



**Board of Directors Executive Committee Meeting  
April 24, 2025  
12:00 to 2:00 p.m.  
Region 10 145 S Cascade Conference Room**

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS**
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**
- 3) **APPROVAL Minutes March 2025**
- 4) **New Business-Discussion in Reports**
  
- 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) **NEXT MEETINGS**
  - a. **Executive Committee: July 24, 2025 Noon-2:00 p.m.**
    - **NOTE: The June Executive Committee meeting will be cancelled**
  - b. **Board of Directors Meeting: May 22, 2025 Noon-2:30**
  - c. **BLF Committee: May 22, 2025 10-11 a.m.**
  - d. **AAA Regional Advisory Committee: June 5, 2025 9:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.**
  - e. **Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region10: May 8, 2025 1:30 -3:30 p.m.**
  
- 7) **ADJOURNMENT**



1. **CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS**–Meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm.
  - a. **Staff:** Michelle Haynes (R10 Director), Nancy Murphy (Small Business Development Director), Corey Bryndal (Broadband Director), Brian Bowler (AAA Director), Courtney Tribble (Community Development)
  - b. **In-Person Board Members:** Mayor John Clark (Town of Ridgway), Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank (City of Montrose), Commissioner Michelle Nauer (Ouray County), Commissioner Mike Lane (Delta County), GVTPR Chair Vince Rogalski (Gunnison County Appointment), Commissioner Sue Hansen (Montrose County), Councilmember Jim Gelwicks (City of Gunnison)
  - c. **Remote Board Members:** Commissioner Greg Levine (Hinsdale County), Commissioner Jonathan Houck (Gunnison County), Mayor Paige Smith (Town of Paonia), Mike Bordogna (San Miguel County Manager)
  
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

**ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve Agenda M/S: Dave Frank/Sue Hansen, as accepted.** None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
  
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for February 2025, Board of Directors Meeting**

**ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve minutes: M/S: Michelle Nauer/Dave Frank, as accepted.** None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
  
4. **REPORTS:**
  - a. **ED/Financial Reports | Michelle Haynes**
    - i. Financial Report
      1. Financials for January are included in the packet. We have made some recovery in the Cash on Hand after receiving some delayed grant reimbursements and membership dues for the upcoming year.
      2. Revenue and Expenses: we are on target with most of the departments and line items.
        - a. Deferred Revenue includes membership dues (we collect them once a year and then recognize the revenue monthly) and funding of \$25,000 received for the Regional Grants Navigator through April.
        - b. Question regarding Late Fees and Penalties: the loan fund has several loans that are past due; we have been more aggressive about collecting loan payments and charging late fees than we have had in the past. We also changed our loan origination fees from 1% to 2% and so that has increased the revenue as well.
      3. Budget:
        - a. AAA: we received draft numbers for our Area Agency on Aging (AAA). We knew we would have to cut about \$250,000 and now an additional \$40,000-\$60,000 that we are looking to cut out. We will be working with contractors that do assessments for information and referrals to reduce those by about \$30,000-\$60,000 and are cutting out some software that is not being fully utilized. We are also rearranging staff in that department by reducing staff by a Full-Time Employee (FTE). We are narrowing down who qualifies for services, in hopes that we will be on target for the next fiscal year funding cuts.
        - b. Loan Fund: We have several loans that are over 120 days past due that we will bring for approval to write-off (a total of about \$300,000); we have an additional loan (approximately \$200,000) that is 60 days past due that we are monitoring.
        - c. Broadband: We are looking at a shortfall of about \$30,000 per month with the expansion of the network. We are working with our contractor on the operations and sales to increase revenues to cover the program's costs.
        - d. SBDC: The program is approved as an Enterprise Zone Contribution Project and will begin soliciting donations from local banks.
        - e.

- ii. Community Development
  - 1. Enterprise Zone overview of HB 25-1296
    - a. A link to the bill text is included in the board packet. The bill covers an array of Tax Credit reforms with Section 19 focused on Enterprise Zone Tax Credits. It has been introduced to limit the EZ Tax Credits to \$2 million per business location (this would require an investment of \$66 million to reach the cap).
    - b. The proposed legislation eliminates the tax credits for specific industries– oil, gas and mineral extraction, gas/diesel fuel sales, aviation fuel, telecommunications construction.
    - c. We have been in communication with the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce that is lobbying for an amendment as those industries that are proposed to be excluded are major industries for our rural areas.
- b. **Small Business Resource Center | Nancy Murphy**
  - i. SBDC/Business Cultivator
    - 1. Startup Colorado came to Gunnison at the end of February for a funding panel for rural entrepreneurs; both Callie and Sarah participated.
    - 2. One of our Cultivator clients, Cedars food truck, had a recent newspaper article which we included in the report.
    - 3. We have ongoing bi-weekly meetings with SBDC Lead Center regarding the status of the Small Business Administration (SBA) and funding. Currently, our funding from the SBA is still intact.
    - 4. Callie has been working with Kristie Borchers, executive director of DIRT, in efforts to hold more in-person meetings in Lake City. She and Sarah will be meeting in Lake City once a quarter.
  - ii. Business Loan Fund
    - 1. Dario joined the Delta Library Innovation Workspace in both Hotchkiss & Cedaredge to talk about funding strategies for businesses and the Region 10 loan fund.
    - 2. Currently serving 105 clients.
    - 3. Closed three loans in March.
    - 4. We are filing court judgments on loans that are delinquent. Depending on the source of funding for these loans, we have different requirements for delinquency. For example, the Small Business Administration (SBA) requires programs to write off a delinquent balance after 120 days, and then the borrower is in default with the source indefinitely. We try our best to work with these business owners to come up with solutions so that we don't have to write off loans, but some borrowers do not cooperate.
    - 5. The pipeline of inquiries for the loan fund continues to be strong.
- c. **Area Agency on Aging | Brian Bowler**
  - i. The team has worked with the state on a few programs to find some issues with their reporting system that can affect the federal funding that is received.
  - ii. We did not receive the AmeriCorps grant that we had applied for. But we are exploring additional grant funding sources.
  - iii. Currently, we are updating some information on our website to reflect some of the changes that we have had to make to our services and resources.
  - iv. Dan McGee, a representative on the Aging & Disabilities Resource Committee (ADRC), is retiring and moving to Oklahoma, we are thankful for his service on the ADRC committee.
  - v. Staffing Changes: Sandy Walker, our retiring regional Ombudsman, is working with Claudette Nicolas who is shifting from the Senior Companion Program Coordinator to the Ombudsman position. Kerry Brickley, our Volunteer Programs Coordinator, will be absorbing the Senior Companion Program.
- d. **Broadband | Corey Bryndal**
  - i. The I-70 route is in the final stages to connect Denver and Salt Lake City to our Carrier Location in Grand Junction. We have done optical testing and are working on the routing equipment.

