.00 %
55300 Recruitment & Retention	5,400.00	573.74	2,423.74	2,976.26	44.88 %
55350 Donations & Sponsorships	10,800.00	0.00	0.00	10,800.00	0.00 %
55600 Promotions	22,200.00	840.98	5,553.72	16,646.28	25.02 %
56200 Bank Service Charges/Fees	900.00	50.13	149.66	750.34	16.63 %
56300 Other Insurance	42,000.00	1,059.38	11,969.62	30,030.38	28.50 %
<b>Building Expenditures</b>	<b>96,600.00</b>	<b>7,350.59</b>	<b>30,704.60</b>	<b>65,895.40</b>	<b>31.79 %</b>
60100 Building Insurance	21,000.00	462.96	1,413.88	19,586.12	6.73 %
60200 Building Maintenance & Repair	30,000.00	3,356.90	19,187.38	10,812.62	63.96 %
60500 Building Loan Interest	18,000.00	1,291.31	3,909.52	14,090.48	21.72 %
60600 Building Utilities	27,600.00	2,239.42	6,193.82	21,406.18	22.44 %
<b>Depreciation</b>	<b>1,408,218.00</b>	<b>83,661.00</b>	<b>250,983.00</b>	<b>1,157,235.00</b>	<b>17.82 %</b>
58000 Depreciation Expense	1,408,218.00	11,161.00	33,483.00	1,374,735.00	2.38 %
58100 BB Infrastructure Depr	0.00	72,500.00	217,500.00	(217,500.00)	0.00 %
<b>Contracted Direct Service</b>	<b>1,771,500.00</b>	<b>129,516.37</b>	<b>414,015.87</b>	<b>1,357,484.13</b>	<b>23.37 %</b>
71500 AAA State Caregiver Match	5,200.00	0.00	0.00	5,200.00	0.00 %
72500 AAA Fed Funding	901,600.00	5,723.94	64,741.45	836,858.55	7.18 %
73000 AAA State Funding	788,700.00	70,757.48	214,299.73	574,400.27	27.17 %
78100 Other CLS Grants Expense	76,000.00	2,375.00	4,366.84	71,633.16	5.75 %
79000 AAA ARPA Fed	0.00	50,659.95	130,607.85	(130,607.85)	0.00 %
<b>Business/Other Direct Grants</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>55,500.00</b>	<b>55,500.00</b>	<b>(55,500.00)</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>
58400 Business Grant Distributions	0.00	55,500.00	55,500.00	(55,500.00)	0.00 %
<b>Other Expenses</b>	<b>457,000.00</b>	<b>7,331.61</b>	<b>22,902.76</b>	<b>434,097.24</b>	<b>5.01 %</b>
53650 Educational Supplies	6,000.00	53.26	346.54	5,653.46	5.78 %
53960 CNL Lease Equipment	60,000.00	0.00	0.00	60,000.00	0.00 %
55360 Volunteer Costs Travel and Meals	391,000.00	6,787.65	21,230.95	369,769.05	5.43 %
55363 Recognition - Individual	0.00	490.70	675.27	(675.27)	0.00 %
58300 Tuition	0.00	0.00	650.00	(650.00)	0.00 %
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>6,575,332.00</b>	<b>510,721.93</b>	<b>1,424,591.95</b>	<b>5,150,740.05</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>
<b>Agency Balance</b>	<b>(1,306,332.00)</b>	<b>70,553.30</b>	<b>(104,847.74)</b>		

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## *Executive Director Update November 2024*

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**Action Items:** Approval of Employee Vacation accrual

**Discussion/Approval Items:**

- **Employee Benefits: Discussion/Approval** of Employee Vacation accrual (see Oct meeting minutes).

**Informational Items:**

- Submitted DOLA request for mini-grant program (Patty Gabriel completed the application) for \$100,000 for 12-24 months of program.
- **Submitted and received Just Transitions (National Office) for Broadband assistance grant for match/support for Director and consultants to provide technical assistance for federal grants; funding awarded \$100,000**
- Reviewed/approved employee insurance renewal. Health insurance premiums increased by approximately 6% (reduced from the initial 9% increase proposed by carrier). Other renewals include vision, dental, life and Employee Assistance Program.
- Program Coordinators requested Americorp programs (Senior Volunteer and Senior Companion Programs) to reduce match to 0% (previously reduced to 10%). Senior Volunteer program was approved; anticipating approval of the Senior Companion program. These program will also have indirect/administrative rate increased to 15% with the new federal guidelines.
- Issued RFP for Broadband Network Operator; reviewing proposal response.
- Completed transition of IT services to new contractor.
- Beginning MMOF (Multi-Modal Funds) process for the Gunnison Valley Transportation Region (GVTPR), with tentatively draft applications due to CDOT 12/6.
- Continuing Year End (6/30/2024) fiscal audit.
- Preparing documents to close EDA grant for broadband expansion project.
- Working with Colorado Workforce on potential subscription (sub-lease) of the Gunnison office; have returned agreement template with comments.
- Completed end of year employee conversations.

