



**Board of Directors Executive Committee Meeting
October 23, 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 August 2025**
- 4) **New Business/Presentation**
 - a. **Community Development Based Organization Discussion and Resolution**
 - b. **Mini-Grant Approval**
 - a. **City of Delta**
 - b. **Town of Nucla**
- 5) **REPORTS**
 - a. **Executive Director Report**– Michelle Haynes
 - **Financial Report- 7/31/2025**
 - **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
 - **Retirement Celebration November 13 @ Camp Robber (Montrose) 3:30-5:00**

Action: Accept Director Reports
- 6) **NEXT MEETINGS**
 - a. **Board of Directors Meeting: November 20 2025 Noon-2:30**
 - b. **Executive Committee: January 22, 2026 Noon-2:00 p.m.**
 - c. **BLF Committee: Nov 20 2025 10-11 a.m.**
 - d. **AAA Regional Advisory Committee: TBD 2025 9:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.**
 - e. **Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region10: November 13, 2025 1:30 -3:30 p.m.**
- 7) **ADJOURNMENT**



1. **CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS**–Meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm.
 - a. **Staff:** Michelle Haynes (R10 Director), Nancy Murphy (Small Business Development), Corey Bryndal (Broadband Director), Brian Bowler (AAA Director), Aris Freeborn (Accounting)
 - b. **In-Person Board Members:** Mayor John Clark (Town of Ridgway), Commissioner Michelle Nauer (Ouray County, Treasurer), Commissioner Mike Lane (Delta County), Elyse Ackerman-Casselberry (City of Delta, EC), Commissioner Sue Hansen (Montrose County), Vince Rogalski (GVTPR Chair)
 - c. **Remote Board Members:** Mayor Dave Roberts (Town of Lake City), Mayor Greg Hart (Cedaredge), Commissioner Greg Levine (Hinsdale County), Greg Olson (Hinsdale County), Council Member Jim Gelwicks (City of Gunnison), Commissioner Jonathan Houck (Gunnison County Commissioner), Commissioner Lance Warning (San Miguel County Commissioner)
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**
 - a. **ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve Agenda M/S Michelle Nauer/Mike Lane, as accepted.** None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for July 2025, Executive Committee Meeting**
 - a. **ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve Minutes: M/S: Michelle Nauer/Sue Hansen, as accepted.** None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **New Business/Presentation: Mini-Grant Approval**
 - a. We have received a DOLA (Co Dept of Local Affairs) grant for \$50,000 for mini grants of up to \$10,000 per community. We have received applications for two projects:
 - b. Town of Lake City
 - i. To support their town park upgrade project that will include new ADA compliant structures.
 - ii. Requested \$10,000 to support their \$200,000 project.
 - iii. Grant has been submitted and approved by our regional DOLA regional representative.
 - c. Town of Paonia
 - i. To support their Way Funding (signage) and banner structures project.
 - ii. Requesting \$10,000 to support their \$22,000 project.
 - iii. Grant has been submitted. Approval pending from our regional DOLA regional representative.
 - d. Grant applications are available for the remaining three \$10k grants.
 - e. We have sent application notices out to the board of directors and regional grant navigator contacts. Please let us know if you would like us to send it to other contacts.
 - f. **ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve the Mini-Grant Approval for Town of Lake and the Town of Paonia. Motion to approve: M/S: Michelle Nauer/Sue Hansen, as accepted.** None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **REPORTS:**
 - a. **ED/Financial Reports | Michelle Haynes**
 - i. Financial Report
 1. Included in the packet is a draft of June 30th financial reports. There will be final adjustments to prepare for the upcoming audit.
 2. Salaries are a little less than budgeted and offset by fringe and contract services, which are higher than budgeted.
 3. Organization-wide, about 87% of our funds come from grants. Membership dues are used to leverage grant matches. The organization also has some revenues from our Loan fund and Broadband projects; most other projects are support primarily through grant funds.
 4. Approximately 10% of our operational expenses go to administration support. For nonprofits, this is considered a good operational level.
 5. Loan and legal fees are higher than normal due to BLF past dues accounts and write-offs of loans during the year.