- ii. Negotiations to expand the contract with the current Network Operator are in process to help provide network monitoring and boots on the ground to assist with equipment and services as needed.
  - iii. Corey is working with Region 9 in the southwest under the DOLA (Department of Local Affairs) contract; they have ordered equipment that is consistent with the equipment in the Region 10 network and are expecting construction of a new connection from Durango to Pagosa Springs.
  - iv. We have had an increase in service inquiries from communities-- Internet Service Providers (ISPs), regional universities, Front Range Giga Pop, etc. Additional revenue streams will help stabilize the network's financial operations.
  - v. We participated in a call with Gunnison County, Crested Butte, and Mt Crested Butte to determine next steps for broadband in the county. Corey is providing technical assistance for Mt Crested Butte to connect to Crested Butte.
  - vi. Funding landscape for Broadband projects is shifting with the Colorado Broadband Office taking over from DOLA (Department of Local Affairs). The federal funding program from National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and its Broadband Equity Access and Deployment program (BEAD) have a shift in their priorities and there have been some staffing changes that are causing some delays for the program's implementation.
- e. **GVTPR - Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region | Vince Rogalski**
- i. The Transportation Commission (TC) is engaging in public engagement for the statewide plan through town halls, surveys, or other forms of engagement.
  - ii. Vision for 2027-2036 is being discussed and the current planning funding estimates are between \$200-250 million. Three areas of focus for the plan are: 1) Advanced Transportation Safety, 2) Fixing Our Roads, and 3) Transportation Choice.
  - iii. HB 23-1101: Update is that the TC is not taking a position on it. The proposal to increase the number of Transportation Planning Regions (TPRs) in the state failed in legislation, so there is no movement on the change of the current TPRs.
  - iv. Multi-Modal Mitigation Options Funding (MMOF)
    - 1. Selected four projects to receive funding. The recommended awards are included in the packet.
    - 2. Note that Cedaredge is awarded funding for their project but depending on if they receive another award, they may be able to turn some back that will be awarded to Nucla for the remainder of their project.
  - v. The next planning meeting, Meeting 4, will be held May 8<sup>th</sup>, we are hoping to approve a draft of the 2050 Plan.
    - 1. Regions 3 & 5 have set the priority projects that will be included in the draft.
    - 2. The Division of Transit & Rail Agencies have not yet set their priority projects.

**ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve Reports; M/S: Dave Frank/Michelle Nauer.** None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

## 5. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The meeting adjourned at 1:08 pm

Approved by the Board of Directors on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

## Balance Sheet by Category

Region 10  
Period Ending: 2/28/2025  
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### Assets:

Region 10 Cash	507,076.54
BLF Cash	882,317.81
SBA Cash	716,541.95
Prepaid Expenses	261,919.75
Loans Receivable	3,383,439.16
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	(208,688.32)
AAA Receivables	288,556.60
Grants Receivable	1,489,723.62
Other Receivables	141,855.79
Building and Land	1,781,538.00
Broadband Assets	17,819,178.29
Furniture and Fixtures	14,461.15
Accumulated Depreciation	(5,948,468.58)
Enterprise Center Remodel	1,142,298.00

### Assets:

\$22,271,749.76

### Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	1,319,942.87
Accrued Leave	63,862.60
Payroll Benefits Payable	(1,026.32)
Deferred Revenue	173,488.13
Building Security	4,000.00
Other Liabilities	29,190.24
Broadband Deferred Revenue	186,112.40
Project Advances	168,464.71
Alpine LOC	390,854.38
SBA Loan	1,054,734.93
Cost Allocation Control	7,714.85

### Liabilities:

\$3,397,338.79

### Equity:

Enterprise Zone	(8,295.91)
Community Development	(71,801.37)
Transportation and Transit	60,853.40
Olathe RISE	1,075,353.75
Area Agency on Aging Projects	412,386.34
BLF Projects	2,342,440.89
Small Business Resource Center	(222,651.16)
Regional Broadband	2,187,543.29
Unrestricted Net Assets	(174,557.62)
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	(11.82)
RLF Retained Earnings	13,273,151.18

### Equity:

\$18,874,410.97

### Total Liabilities and Equity

\$22,271,749.76

### 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>2,002,580.00</b>	<b>108,652.76</b>	<b>2,473,742.37</b>	<b>(471,162.37)</b>	<b>123.53 %</b>
40000 EZ Admin Grant	22,500.00	2,809.12	22,472.96	27.04	99.88 %
40100 EDA Grant	70,000.00	5,833.33	46,666.65	23,333.35	66.67 %
40120 USDA CFTA	320,000.00	18,000.00	139,685.52	180,314.48	43.65 %
40400 CDOT Annual Grant	30,000.00	1,750.00	17,766.98	12,233.02	59.22 %
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	66,666.64	(66,666.64)	0.00 %
40850 Regional Broadband Capital	0.00	0.00	1,223,289.48	(1,223,289.48)	0.00 %
40865 BB Grant - OPERATIONS	90,000.00	10,000.00	149,562.27	(59,562.27)	166.18 %
43227 SBDC Grant Income	160,000.00	6,500.00	103,258.76	56,741.24	64.54 %
43350 Region 9 Loan Proceeds	0.00	0.00	205,000.00	(205,000.00)	0.00 %
48100 Other CLS Grants	56,000.00	0.00	60,956.00	(4,956.00)	108.85 %
48200 SHIP Grant	40,420.00	0.00	0.00	40,420.00	0.00 %
48300 MIPPA Grant	0.00	0.00	22,982.00	(22,982.00)	0.00 %
48400 RSVP Grant	300,000.00	25,337.64	183,399.99	116,600.01	61.13 %
48425 Senior Companion Grant	288,700.00	7,339.34	68,753.00	219,947.00	23.81 %
48500 SMP State Grant	0.00	(2,250.00)	5,625.00	(5,625.00)	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	25,000.00	157,657.12	134,502.88	53.96 %
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>145,038.91</b>	<b>1,318,441.80</b>	<b>798,238.20</b>	<b>62.29 %</b>
40200 AAA Admin Fed	78,600.00	6,874.58	55,288.88	23,311.12	70.34 %
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	2,955.75	2,244.25	56.84 %
41400 AAA NSIP Fed	0.00	0.00	4,831.49	(4,831.49)	0.00 %
42500 AAA Fed Funding	774,170.00	75,209.60	398,144.75	376,025.25	51.43 %
43000 AAA Program State	854,110.00	45,308.15	623,408.93	230,701.07	72.99 %
43600 ADRC Revenue	42,000.00	3,783.11	30,264.88	11,735.12	72.06 %
49000 AAA ARPA Fed	0.00	13,441.22	197,713.77	(197,713.77)	0.00 %
<b>RLF Interest &amp; Fees</b>	<b>133,440.00</b>	<b>14,483.28</b>	<b>183,520.78</b>	<b>(50,080.78)</b>	<b>137.53 %</b>
49100 Loan Interest	120,000.00	1,957.07	23,847.00	96,153.00	19.87 %
49110 Loan Interest-CDBG #6	0.00	104.14	993.46	(993.46)	0.00 %
49115 Loan Interest Rural BLF Statewide	0.00	124.41	1,065.04	(1,065.04)	0.00 %
49130 Loan Interest-SBA II #5303545000	0.00	17.68	641.44	(641.44)	0.00 %
49140 Loan Interest-SBA III # 9325495008	0.00	1,578.36	11,940.69	(11,940.69)	0.00 %
49150 Loan Interest-SBA IV # 2489697006	0.00	625.03	7,093.37	(7,093.37)	0.00 %
49155 SBA Loan V Interest Income	0.00	1,089.80	8,107.13	(8,107.13)	0.00 %
49156 SBA VI Interest Income	0.00	1,710.27	15,714.17	(15,714.17)	0.00 %
49157 SBA VII Interest Income	0.00	1,064.31	13,643.82	(13,643.82)	0.00 %
49160 Loan Interest-CDBG #8	0.00	2,260.69	17,001.42	(17,001.42)	0.00 %
49162 CDBG #9 Interest Income	0.00	0.00	35,385.68	(35,385.68)	0.00 %
49165 Loan Interest CO Start Up	0.00	2,774.42	21,366.49	(21,366.49)	0.00 %
49200 Loan Fees	7,200.00	466.00	9,952.37	(2,752.37)	138.23 %
49210 Loan Administrative Fees	6,000.00	134.00	11,685.00	(5,685.00)	194.75 %
49300 Late Fees/Penalties	240.00	577.10	5,083.70	(4,843.70)	2,118.21 %
<b>Other Fees &amp; Services</b>	<b>38,100.00</b>	<b>3,610.80</b>	<b>21,567.69</b>	<b>16,532.31</b>	<b>56.61 %</b>
43100 Small Business Resource Center Funding	12,000.00	3,220.00	3,220.00	8,780.00	26.83 %
43150 SBRC - Tuition Fee Income	3,600.00	0.00	725.00	2,875.00	20.14 %