**Staffing:**

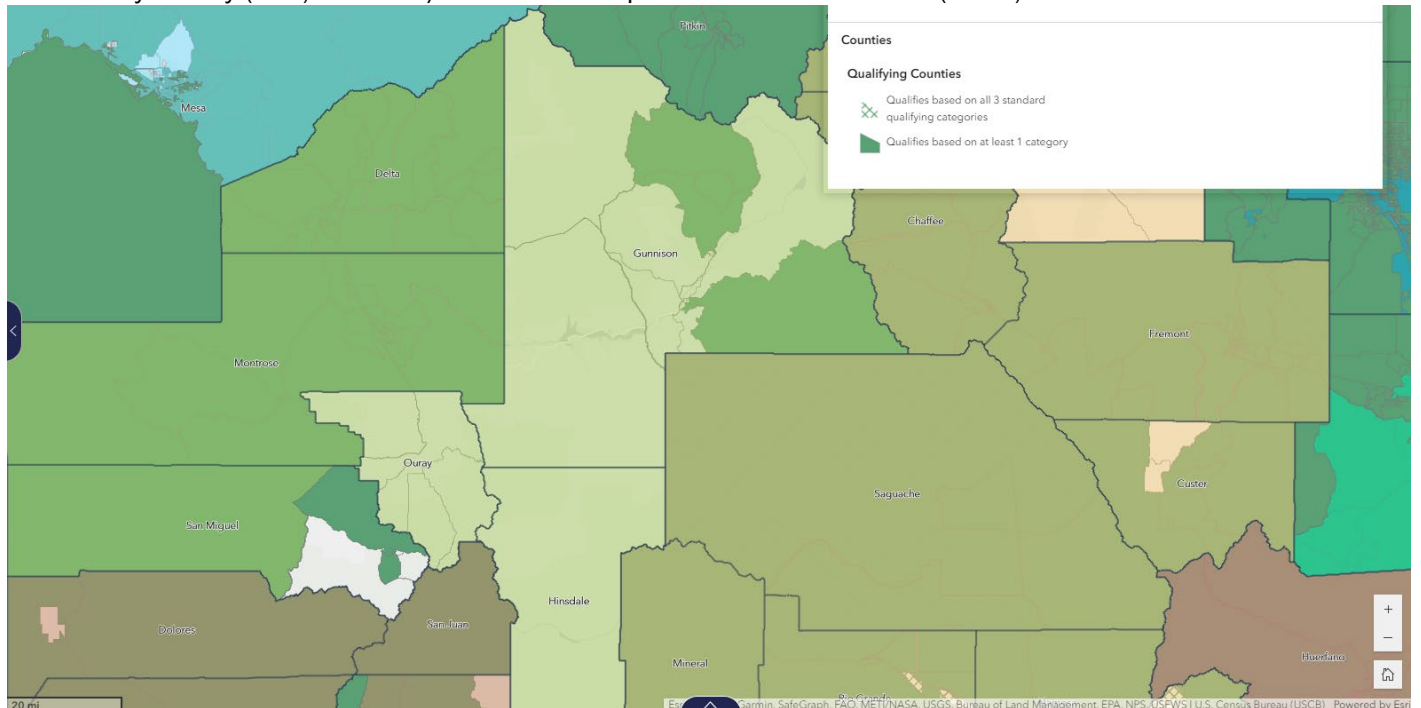
- No current employee open positions. Senior Services are contracting for volunteers and contractors for Medicare Counseling, Senior Companion and Retired Volunteer Service Programs.

# Community Development Board Report

For December 5, 2024 prepared by Courtney Tribble

## Enterprise Zone (EZ):

- Enterprise Zone Redesignation Update:
  - We can have the State Program Manager attend our meeting in January if board members are interested in further explanation from the state.
  - The areas identified in the map below or on the Redesignation Tool will be designated as Enterprise Zones starting January 1, 2026. In the image below I have overlaid Region 10's current Enterprise Zones areas with the new areas to show what areas remain Enterprise Zones (lime green), what areas graduated out (yellowish tint) and what areas graduated in (darker green). Montrose and Delta County will remain in the EZ as full counties. The West End of San Miguel County remains in the EZ and the Northeastern portion graduated into the EZ due to having a 5-year population growth rate that was below 25% of the state average. Ouray & Hinsdale counties graduated out of the EZ, as well as large portions of Gunnison County. The areas that graduated out did not meet any of the economic distress criteria defined by U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) data and/or Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) data.



- Nothing municipalities can do to change the areas designated as Enterprise Zones as the criteria and data used are determined by State Statute for the 10-year Enterprise Zone Redesignation.
- When new 5-year ACS data becomes available and areas that graduated out show that they are distressed based of the same 3 economic distress criteria there is the possibility of applying for a boundary amendment and those typically go into effect with the Fiscal Years, so the earliest possible boundary amendment could be July 1, 2026.
- In addition, Delta County will remain an Enhanced Rural Enterprise Zone and the communities of Naturita, Nucla and Norwood will become Enhance Rural Enterprise Zones due to their designation as Tier One Transition Communities.
- HopeWest and Home Trust of Ouray County had Enterprise Zone Contribution Projects approved by the Economic Development Commission on November 21<sup>st</sup>, they are both active through 12/31/2029.
- Colorado Flights Alliance has an application currently in the EZ Administrator Peer Review Process.

**ONE Delta County:**

Continue to participate as an ex-officio member of the One Delta County Board. Attended the annual meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Economic Development Council of Colorado (EDCC):**

Attended the EDCC Conference in Beaver Creek, October 13-16<sup>th</sup>. Continue to sit on the Events & Planning Committee for the organization.

**National Association of Development Organizations (NADO):**

Attended the NADO Annual Training Conference

**High Alpine Loop Roadmaps:**

Received the completed report from Mountain Studies Institute of the [High Alpine Recreation Study](#). The Objectives of the study are to:

1. Provide a geospatial assessment of current infrastructure and natural resources to better inform a holistic management plan for the High Alpine region.
2. Create a multi-layer geodatabase that identifies areas where recreation is underserved by infrastructure, and where recreation may negatively impact natural or cultural resources.

**West End Solutions Group:**

Attended the West End Solutions Group on November 20<sup>th</sup>, it will continue meetings in 2024 to help connect the West End communities with resources through the county, state or region.

**Gunnison Economic Development Steering Committee**

Attended a meeting in Gunnison on November 21<sup>st</sup>, to go over their Economic Development Plan update and provide regional economic development insights.



Memorandum

To: Region 10 Board of Directors  
From: Patty Gabriel, Regional Grant Navigator  
Date: December 2, 2024  
Re: November 2024 Board Report

Here is the RGN program update for November.

1. The Governor's Office recently announced that funding for year three of the RGN program is now available. Staff are currently working on the year three funding request.
2. We continue to see an increase in the number of municipalities and special districts that are contacting us directly to request assistance with specific projects. The RGN team continues to research federal grant opportunities and send out funding memos when they arise.
3. Grants & Grub was held on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Jason Mistlebauer and Ariel Lyarger of Witt O'Brien's gave a great presentation on Grant Compliance & Management. We will take a break during the holiday months, then in January we will evaluate whether to continue with Grants & Grub or provide new training opportunities in year three.
4. The RGN team continues to help communities with all aspects of grant management and compliance. We anticipate providing more grant compliance assistance as additional federal grants are awarded.
5. The WaterNow Alliance will be opening the next round of [Project Accelerator](#) applications in early January 2025. This round will focus on **Colorado communities**, providing 250 hours of pro-bono assistance to support innovative, sustainable, and equitable water projects. The Accelerator is open to cities, towns, or special districts responsible for providing drinking water, wastewater, and/or stormwater services and will provide free technical assistance in reviewing program eligibility, application procedures and strategies, content review, and other grant application support. Be sure to reach out to us if anyone in your community would like more information about this service, or you can visit their website at <https://waternow.org/consulting-services/>
6. DOLA still has funding available in the LOMA Program. LOMA is to be used to help local governments with their match requirements when applying for IIJA Grants. DOLA also continues to provide IIJA and IRA Grant Writing Assistance Programs, especially for low-capacity communities. Please help spread the word to those communities who may benefit from these programs.

Please reach out to me at [pgabriel@region10.net](mailto:pgabriel@region10.net) or Shay at [shay@unbanruralcontinuum.com](mailto:shay@unbanruralcontinuum.com) for any questions related to the RGN program.

# SBRC Board Report

December 5, 2024

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## What's Happening

### Cultivator Notes from Adriana

- The commissary kitchen at the Business Cultivator has seven (7) active members.
- Client offering charcuterie boards is in the final steps of receiving approval from the local Health Department and will join the kitchen in early December, totaling 8 active members.
- Participating in the Hispanic Outreach Committee as a representative of Region 10, planning the Hispanic Farmers Dinner in December and the Western Colorado Soil Health, Food and Farm Forum in January.
- Continue collaborating with RMMFI (Rocky Mountain MicroFinance Institute) to engage the Hispanic community.
- Continue participating in the Cafecito Zoom meetings – a gathering of Hispanic SBDC representatives to share ideas, suggestions, and brainstorming to improve the services offered to Hispanic entrepreneurs.
- Attended The Shared Kitchen Summit in New Orleans. The Summit offered many informative sessions geared toward managing a commissary kitchen, avoiding food contamination, outreach, and community building.
- Translating Facebook posts into Spanish to keep the Hispanic community informed regarding services the SBDC and the Business Cultivator offer.
- Continue to receive calls from people interested in the kitchen, referred by the Montrose Health Department with high praise.

### SBDC Notes from Callie

- Co-leading the SBDC network Programming Committee with Ashley Pynes at Northwest SBDC. Presented a program update at the state meeting in Castle Rock:
  - Transition of new Learning Management System (LMS) from Thinkific to new Auzmor system.
  - Compiling list of network startup phase programs to recommend streamlining to a few high impact offerings that will become a startup track for clients.
- Launched new online classes:
  - Lunch with an Accountant
  - FDIC Banking Basics
  - How to Launch Your Business (happening again in December)
- Attended local Employee Ownership presentation with Rocky Mountain Employee Ownership Council hosted by Gunnison Chamber.
- Quite a bit of consulting happened in the past month for me! Traction in Gunnison Valley continues to pick up.

### BLF Notes from Dario and Sarah

At a Glance: BLF Activity (Oct)	
Loans Closed	2
Modification Requests	1
Loan Denied	-
Loans Sent to Collections	-
Loans Paid Off	2
Active Loans	112

At a Glance: BLF Activity (Nov)	
Loans Closed	0
Modification Requests	1
Loan Denied	-
Loans Sent to Collections	-
Loans Paid Off	5
Active Loans	107

- Loan inquiries remain strong. We expect to send three loans to the committee in the coming days. Eight applications are expected in the coming weeks.
- The aging report is under control with the exception of 3-4 chronic offenders.
- The BLF Committee reviewed and approved the revised Loan Fund Policy—updated from 2013.
- BLF team is currently reviewing software to help improve efficiency and accuracy of end-to-end loan process.