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43200 SBDC Program Income	0.00	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	0.00 %
43225 SBDC Expense Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	28.68	(28.68)	0.00 %
45800 EZ Contribution Fees	22,500.00	390.80	17,494.01	5,005.99	77.75 %
<b>Membership</b>	<b>197,000.00</b>	<b>17,348.81</b>	<b>124,811.62</b>	<b>72,188.38</b>	<b>63.36 %</b>
42000 Member Dues	115,540.00	10,091.82	80,723.64	34,816.36	69.87 %
42700 Transportation Assessments	25,860.00	2,173.50	17,415.00	8,445.00	67.34 %
43400 AAA Assessments	55,600.00	5,083.49	26,672.98	28,927.02	47.97 %
<b>Building</b>	<b>21,600.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>9,000.00</b>	<b>12,600.00</b>	<b>41.67 %</b>
44000 Building Rent	21,600.00	1,000.00	9,000.00	12,600.00	41.67 %
<b>Broadband Revenues</b>	<b>660,000.00</b>	<b>27,657.25</b>	<b>387,772.62</b>	<b>272,227.38</b>	<b>58.75 %</b>
40855 BB Partners Capital	0.00	0.00	166,206.72	(166,206.72)	0.00 %
40860 Broadband Service Income	660,000.00	27,657.25	221,565.90	438,434.10	33.57 %
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>99,600.00</b>	<b>5,602.70</b>	<b>129,871.01</b>	<b>(30,271.01)</b>	<b>130.39 %</b>
40115 Program Income	0.00	1,305.00	11,063.68	(11,063.68)	0.00 %
40840 In-Kind Donation	42,000.00	3,499.00	27,992.00	14,008.00	66.65 %
45000 Bank Interest Earned	9,600.00	523.70	5,589.76	4,010.24	58.23 %
46000 Local Donations	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00 %
48000 AAA Local Donations	28,000.00	275.00	20,515.00	7,485.00	73.27 %
48050 Other Income	0.00	0.00	64,710.57	(64,710.57)	0.00 %
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>5,269,000.00</b>	<b>323,394.51</b>	<b>4,648,727.89</b>	<b>620,272.11</b>	<b>88.23%</b>

**Expenses**

<b>Salaries &amp; Fringe</b>	<b>1,845,914.00</b>	<b>131,175.83</b>	<b>1,062,718.80</b>	<b>783,195.20</b>	<b>57.57 %</b>
50000 SALARIES	1,420,791.00	89,756.91	712,033.43	708,757.57	50.12 %
50500 FRINGE BENEFITS	425,123.00	41,418.92	350,685.37	74,437.63	82.49 %
<b>Travel</b>	<b>65,800.00</b>	<b>2,771.36</b>	<b>57,941.71</b>	<b>7,858.29</b>	<b>88.06 %</b>
52000 Meetings & Travel Expenses	65,200.00	2,660.36	57,830.71	7,369.29	88.70 %
52400 Taxes, Licenses & Fees	600.00	111.00	111.00	489.00	18.50 %
<b>Supplies</b>	<b>31,200.00</b>	<b>947.45</b>	<b>20,313.67</b>	<b>10,886.33</b>	<b>65.11 %</b>
53700 Printing & Supplies	31,200.00	947.45	20,313.67	10,886.33	65.11 %
<b>Equipment</b>	<b>55,200.00</b>	<b>16,260.32</b>	<b>28,883.69</b>	<b>26,316.31</b>	<b>52.33 %</b>
59400 Equipment Rental, Repairs & Maintenan	40,200.00	16,252.32	21,270.02	18,929.98	52.91 %
59600 Equipment & Furniture	15,000.00	8.00	7,613.67	7,386.33	50.76 %
<b>Contractual</b>	<b>277,600.00</b>	<b>29,685.50</b>	<b>243,406.73</b>	<b>34,193.27</b>	<b>87.68 %</b>
54900 Consulting Fees	15,000.00	580.00	13,313.75	1,686.25	88.76 %
55000 Contractual Services	262,600.00	29,105.50	230,092.98	32,507.02	87.62 %
<b>RFL Interest and Exp</b>	<b>72,800.00</b>	<b>4,712.14</b>	<b>41,565.66</b>	<b>31,234.34</b>	<b>57.10 %</b>
92000 SBA Loan Interest	10,800.00	956.47	8,451.03	2,348.97	78.25 %
92100 Loan Expenses	26,000.00	1,355.67	13,385.93	12,614.07	51.48 %
92200 Bad Debt/Write Off	36,000.00	2,400.00	19,728.70	16,271.30	54.80 %
<b>Broadband Expenses</b>	<b>202,800.00</b>	<b>12,018.08</b>	<b>88,994.39</b>	<b>113,805.61</b>	<b>43.88 %</b>
52100 Broadband Service	202,800.00	2,167.18	20,181.03	182,618.97	9.95 %
53920 Internet - COGS	0.00	6,230.98	43,985.84	(43,985.84)	0.00 %
53950 Broadband Network Management	0.00	3,619.92	24,827.52	(24,827.52)	0.00 %
<b>General Expense</b>	<b>290,700.00</b>	<b>60,056.64</b>	<b>209,675.58</b>	<b>81,024.42</b>	<b>72.13 %</b>
52700 Telephone/Fax	6,000.00	446.08	8,040.26	(2,040.26)	134.00 %
53000 Rent	63,000.00	5,359.00	48,327.99	14,672.01	76.71 %
53300 Background and Security Verification	0.00	24.00	553.00	(553.00)	0.00 %
53600 Postage & Shipping	4,800.00	10.85	2,198.57	2,601.43	45.80 %