## General Notes

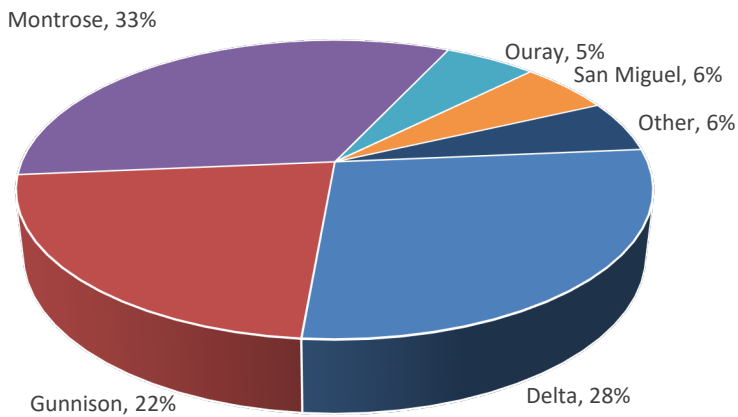
- Callie and Nancy attended the state SBDC meeting in Aurora/Castle Rock, Nov 12-14.
- Region 10 SBRC hosted the Montrose Chamber's End of Year After Hours on Thurs, Nov. 21. Dario, Adriana, Rachel, and Nancy attended.
- Nancy is serving as a mentor to the newest SBDC director (Grand Junction).
- Nancy is helping the state SBDC develop their state strategic plan.

## The Numbers

### October SBDC Advising Clients

Clients	Sessions	Hours	Rating
19	31	44	9.6/10

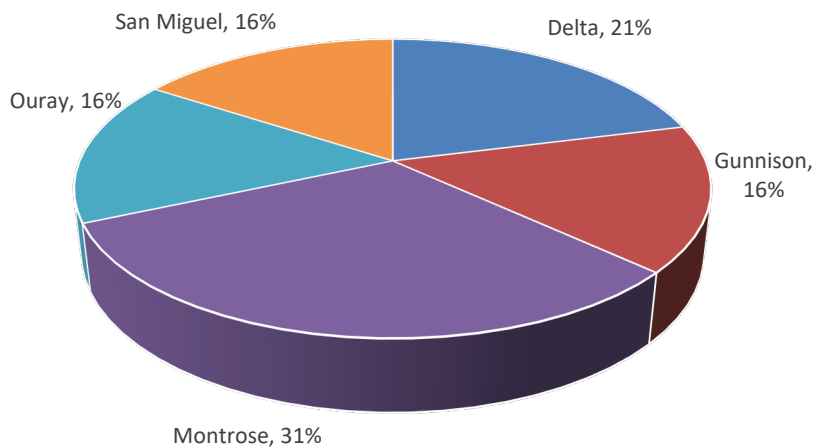
### October Advising Clients by County



### November SBDC Advising Clients

Clients	Sessions	Hours	Rating
19	23	25	9.6/10

### November Advising Clients by County





October SBDC Training Clients			
Clients	Workshops	Hours	Rating
119	4	5	9.6/10

November SBDC Training Clients			
Clients	Workshops	Hours	Rating
59	3	4	9.6/10

What's Coming Up

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**DECEMBER 4: 10-11AM**  
**STARTUP ASSISTANCE**  
 10 Things to Know Before Starting a Business



**DECEMBER 5: 9-10AM**  
**CONTINGENCY PLANNING**  
 For Your Business



**DECEMBER 6: 2:30-3:30PM**  
**FINANCE FRIDAY**  
 End of Year Accounting



**DECEMBER 11: 10-11AM**  
**GROW WITH GOOGLE**  
 A Year in Review: Metrics that Matter



**DECEMBER 11: 12-1PM**  
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## Business Loan Fund Portfolio

As of November 30, 2024



### Total Active Loans by County

County	# Loans	Loan Amt	Current Loan Balance	# Jobs Created	# Jobs Retained
Delta	13	\$ 504,839.00	\$ 345,186.80	15	29
Gunnison	15	\$ 722,200.00	\$ 454,133.31	51	71.5
Hinsdale	1	\$ 20,363.00	\$ 1,384.16	0	1
Montrose	67	\$ 3,696,164.99	\$ 2,669,303.51	116	330.5
Ouray	6	\$ 245,673.00	\$ 183,262.74	10	17
San Miguel	5	\$ 132,000.00	\$ 43,625.38	5	27
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>\$ 5,321,239.99</b>	<b>\$ 3,696,895.90</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>476</b>

### Total Active Loans by Industry

Industry	# Loans	Loan Amt	Current Loan Balance	# Jobs Created	# Jobs Retained
Food and Beverage	28	\$ 1,459,343.00	\$ 967,098.08	89	129
Hospitality	2	\$ 425,000.00	\$ 410,909.24	22	3
Manufacturing	9	\$ 549,478.00	\$ 403,727.76	21	93.5
Retail	19	\$ 604,562.00	\$ 283,925.64	6	44.5
Service	27	\$ 1,317,818.04	\$ 967,931.53	41	107
Trades	22	\$ 965,038.95	\$ 663,303.65	18	99
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>\$ 5,321,239.99</b>	<b>\$ 3,696,895.90</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>476</b>

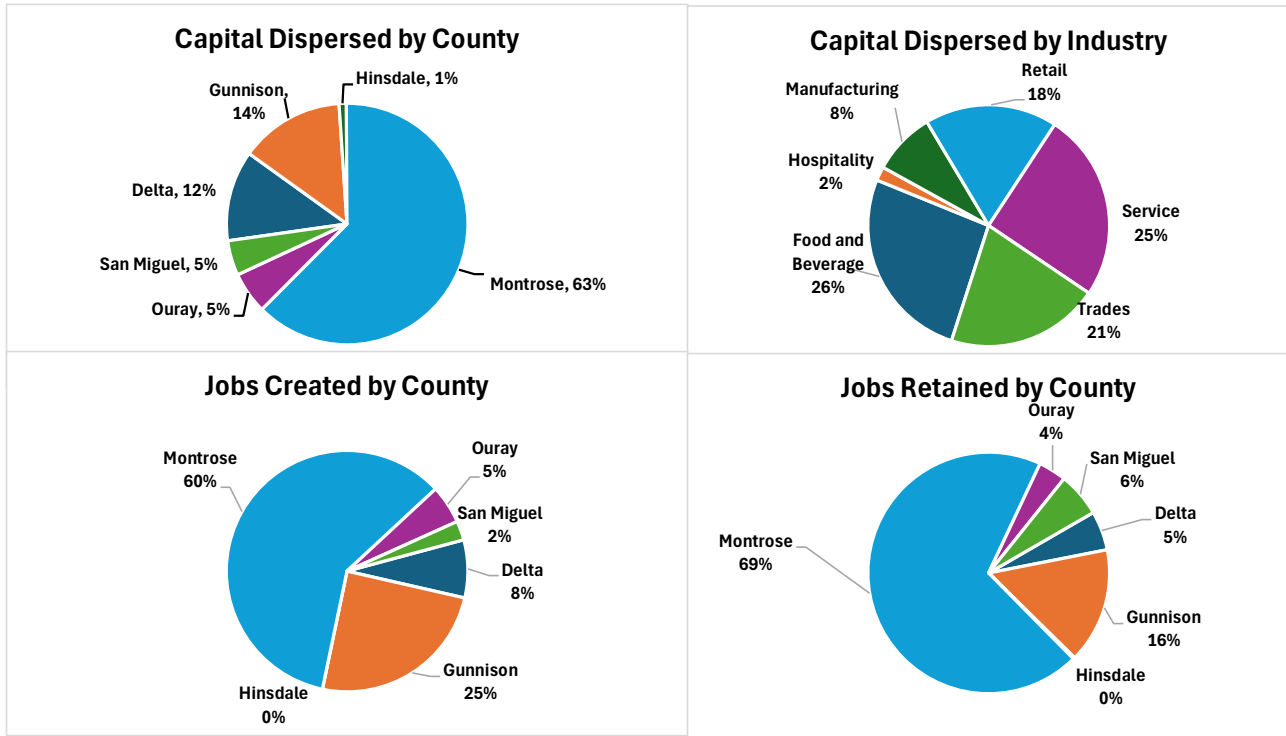
### New Loans by County Last 12 Months

County	# Loans	Loan Amt	Current Loan Balance	# Jobs Created	# Jobs Retained
Montrose	11	\$ 1,029,097.95	\$ 992,883.27	42	47
Delta	5	\$ 234,265.00	\$ 227,581.91	8	6
Ouray	2	\$ 80,515.00	\$ 74,397.30	2	10
Gunnison	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 19,765.01	1	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>\$ 1,363,877.95</b>	<b>\$ 1,314,627.49</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>64</b>

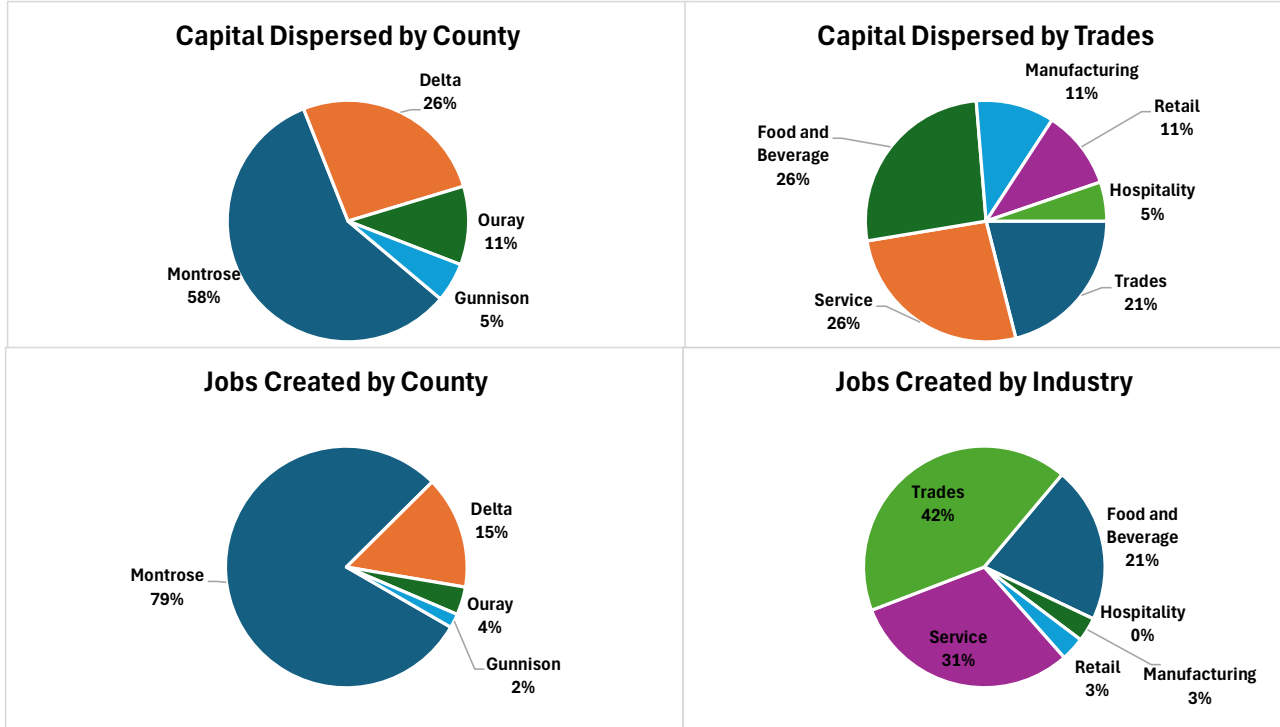
### New Loans by Industry Last 12 Months