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53900 Software - Finance	2,400.00	10,246.50	14,056.92	(11,656.92)	585.71 %
53910 Software - Miscellaneous	40,800.00	2,365.00	21,552.23	19,247.77	52.82 %
53930 Web Hosting & Design	3,600.00	989.00	989.00	2,611.00	27.47 %
53940 Computer Repair & Maintenance	36,000.00	8,884.63	20,338.18	15,661.82	56.49 %
54000 Dues & Subscriptions	14,400.00	404.65	12,116.83	2,283.17	84.14 %
55100 Legal Fees	14,400.00	3,534.58	9,398.98	5,001.02	65.27 %
55200 Audit & Accounting	24,000.00	16,813.06	19,588.43	4,411.57	81.62 %
55300 Recruitment & Retention	5,400.00	114.10	3,862.08	1,537.92	71.52 %
55350 Donations & Sponsorships	10,800.00	180.00	430.00	10,370.00	3.98 %
55600 Promotions	22,200.00	1,179.81	12,154.23	10,045.77	54.75 %
56200 Bank Service Charges/Fees	900.00	37.06	347.44	552.56	38.60 %
56300 Other Insurance	42,000.00	9,468.32	35,721.44	6,278.56	85.05 %
<b>Building Expenditures</b>	<b>96,600.00</b>	<b>7,551.70</b>	<b>71,597.58</b>	<b>25,002.42</b>	<b>74.12 %</b>
60100 Building Insurance	21,000.00	1,388.88	3,728.68	17,271.32	17.76 %
60200 Building Maintenance & Repair	30,000.00	2,107.65	35,277.18	(5,277.18)	117.59 %
60500 Building Loan Interest	18,000.00	1,231.38	10,327.44	7,672.56	57.37 %
60600 Building Utilities	27,600.00	2,823.79	22,264.28	5,335.72	80.67 %
<b>Depreciation</b>	<b>1,408,218.00</b>	<b>89,928.00</b>	<b>696,511.00</b>	<b>711,707.00</b>	<b>49.46 %</b>
58000 Depreciation Expense	1,408,218.00	10,173.00	69,530.00	1,338,688.00	4.94 %
58100 BB Infrastructure Depr	0.00	79,755.00	626,981.00	(626,981.00)	0.00 %
<b>Contracted Direct Service</b>	<b>1,771,500.00</b>	<b>106,266.33</b>	<b>1,043,693.82</b>	<b>727,806.18</b>	<b>58.92 %</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	71,702.93	352,976.66	548,623.34	39.15 %
73000 AAA State Funding	788,700.00	25,560.13	448,820.98	339,879.02	56.91 %
78100 Other CLS Grants Expense	76,000.00	(4,437.93)	13,803.91	62,196.09	18.16 %
79000 AAA ARPA Fed	0.00	13,441.20	228,092.27	(228,092.27)	0.00 %
<b>Business/Other Direct Grants</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>62,276.97</b>	<b>(62,276.97)</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>
58400 Business Grant Distributions	0.00	0.00	62,276.97	(62,276.97)	0.00 %
<b>Other Expenses</b>	<b>457,000.00</b>	<b>8,379.06</b>	<b>66,332.99</b>	<b>390,667.01</b>	<b>14.51 %</b>
53650 Educational Supplies	6,000.00	0.00	4,429.19	1,570.81	73.82 %
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	6,206.95	55,627.90	335,372.10	14.23 %
55363 Recognition - Individual	0.00	0.00	1,952.69	(1,952.69)	0.00 %
55365 Recognition - Events	0.00	1,960.11	3,381.21	(3,381.21)	0.00 %
58300 Tuition	0.00	0.00	650.00	(650.00)	0.00 %
58500 Stipend	0.00	212.00	292.00	(292.00)	0.00 %
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>6,575,332.00</b>	<b>469,752.41</b>	<b>3,693,912.59</b>	<b>2,881,419.41</b>	<b>56.18 %</b>
<b>Agency Balance</b>	<b>(1,306,332.00)</b>	<b>(146,357.90)</b>	<b>954,815.30</b>		

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## *Executive Director Update April 2025*

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### **Action Items:**

- None

### **Discussion Items:**

- None

### **Informational Items:**

- Attended (Federal Region 8) Economic Development Administration (EDA) conference, hosted by National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) April 15-18, which include the EDA Peer Review required every 2-3 years.
- Submitted EDA Planning Partnership grant request (\$70,000/year for 3 year period.) The grant is pending approval for EDA to move forward with awards. The Economic Development Administration was re-authorized in 2024 and is expecting funding to remain somewhat stable.
- Met with the state association of Economic Development Districts (Colorado Association of Regional Organizations) and the state Office of Economic Development and Tourism to review draft state-wide CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) Plan April 18.
- Received verbal notice that the Regional Grants Navigator is planned to be funded for an additional six months (thru October 2025)
- Selected Broadband Network Operator and continuing contract negotiations.
- Working with consultants to develop Broadband outreach, sales and sustainability plan. Contracting with Karla Distel to support administrative organization for broadband.
- Completed MMOF (Multi-Modal Funds) review and allocations for the Gunnison Valley Transportation Region (GVTPR). Holding all but one notifications of awards while state determines next steps for funding.
- Received DOLA (Department of Local Affairs) contract for mini-grant program for \$50,00 and are working on updated processes.
- Working with Business Loan Fund team on larger accounts that are past due and/or in default.
- Reviewing Colorado Workforce potential subscription (sub-lease) of the Gunnison office.

### **Staffing:**

- Utilizing a temporary service for Office Assistant/Coordinator with potential for permanent employment at the end of term (anticipated September 2025) depending on funding expectations.

- The Area Agency on Aging replaced the Ombudsman Sandy Walker (who is retiring) with an existing staff member, reducing the overall number of employees on the team. We will continue to review positions on the team as we get more information regarding funding.

# Community Development Board Report

For April 24, 2025 prepared by Courtney Tribble

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## Enterprise Zone (EZ):

- **EZ Redesignation:** Received full set of Data to evaluate the areas in the region that have been shown as eligible or ineligible for redesignation. Currently, I am working through the data comparing 2017 census block groups and 2022 census block groups to confirm that the population growth rate is calculated correctly for each block.
  - Have a meeting scheduled for Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> with the state program manager to see if the method to determine the population growth rate will be sufficient in showing that there are areas that are currently showing as ineligible to be eligible for redesignation as an Enterprise Zone.
- **[HB 25-1296: Adjustment of Certain Tax Expenditures](#)** Update
  - Grand Junction Chamber was able to submit the attached Economic Loss Report for Region 10 Counties, Mesa County and the Northwestern Colorado Counties.
  - Please also see the attached 1296 amendment bill text that was presented Monday, April 21. It has limited the excluded industries to retail gas/diesel sales and telecom facilities.

## Ongoing Activities

### ONE Delta County

Participation in the monthly Board of Directors meetings.

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

Participation in Bi-Weekly Events & Programing Committee for the Annual Conference

### West End Solutions Group:

West End Vision has presented updated values for their Vision planning process. Next meeting is Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and we are planning to attend.