Industry	# Loans	Loan Amt	Current Loan Balance	# Jobs Created	# Jobs Retained
Trades	4	\$ 369,097.95	\$ 353,672.91	7	26
Service	5	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 178,652.24	8	19
Food and Beverage	5	\$ 243,980.00	\$ 239,655.70	11	13
Manufacturing	2	\$ 70,800.00	\$ 67,521.82	2	4
Retail	2	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 65,124.82	3	2
Hospitality	1	\$ 410,000.00	\$ 410,000.00	22	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>\$ 1,363,877.95</b>	<b>\$ 1,314,627.49</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>64</b>

**Total Loans Active Loans**



**New Loans last 12 Months**





## AAA Board Report November 2024

### Action Item:

### Noteworthy:

In the recent State Unit on Aging meeting it was noted that changes to Federal Code of Regulations are continuing to cause changes in how programs will be administered and managed in the coming years. It was noted we are in a time of great change, and the States staff realize we are being asked to increase our administrative functions while providing the same services as much as possible.

Additionally, changes are already here and coming with how the OAA, Medicaid, and Medicare will be administered. In particular, Medicare has opened up possibilities for the AAA to assist with providing services through our current provider relations via a Medicare benefit that was approved for FFY 2024. In FFY 2025 we will be applying for a grant to see if we can qualify to receive some additional guidance and expertise on setting up and contracting for these services. Regardless of the grant, we will be looking at how we can work locally with medical providers and health care partners in coordinating this Medicare benefit.

In funding and budget news we are currently waiting on news from Telluride Foundation regarding 2 grants applications for RSVP. Janey Sorenson is continuing work on multiple grants. We still hope that this will meet the budget crunch we are facing for SFY 2025. We also received a few small adjustment (MIPPA \$10k ) in the nutritional programs from the State that again helps us take small steps towards meeting our shortfall.

The City of Montrose took a substantial step by assisting with \$18,000 towards our home delivered programs in the City of Montrose. This helped cover the local area for meals, and will allow us to continue to work on other funding sources knowing we have. This was a great relief to the program to receive such gracious assistance.

**SHIP and Meals programs** – Lots of News in the State Health Insurance program (SHIP). Open enrollemt has gone well. Joe was able to finish becoming a certified SHIP counselor. He also was able to work with creating some IT work arounds, and with the help of our 3 SHIP Counselors (Joe Dix, Betty Coyne, and Doug Speedie) and Mabel and Claudette Bellerose assiting with scheduling, we have been able to meet our local needs with out any assistance.

Updates on the waitlist for meals program include:

- Senior Meals at MADA has reached the service limit of 27 registered clients in less than 60 days.
- Mom's Meals is down to 100 clients. Will be able to add people to this service once count is 89 or lower.
- SCM (VOA) is maxed out for home delivered meals and congregate.
- We were able to add a few clients to Shephards Hands (Montrose) meals at the end of November, and move around some clients to Moms meals for the first time since the wait list began.

**Ombudsman-** Sandy continues to provdie excellent service as our Long-term Ombudsman and has addressed some major issues recently in our serviuce area. In addition to her services there were 17.75 hours of volunteer

services. This enable Sandy to save some for the program by allowing a few local volunteers to cover Paonia and Gunnison locations under her supervision, a savings for our program.

**RSVP Update:** During November Kerry applied for and received a 0% Match waiver for grant years 2025-2027 by AmeriCorps. This allows for budget flexibility with the overall AAA budget. Kerry has sent an added request to apply the 0% match at once. Kerry also was able to hire a new coordinator for the West Montrose/San Miguel area, the onboarding for this position will begin this December. We have had a large decrease in volunteers over the last 6 months. We currently have 229 active volunteers. This grant year has logged 21,185 hours.

**Senior Companion-** The Senior Companion Program relies exclusively on volunteers to provide respite and reassurance services to homebound residents and family caregivers. Volunteer recruitment has so far been a challenge, particularly in Delta County.

The challenge here is the original Senior Companion had simpler requirements. The AmeriCorps Grant requires additional background checks, 20 hours of initial training, 2 hours per month of ongoing training, 5 hours per week of actual service and will only count service hours for volunteers who are at or below 200% of poverty. Most of our current Senior Companions (former RSVP) are well above the income threshold, so they do not count on the AmeriCorps Grant. Tapping into volunteers who do meet all of AmeriCorps new program requirements will be the key to meeting our service goals for the grant and needs a well-crafted outreach program. This will be the focus for the program along with other AAA staff this December.

**Informational/Ongoing:**

The Handy helper program is contining to be organized with Claudette being the lead on this, though Sheila Makie is helping with coordinating Delta and Montrose. The IT aspects of this program has been supported by Joe Walker. Joe has also assisted with a inventory of ramps and other dontaed material in our storage unit. Excellent work for a needed service.



## Region 10

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Corey Bryndal, Regional Broadband Project Director

Broadband Report to the Board

- **DOLA EIAF Broadband** middle mile expansion plan is making progress. This allows for direct fiber connection east into metro Denver, west to Salt Lake City and expansion southwest into Region 9. An updated MOU with Garfield County was signed. Final agreements will come next. Fiber lateral construction in 9 communities is complete. An inventory is complete. The town of DeBeque is funded and starting construction. Optical equipment staging at LightRiver is complete. Staff will visit LightRiver Labs in Concord, CA for Factory Testing Acceptance in December. Once accepted, optical equipment will be shipped to Colorado and ready for installation. The first sites deployed will be Denver, Grand Junction and Glenwood Springs. This allows for service to be extended to I-70 communities and Region 10's own network in Grand Junction. Additionally, all Juniper routers are installed in the NCAR Mesa Lab near Boulder, CO and have been prepared for configuration. Configuration has begun. A contracted resource from TX Fiber visited the week of August 28<sup>th</sup> for initial configuration. Three of our routers are advertising routes on the public Internet. After those sites, Durango/Cortez, Montrose and the other communities will be added. The order of events is (1) Cabling and (2) Optical Equipment (3) Routing Equipment. The next step is fiber splicing and testing with both Zayo and CDOT. Final cabling/splicing items are taking more time than expected. Specifically in Denver, Glenwood Springs and Rifle. As a result, we are targeting deployment of optical gear for mid-January and routing gear to follow shortly after.
- Region 10 has seen good 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. One ISP is interested in multiple sites along the route including transport and colocation services. An existing municipal broadband network has asked for westbound services. Another ISP is currently collocated in two sites and will use transport service once activated. Several ISP's have been pushing for service activations. We have provided pricing and letters of support for ISP's submitting BEAD applications.
- Region 10 participated in the development of a grant request made by UCAR to NSF. The grant was awarded to UCAR in April. Region 10 will provide transport services and IP routing to support community anchor institutions with science drivers in Gunnison, Crested Butte, Grand Junction and Durango. This is a broad opportunity to support the Western Slope educational institutions in concert with the Front Range Gigapop / UCAR organization. Region 10 will receive service revenue for the services rendered. Coordination meetings to use the Region 10 network will have begun. Fiber extensions for CMU, Fort Lewis College, Western Colorado University and Rocky Mountain Bio Lab are being actively coordinated. A short term 3 Gbps solution for Western Colorado University was discussed.
- Region 10 continues to work with DOLA on existing grants, changes in scope, and supplemental requests as needed. We are looking to the Colorado Broadband Office(part of OiT) for direction on their Middle Mile Grant program, and how we access funding for several Region 10 needs – including legacy

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Broadband Report to the Board

equipment refresh, and operational support opportunities. It appears CBO's middle-mile program will materialize some time in late 2025. Until that program is up and running local government applicants will continue to pursue DOLA EIAF funds.

- Region 10 will occupy the Lake City CNL and install equipment for transport back to Gunnison. Fiber to reach the Lake City GCEA substation is complete. One anchor site was substituted with the agreement of the community and that site is now complete.
- Region 10 has contracted with Echo Consulting out of Pagosa Springs for support in day to day operations and management of existing assets. This has been an active engagement and is producing results. Echo and NeoConnect assisted in development and issuance of an RFP to review the latest options for monitoring and maintenance of the Region 10 broadband network. Approximately 75 downloads of the RFP occurred, and a pre-bid meeting was held where 5 prospective respondents participated. Two firms responded with proposals. Those proposals are being reviewed.
- **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. Mt. Crested Butte has awarded a contract offer to a construction firm for this work. CNL construction will take place over the 2024/2025 winter season, and fiber construction will follow in the spring of 2025. The Town of Mt. Crested Butte and Region 10 are discussing with DOLA the most appropriate way to fund this infrastructure project. A mix of funding sources will likely be needed. MTCB obtained a DOLA planning grant and contracted with NeuComm to design a fiber route and CNL that includes the Whetstone housing project..
- Region 10 has used a private contractor to perform an audit of existing network assets. The output will include a topology map, remediation plan for equipment and configuration needs. Staff has received a proposal, has determined priority tasks and services. Region 10 moved forward to acquire the minimum set of gear required to make critical upgrades and fixes. An existing DOLA grant is not applicable to this project, so we are seeking additional funding sources for the balance of the identified needs.
- 10 managed CNL's over 5 years old are in need of Uninterruptible Power Supply refresh and capacity increases. Several UPS failures have occurred, and existing units have undersized batteries that are reaching end of service life. Gunnison and Montrose sites have received temporary UPS fixes but a more comprehensive lifecycle plan for power backup is needed. This project will be lead by contractor Echo Consulting. We are seeking a fund source for parts and labor.
- 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 have been completed and will connect to the Region 10 network. Region 10 provided design and estimating for optical and routing gear for these facilities and the SUIT location. DOLA awarded Region 9 a \$999,999 grant for this project. Region 10 was able to negotiate an additional service credit with the optical vendor of \$100,000 to help with installation costs. Region 9 is proceeding with procurement and will meet with staff in December to review specifics.

- FastTrack Communications/VERO/ClearNetworks was provided with a letter of support for their BEAD application. It is unclear which routes / communities would benefit from these funds if awarded.
- Region 10 has supported Region 9 in designing and estimating equipment needs for the new Durango to Pagosa Springs route along Highway 151. Region 10 has signed agreements to receive an IRU of fiber from Durango to Pagosa Springs. This collaboration of two counties, an electric company and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe was lead by Region 10. SUIT is finalizing permitting and construction may be begin late in 2024.
- 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. While Region 10 staff crated the project, partners in the Durango have put together the final structure and agreements. Region 10 has signed the agreement, will receive 4 strands of fiber from Durango to Pagosa Springs to support private ISP’s at area CNL’s.
- 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. Engagement areas include SCEDD, PPACG, San Luis Valley, Region 9/SWCCOG, AGNC and others. Periodic updates are provided to AGNC. Region 10 attends two regular weekly meetings with Region 9.
- DOLA has indicated they will not be funding the two Technical Assistance positions once more. Colorado Broadband Office has asked the legislature for funding for two internal CBO middle-mile resources. The legislature agreed. However, the goals of CBO’s middle-mile program as stated relate to mapping and developing grant programs, where current in-Region DOLA funded Technical Assistance positions are focused on deploying middle-mile projects and managing implementation and operations. While DOLA will fund an additional request for broadband Technical Assistance, CBO indicates they are not in a position to commit to supporting these request going forward. We will wait to see what their middle-mile grant program eligibility looks like in the future. DOLA did award funding to support Region10’s Broadband Technical Assistance program for the 2025 FY.