### Colorado Association of Regional Organizations (CARO) Statewide CEDS:

Met in person on April 18<sup>th</sup> for a review of the Draft Goals. There are 10 goals that fit under 5 strategic themes; housing, job creation and business development, growing strategic industries, quality of life and tourism, community infrastructure and resources.

- May is design and pulling together stories to reinforce the key themes. We will also see actions and strategies related to the 10 goals.
- June the report will be available for public comment.
- July & August they will incorporate public comments.

### Upcoming Meetings:

- April 30: West End Solutions
- May 1: High Alpine Region 9.5
- May 12: Regional Talent Summit (focus on workforce development for Healthcare, Childcare and Construction industries)

### Acronyms:

EZ: Enterprise Zone

EZCP: Enterprise Zone Contribution Project

CARO: Colorado Association of Regional Organizations

CEDS: Community Economic Development Strategy

EDA: Economic Development Administration

NADO: National Association of Development Organizations

OEDIT: Office of Economic Development and International

Trade



## Memorandum

To: Region 10 Board of Directors  
From: Patty Gabriel, Regional Grant Navigator  
Date: April 9, 2025  
Re: April 2025 Board Report

Here is the RGN program update for April.

1. Funding memos on the State's priorities of water, wastewater, disaster resiliency, energy resiliency and efficiency, and transportation continue to be circulated when opportunities arise. Unfortunately, the federal funding freeze continues to impact the grant funds available. We have been tracking the freezes and helping community work through questions and concerns.
2. A grant application was submitted to the USDA for refrigeration equipment needed at the Business Cultivator in Olathe. Awards will be announced by June 1, 2025.
3. The RGN team is currently helping several communities with all aspects of grant management and compliance. We are also working on putting together a grant guide for communities to have for future reference. This guide will address all aspects of grants like preparing to apply, how to find the right grant, writing applications, award and contracting, and management and compliance. It will also contain some templates and resources to assist with various aspects of grants. We hope to finish it by the end of April.
4. The RGN team is also providing technical assistance through an OEDIT grant to many communities seeking state or other non-federal grants. Some of the communities we are currently assisting include Mt. Crested Butte, Crawford, Hotchkiss, Norwood, Nucla, and the Egnar Fire District. We are also publishing funding memos with state and non-federal grant opportunities covering topics like economic and downtown development; parks, recreation and open space; and water and wastewater. This OEDIT grant ended March 31, 2025.
5. Sara Struckman, from the Office of Just Transitions, is available to assist our coal impacted communities with grant writing for both state and federal funding opportunities. Please let us know if your community needs grant writing services and we will refer them to Sara.
6. Many communities are looking at low-interest financing through the Colorado State Revolving Fund (SRF). WaterNow's new [Colorado State Revolving Fund Technical Assistance Dashboard](#) could be very helpful. This tool empowers communities to explore project ideas, navigate the application process, and access WaterNow's pro-bono technical assistance to advance sustainable water projects. Whether you're just exploring or ready to apply, the dashboard is built to simplify the process – especially for smaller, under resourced communities looking to maximize SRF benefits.

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.

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# SBRC Board Report

Thursday, April 24, 2025

## Noteworthy

- Attended the State Rural Jump-Start meeting. We have a small manufacturer that is trying to secure one of these grants. We are working with Sandy Head at Montrose Economic Development Corp (MEDC) to ensure the candidate has a viable business plan and financial projections. The client is currently enrolled in our Value Driven Ownership program, a series that focuses on startup viability, sustainable growth, and expansion feasibility financial calculations.

## What's Happening

### Cultivator Update from Adriana

- The commissary kitchen has nine (9) active members. Currently, the kitchen is reserved almost every day of the week, some days with consecutive reservations totaling 12 hours.
- Presented first Colorado Sales Tax webinar, conducted entirely in Spanish. A partnership between The Department of Revenue and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC). Eighty-four registered for the webinar.
- Continue leading monthly meetings with Hispanic Agriculture Producers in partnership with Valley Food Partnership, CSU Extension, The Workforce Center, and Colorado Department of Agriculture.
- Continue participating in the Cafecito Zoom meetings – a gathering of Hispanic Small Business Development Center (SBDC) representatives to share ideas, suggestions, and brainstorming to improve the services offered to Hispanic entrepreneurs.
- Building state-wide partnerships and collaboration between the Colorado Department of Agriculture and SBDC.

### Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Update from Callie

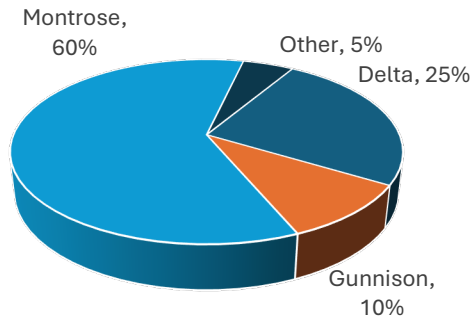
- Meeting with Community Business Preservation Program (CBPP) business owners for reimbursements and technical assistance training logistics; also working out logistics for participating in documentary about CBPP grant program
- Met with Makayla Gordon of West End Economic Development Corp (WEEDC) about programming for West End businesses; she is going to check in with local business owners to gather more info about what topics are needed this year
- SBDC Programming Committee: early planning stages of creating network-wide Leading Edge program(s)
- All classes between now and the end of June are more or less finalized; will slow the pace of classes during the summer and then pick up again in late summer/early fall.
- Two more legal classes with attorney Will Edwards scheduled for May:
  - [Six MORE Things Every Business Should Know About Contracts](#)
  - [Common Legal Mistakes New Businesses Make & How to Avoid Them](#)
- Planning sales tax webinar for September 10th in Montrose with Leeanne Whittaker (City of Montrose) to cover both state and City of Montrose sales tax processes for businesses

## The Numbers

Advising- March 2025

Clients	Sessions	Hours
20	31	33

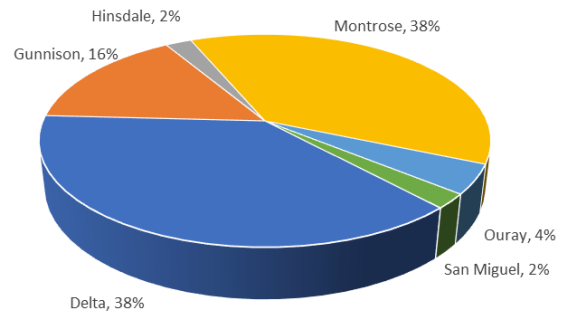
Advising Clients by County



Training- March 2025

Clients	Workshops	Hours
45	12/12*	18

Training Clients by County



\* 12 live webinars, 12 on-demand

## Upcoming Workshops

# SET YOURSELF UP FOR SUCCESS: MAY 2025

## Region 10 | SBDC Workshops for Small Business + Entrepreneurs



MANAGEMENT



STARTUP



STARTUP



GOOGLE TRENDS



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ACCOUNTING



FINANCE FRIDAY

+ WORKSHOPS ON-DEMAND!

Self-paced programming available to you on your schedule!

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Learn how to leverage cash flow as a financial planning tool.

PROFITABILITY ESSENTIALS

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Monitor the health of your business by understanding your financial statements.