# TRANSPORTATION NEWSLETTER

**DATE: November 2024**

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## **US 50 Middle Bridge in Gunnison fully reopens**

### **Work continues on Lake Fork Bridge for the next few weeks**

**Montrose, Gunnison and Hinsdale Counties** – The Colorado Department of Transportation is pleased to announce the full reopening of the US 50 Middle Bridge to two-way travel Wednesday, Nov. 13.

Flagging and pilot car operations at this bridge are expected to end midday when both lanes will open for travel. The US 50 Lake Fork Bridge about five miles to the west will still be restricted to one lane of travel with work expected to finish in December.



# HB 23-1101

The Transportation commission was to discuss and Make a decision on the boundary issues for 3 different TPR's. The Commission has postponed that decision until later. Current legislation states that there shall be 15 TPR's. It has been suggested that new Legislation will be submitted that would increase the number of TPRs. This would allow for the possibility for 16 TPR's. This would solve a number of issues.

At the last STAC meeting the following Legislative summary  
Was presented

## State Legislative Update

- State legislative session to start in January 2025.
- Significant budget deficit identified for the State of Colorado
  - However, no discussion of administrative cuts or furloughs occurred.
- Continuous Spending Authority is being sought for SB 260 programs, including MMOF program funds which are currently annually appropriated.
- CDOT is seeking other transportation fees to cover maintenance and asset management programs.

## Federal Legislative Update

- The Transportation sector and IJIA may have substantial changes with the new federal administration.
- On December 20, the 2024 Budget expires and will need a continuing resolution to keep the budget active for FFY 2025-2026.
- Transportation reauthorization package anticipated to look different at the federal level.
- CDOT does not specifically know when FHWA is to release the notification of rural surface transportation program awards, but it is anticipated in a couple months.
- CDOT was awarded \$47M for safety improvements on US 287 from Boulder County up to the Wyoming border. CDOT also received \$66M in a Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) FRA grant to improve the rail corridor from Union Station to Longmont.

## **Transportation Planning meeting #2 held on November 14<sup>th</sup>**

We had a long discussion on project lists. We reviewed the projects from our 2045 Plan and our 10 Year Plan.

The results were that each County would get together with their respective Communities and work on project lists for their area. The Counties would forward these lists to the respective Region by a date certain.

The review of these lists would occur at Planning Meeting #3. Draft Lists would be developed to possibly include both remaining projects from the 2045 Plan and the 10 Year plan and new projects.

## **2050 Statewide Plan Update - Darius Pakbaz**

- Active Transportation and Transit Plan Discussion
  - This plan promotes intentional integration of active transportation modes and transit into the Colorado transportation system.
  - Presentations covered key information regarding active transportation and transit planning activities occurring at CDOT.
  - Both elements will be rolled up into the 2050 Statewide Transportation Plan.
- Next Steps for Active Transportation and Transit Plan
  - Long-range plan modal integration will be ongoing topics of STAC meetings
  - Other topics integrated into the statewide long-range plan include: freight, asset management, resilience, and safety.
- Discussion:
  - Pueblo Area asked for their region's ATP survey results. CDOT is in the process of compiling results based on MPOs and TPRs.
- PD 14 Letter from NFRMPO
  - As a result of the comments in the letter from NFRMPO regarding the revised PD 14, draft text changes to PD 14 were submitted to the 2050 SWP Subcommittee of the Transportation Commission for their review. PD 14 is a potential living document. The TC will discuss these changes to PD 14 at their November meeting.
  - STAC requested to be informed of the results of the 2050 SWP TC Subcommittee review of PD 14 text changes and to keep the STAC posted. CDOT agreed to report back on this.

# STAC Work Plan Discussion - Gary Beedy and Darius Pakbaz

- A draft 2025 STAC work plan was presented that includes standing agenda items.
- Workplan considers: Training and onboarding, 2050 SWP, 10-Year Plan, Enterprise Updates, Winter Maintenance, FY 26 Budget Overview, STIP Update and Adoption, TPR RPA Grants, Rest Area Program Update, and Aeronautics Update.

## Discussion

- Several STAC members commented on the need for STAC to add value and be better integrated and aligned with TC decision making. STAC working in unison before advising the TC is one approach noted.
- Policy Directives planned would be good to add: PD 1602 (Bike and Ped) is one known for a need to update, Annual Update of PD 14, Update PD 1601(TDM requirements for intersection approvals), Add GHG Rule 2 CCR 601-22, PD 1610, cover a briefing of one PD at each meeting. Another suggestion was to discuss the Interagency Consultation Team (IACT) and their role in implementing GHG PD 1610.
- Consider making FASTER an enterprise as one approach to keeping these funds available.
- The 10-Year Plan will be critical over the next years to monitor closely.
- STAC requested CDOT to forward a copy of PD 1602 to STAC membership as a follow up item to today's meeting.
- CDOT will bring back a revised STAC Work Plan for 2025 and post it on the CDOT website

## Draft meeting Schedule

### Transportation TPR Meeting

### Planning meeting #3

February 13, 2024

1:30 to 4:00pm