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## Business Loan Fund (BLF) from Sarah and Dario

### At A Glance: March 2025

Loans Closed	1
Modification Requests	0
Loans Denied	0
Loans Sent to Collections	0
Loans Paid Off	3
Active Loans (as of 3/31/25)	103

- A delinquent loan client paid off two loans in full (April).
- Pipeline remains strong.
- We've had loan inquiries from businesses that are planning ahead for summer!
- We've had a couple of businesses interested in converting private party commercial notes to bank notes—driven by real estate owners retiring and cashing out their investments.
- The LoanWell training and testing are going well. We expect to begin the software conversion to the new system early next month (May).

#### In other news

- Adriana and Nancy attended the Grand Junction Business Incubator's Camino al Exito grand opening on April 2. Adriana has been instrumental in helping create connections and making introductions for the new Spanish language resource project and its personnel.
- Region 10's Small Business Resource Center (SBRC) is convening area business resource groups (Chambers, etc.) in an effort to combine and share resources to serve businesses in a more relevant, unified, and consistent way—and to get the word out about Region 10's business resources.

## Business Loan Fund Portfolio

As of March 31st, 2025



### Total Active Loans by County

County	# Loans	Loan Amt	Current Loan Balance	# Jobs Created	# Jobs Retained
Delta	14	\$ 715,839.00	\$ 573,043.76	15	66
Gunnison	16	\$ 762,200.00	\$ 480,324.51	56	69.5
Montrose	60	\$ 3,142,873.99	\$ 2,096,076.75	93	290.5
Ouray	7	\$ 325,673.00	\$ 249,225.72	12	23
San Miguel	6	\$ 182,000.00	\$ 83,372.82	8	27
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>\$ 5,128,585.99</b>	<b>\$ 3,482,043.56</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>476</b>

### Total Active Loans by Industry

Industry	# Loans	Loan Amt	Current Loan Balance	# Jobs Created	# Jobs Retained
Food and Beverage	30	\$ 1,629,980.00	\$ 1,169,299.88	101	137
Manufacturing	9	\$ 549,478.00	\$ 386,203.82	21	93.5
Retail	19	\$ 604,562.00	\$ 243,786.74	6	44.5
Service	25	\$ 1,289,818.04	\$ 901,443.48	40	104
Trades	20	\$ 1,054,747.95	\$ 781,309.64	16	97
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>\$ 5,128,585.99</b>	<b>\$ 3,482,043.56</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>476</b>

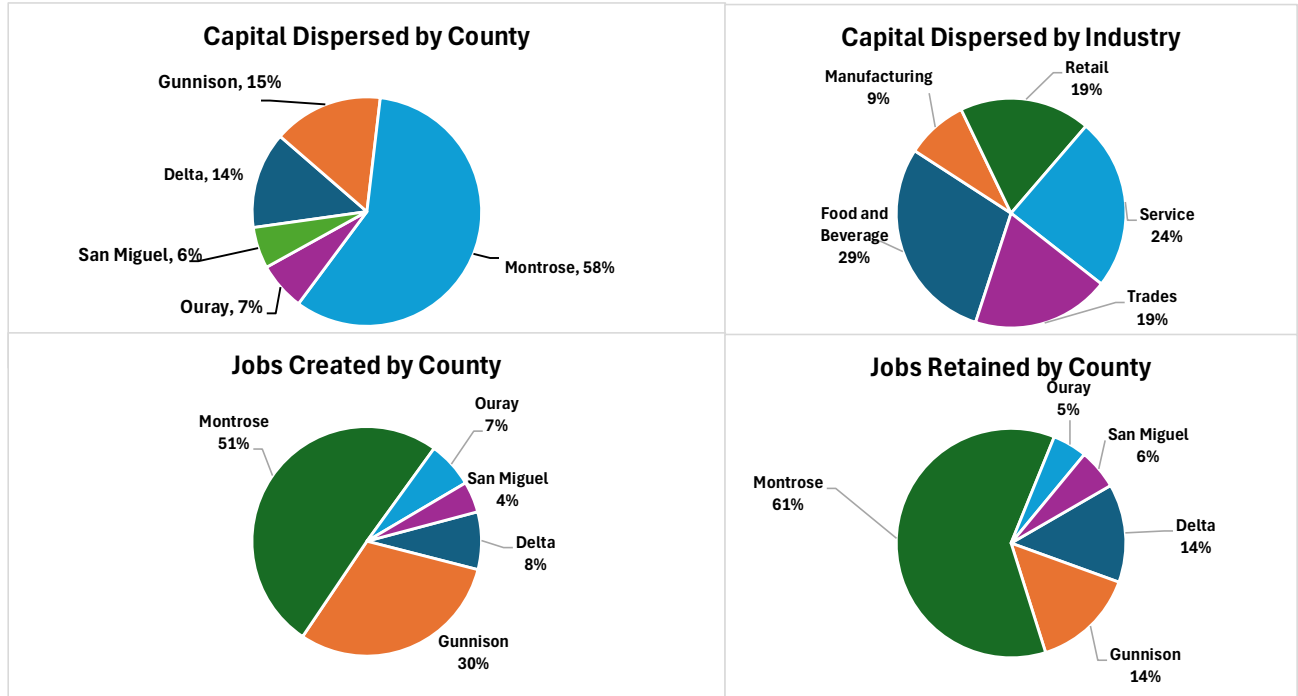
### New Loans by County Last 12 Months

County	# Loans	Loan Amt	Current Loan Balance	# Jobs Created	# Jobs Retained
Montrose	7	\$ 509,097.95	\$ 472,597.43	19	24
Delta	6	\$ 463,465.00	\$ 448,584.02	8	44
Ouray	3	\$ 160,515.00	\$ 150,852.49	4	16
Gunnison	3	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 73,504.24	6	2
San Miguel	1	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	3	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>\$ 1,258,077.95</b>	<b>\$ 1,195,538.18</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>86</b>

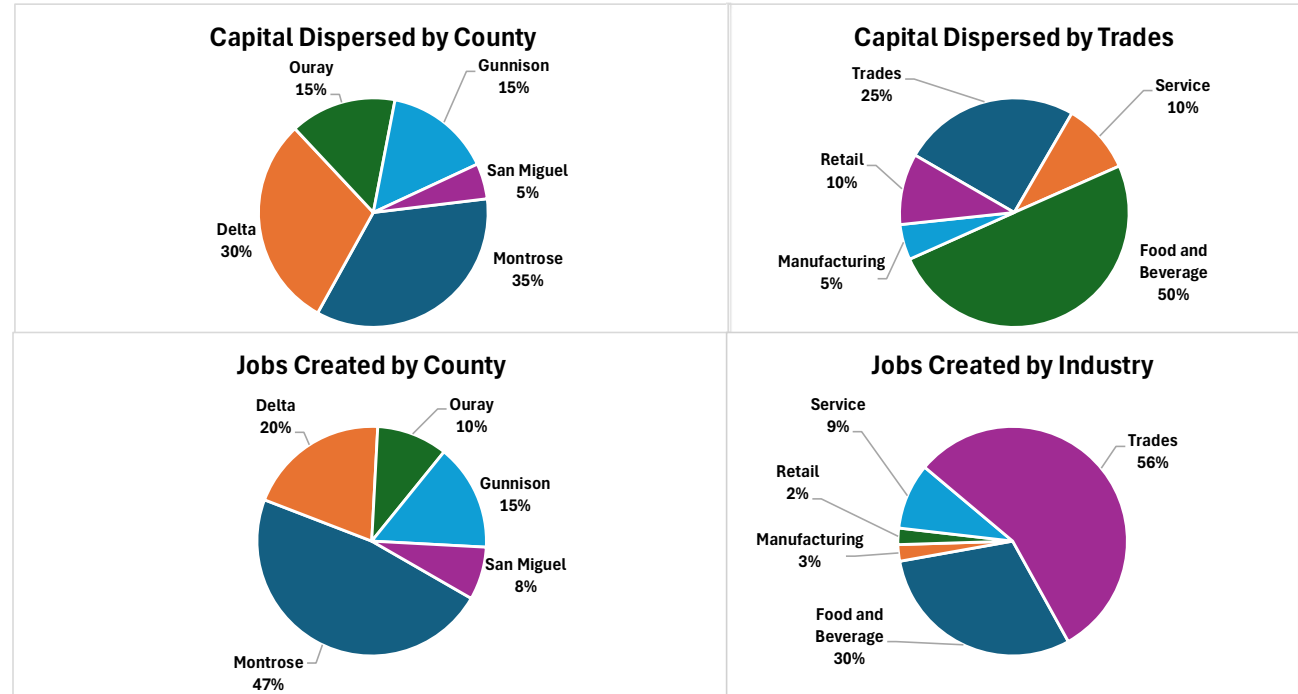
### New Loans by Industry Last 12 Months

Industry	# Loans	Loan Amt	Current Loan Balance	# Jobs Created	# Jobs Retained
Trades	5	\$ 569,097.95	\$ 543,058.82	6	48
Service	2	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 55,997.51	5	8
Food and Beverage	10	\$ 503,980.00	\$ 489,982.67	24	26
Manufacturing	1	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 45,498.44	2	2
Retail	2	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 61,000.74	3	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>\$ 1,258,077.95</b>	<b>\$ 1,195,538.18</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>86</b>

**Total Loans Active Loans**



**New Loans last 12 Months**



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## Region 10 Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Board Report 4/2382025

### **Impacts of Health and Human Services (HHS) Funding Shortfalls, ACL Closure, AmeriCorp volunteers program closing of federal jobs. and future cutbacks**

The continued decrease in funding at the federal and state levels, along with the closure of the Federal Administration of Community Living (ACL), has great impact on our ability to provide essential services to our seniors. Over 750+ individuals and families rely on our services monthly. The dismantling of ACL and the firing of key staff jeopardizes the distribution of **Older Americans Act (OAA)** funding and technical assistance. A recent survey revealed that **38 percent** of AAAs would be forced to reduce services within two weeks of being cut off from federal funding. For Region 10, the impact would be almost immediate.

In this challenging environment, the **AmeriCorps Volunteer programs**, including RSVP and Senior Companion, are vital. These programs help bridge the gap created by funding shortfalls, ensuring older adults receive the assistance they need to remain healthy and independent. Last week, most of the federal RSVP staff (including our program managers) were placed on administrative leave without communication to the regional programs. With the current lockdown of any AmeriCorps Volunteer programs, Region 10 is facing possible reductions in the workforce, both full and part time, and loss and sever reductions in critical services. With AmeriCorps possibly being reduced or cut, it would leave us unable to adequately provide and manage our core AAA services.

In the past year the volunteer programs have provided 31, 172 hours of service with a value of \$989,230. Without these services in place, it's clear the community and hospitals and nursing facilities would have a greater strain put on them, including providers that support AAA services.

Additionally, Sandy Walker is retiring this week, and her position will be filled internally. We are now down to the minimum of management staff needed to maintain even our core services.

Bottom-line: No one at the state or federal levels can tell us what to plan for. It's becoming clear Region 10 AAA needs to diversify our funding streams in order ensure we can continue with even the most limited number of our core services in the future. Because of this we are in talks with several providers and other agencies who are working together to diversify our approaches to these issues at hand, and further develop partnerships that will benefit the community.



March 2025

Broadband Report to the Board

- **DOLA EIAF Broadband** middle mile expansion plan is entering final stages. This allows for direct fiber connection east into metro Denver, west to Salt Lake City and expansion southwest into Region 9 to provide connection across the Western Slope.
  - All fiber (CDOT and Zayo) has been spliced and tested
  - Visited all Carrier Neutral (CNL)/Colocation Sites on the I-70 Corridor (9 new CNLs and 3 Colocation)
  - Optical equipment is ready to 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.
  - Signed TriState IRU for connection from Nucla to Durango and Cortez with July 1 start date.
- Review of Garfield and DeBeque County IRU and CNL Master Lease agreements is in process.
- 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. We have or are in the process of preparing quotes for services on the route.
- Region 10 will provide transport services and IP routing to UCAR to support community anchor institutions with science drivers in Gunnison, Crested Butte, Grand Junction and Durango, who was awarded a grant to fund the service. 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. Fiber extensions for CMU, Fort Lewis College, Western Colorado University and Rocky Mountain Bio Lab are being actively coordinated.
- The Operations and Maintenance RFP resulted in a selected firm. Several meetings have been held to address the scope and cost of the proposed work. This firm is both an ISP and a Region 10 client.
- Region 10 has used a private contractor to perform an audit of existing network assets. Staff has received a proposal, has determined priority tasks and services. The team is looking for a funding source to support the needed upgrades, replacement and expansion of aging equipment in Montrose and Delta CNLs.
- 10 managed CNL's over 5 years old are in need of Uninterruptible Power Supply refresh and capacity increases. The team is working to develop a plan for upgrades of the equipment.
- Met with **Gunnison County** and stakeholders to discuss Gunnison County services in March. The discussion did not result in any additional immediate action. **Mount Crested Butte** continues to pursue fiber between the Town and Crested Butte and developing a CNL in Mt. Crested Butte. Mt. Crested Butte has awarded a contract offer to a construction firm for this work. 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 is applying for DOLA planning grant and to design a fiber route and CNL that includes the Whetstone housing project.
- 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. An order for optical equipment has been placed and a kick-off call held.

- 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 begin late in 2024.
- 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. We have heard actively and directly from the State of New Mexico who is very interested in collaboration with Region 10 and Colorado.
- We remain eager to learn more about 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 equipment refresh, and operational support opportunities. Until that program is up and running local government applicants will continue to pursue DOLA EIAF funds in competition with non-broadband projects.



# TRANSPORTATION NEWSLETTER

**DATE: April 2025**

**Vince Rogalski, Chairman**

**Gunnison Valley TPR**

**[vrogal@montrose.net](mailto:vrogal@montrose.net)**

## Transportation Commission Memorandum

**To: Colorado Transportation Commission**

**From: Darius Pakbaz, Director, Division of Transportation Development**

**Medora Bornhoft, Main Streets & Active Transportation Section Manager, CDOT DTD**

**Date: April 16, 2025**

**Subject: Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program and Fiscal Year 2025 and Fiscal Year 2026 Grant Awards Purpose**

This memo summarizes information about the list of Safe Routes to School (SRTS) projects recommended for funding for Fiscal Years 2025 (FY 25) and 2026 (FY 26).

### Action

CDOT requests Commission approval of SRTS grant awards for FY 25 and FY 26 funding per the SRTS Advisory Committee's recommendations.

### Background

Pursuant to 43-1-1604 C.R.S., which states that the Commission shall award grants under the Safe Routes to School program, CDOT staff is presenting the list of proposed grant awards for FY 25 and FY 26 as recommended by the SRTS Advisory Committee established in state statute.

Requests for applications were announced in August 2024 and were due on November 4, 2024. 23 applications were submitted with a total request for funding of \$13,200,256. The number of applications received this cycle were nearly double the number received in FY 23/FY 24. To qualify for these funds, applicants must be a political subdivision of the state. These funds must be used to benefit children in grades K – 12th and projects must be within a two-mile radius of the identified school.

New for this grant cycle was the expansion of eligibility from K - 8th grades to K - 12th grades. In addition, the SRTS Advisory Committee increased the maximum award from \$750,000 to \$1M. A total of \$8.8M was available to award, composed of annual allocations of \$2.5M per year, project savings, and unawarded funds from the FY 23/

FY 24 grant cycle. Any funds not awarded in this grant cycle will remain in the program and will be carried over to the next award cycle.

The SRTS Advisory Committee met in January 2025 for project selection and reconvened in February to make final recommendations. The Committee recommended twelve projects for funding, totaling \$7,739,664. Projects normally require a 20% cash match; however, projects that meet certain eligibility requirements will receive 100% of the project costs from CDOT. Eligible for 100% match are projects that meet the criteria established in the Multimodal Transportation Options Fund (MMOF) matrix. Eight applications were eligible for 100% funding. Four projects recommended for 100% funding are: Canon City, LaVeta School District, Paonia and Cedaredge, all infrastructure projects. The total for projects funded at 100% is \$3,136,159. The remaining projects will contribute 20% of the CDOT project total.

Attachment A shows the project list that was scored by the SRTS Advisory Committee. One of the 23 applications received was disqualified before review as the applicant was not a political subdivision of the state therefore does not appear on this list. Projects not recommended for funding were due to a variety of reasons including requests for funding outside of SRTS project scope making them ineligible, inadequate project plan development in order to make an informed decision and/or not providing required elements of the grant application.

Staff presented the FY 25 and FY 26 recommended SRTS awards to the Commission on March 19, 2025 and to the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) on April 3, 2025. At the STAC meeting, members asked questions regarding the scoring process and voted to recommend the Commission award the SRTS grant funds as recommended by the SRTS Advisory Committee.

#### **Next Steps**

If the Transportation Commission approves the list of projects recommended for funding, staff will proceed with notifying grantees, program the projects into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and initiate the procurement process.

## **Transportation Commission Resolution #20250408**

Approved by the Transportation Commission on April 16, 2025.

Whereas, in 2004, C.R.S. 43-1-1604 required the Transportation Commission of Colorado to establish and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to administer a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program to distribute federal funds to eligible projects that improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists in school areas; and

Whereas, in 2015, the Transportation Commission approved through resolution the continuation of the SRTS program by committing to fund the program with \$2 million for infrastructure projects and \$0.5 million for non-infrastructure projects annually, beginning in FY 2016; and

**Whereas, in 2017, the Transportation Commission approved through resolution that in years when funding requests in one funding category are less than the funds available, funds may be shifted between categories to meet project demand; and**

**Whereas, an additional \$3.8M of funding is available from project savings and unawarded funds from the FY 23 / FY 24 SRTS funding cycle; and**

**Whereas, CDOT supports active transportation including walking, biking, and rolling as modes of transportation in Colorado; and**

**Whereas, Colorado is a national leader in SRTS, funding 288 SRTS projects with over \$36M in grant funding since 2005; and**

**Whereas, the Colorado SRTS Advisory Committee was appointed by the CDOT Executive Director as per state statute to represent educators, parents, law enforcement, pedestrians, bicyclists, rural transportation planning regions, and metropolitan planning organizations to review all applications and to recommend projects for funding; and**

**Whereas, the SRTS Advisory Committee met in January and February of 2025 to review and score projects and recommends the Commission approve funding for 12 projects; and**

**Whereas, the SRTS program requires a 20% cash match for most communities, with 0% match available for communities that qualify as 0% match using the Commission approved match reduction formula for the Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF) program; and**

**Whereas, of the 12 projects recommended for funding by the SRTS Advisory committee, four are within communities that qualify for 0% match and the other eight have committed to providing 20% cash match.**

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Colorado Transportation Commission approves the 12 projects recommended on the Fiscal Year 2025 and 2026 Safe Routes to School Project List as Put Forth by SRTS Committee on 2.10.25.**

**Be It Further Resolved that the Commission directs staff to take appropriate steps to amend the STIP, if required, and budget projects to proceed with contract development.**

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**Herman Stockinger, Secretary  
Transportation Commission of Colorado**

**At the last STAC Meeting April 3 there were concerns expressed about MMOF Funding**

**Transportation Budget & CDOT Funding Adjustments:**

- **SB25-257 reduces CDOT's General Fund Transfers.**
- **The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) is sweeping \$71.4 million from existing MMOF funding, which will mainly affect local projects. CDOT aims to keep ongoing projects moving despite funding reductions and will work with TPRs to constrain awards to new allocations. Ongoing application cycles may continue, but TPRs are advised to pause making any further award decisions until updated allocations can be determined. The legislature is expected to adopt the FY26 budget by early June at the latest.**

**At the Commission Meeting April 16 the following Legislative Update  
- Emily Haddaway was provided.**

**There is still conversation about sweeping some  
of the funding from the MMOF fund.**

**We will continue to watch this.**

**Transportation TPR Meeting  
May 8, 2025  
Planning Meeting #4  
1:30 to 4:00pm**



# Recommended Infrastructure Awards, FY25-FY26

Applicant	Project Title	Recommended Award	CDOT Region
Canon City	13th Street Corridor and Area Pedestrian Safety Upgrades	\$1,000,000	2
City and County of Denver	Stanley British Primary School Pedestrian Safety Improvements	\$838,045	1
La Veta School District	Safe Walking and Biking Access to New PK-12 School Site	\$875,625	2
Town of Paonia	Safe Pathways for Paonia	\$872,825	3
City of Lakewood	Safe Routes to School Stober Elementary Sidewalk Project	\$793,450	1
Town of Basalt	Confluence Park Safe Routes to School Project	\$573,200	3
City of Fort Collins	Irish Elementary Roadway Improvements for Bicyclists and Pedestrians	\$835,000	4
Town of Cedaredge	Cedaredge Elementary School Safe Sidewalk to School	\$387,709	3
Town of Lyons	Lyons Safe Routes to School - 3rd Avenue and Stickney	\$758,012	4
Town of Johnstown	Elwell Elementary	\$368,953	4

March 19, 2025

SRTS Program and Grant Awards