6. We have engaged our previous auditors, Blair and Associates, to conduct this year's audit.
- ii. Executive Director Report
 1. After evaluation, we have decided not to apply for the USDA Rural Community Initiative grant due to capacity and grant match.
 2. We have been awarded the OEDIT (Office of Economic Development and International Trade) CHIPS Market study grant for \$50,000 to assess the market for opportunities to develop supply chains for silicon chips used in electronic processes. WEEDC and Region 9 have also been awarded this grant. We are meeting with WEEDC and Region 9 to discuss joint RFP and study to get a more comprehensive study.
 3. The TPR has worked through the reallocation of the MMOF funds and award letters have been sent.
 - a. Gunnison County has been awarded \$450k for the Brush Creek Study.
 - b. The town of Cedaredge has been awarded \$100k contingency funds for their Safe Routes to School grant.
 - c. The Town of Nucla has been awarded a little under \$800k for their main street project.
 - d. All Points has been awarded operational funds.
 4. Staffing
 - a. Courtney Tribble will be returning from leave next week.
 - b. The AAA team will have a couple of leave of absences throughout this coming year. We have hired an AAA program assistant for the front desk and AAA program coordinator for the volunteer program. Milca Espinosa will join us as the AAA program coordinator next week to help with the senior companion program and comes to us with long-term Medicaid experience and is bilingual. Elisia Blair will join us as the AAA program coordinator and comes to us with experience with the VOA meals program.
 - c. Dario Fasoletti has resigned as the business loan officer. We will be posting his position and welcome any referrals.
 - d. After 30 years with transportation and 40 years with Region 10, Vince Rogalski will be stepping down as the GVTTPR (Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region) Chair at the first of year. We will be working with the TPR to find a replacement for Vince.
 - e. Almost all member counties have vacancies for appointments in private positions on the board of directors and the business loan fund board. We will be looking at filling these positions with the help of the board.
 - iii. Community Development
 1. Regional Grants Navigator
 - a. Funding for the Regional Grants Navigator program ends in October.
 - b. There is an upcoming call to discuss the future of the program.
 2. Community Development / Enterprise Zone
 - a. We have submitted the application for Enterprise Zone redesignations and is the first round of review.
 - b. Will be sending reminders to the counties for letters of support of letters of support for the redesignations.
- b. **Small Business Resource Center | Nancy Murphy**
 - i. SBDC/Business Cultivator
 1. The cultivator has added compacity with three new refrigerators.
 2. Joseph Kean with the Homestead Hut in Gunnison will rent the food truck to the program to be parked at the Cultivator. This will add kitchen space and the opportunity for people to test the operations of a food truck.
 3. We had an USDA (Department of Agriculture) program audit and passed all reviews.
 4. The SBDC (Small Business Development Center CRM (customer database) changes are still in progress and should be completed in October.

5. We have been working with the state and organizations on wildfire disaster recovery. There is a disaster recovery symposium on September 18th at the Montrose Events Center from 9:00am-4:00pm
- ii. Business Loan Fund
 1. We had an SBA (Small Business Administration) desk audit for the Micro-Loan and Technical Assistance program and successfully met all requirements.
 2. We continue to work on getting bad debt off the books. We have consolidated loans to help some loan clients with lower and fewer payments.
 3. Colorado Regional Loan Fund Managers state-wide meeting Monday will be September 15th-17th in Crested Butte.
- c. **Area Agency on Aging | Brian Bowler**
 - i. We are excited to have Milca and Elisia join the team. Both have great experience and local knowledge to bring to the team.
 - ii. The AAA program funding has been reduced by \$1.1 million or 39% over the last 4 years.
 - iii. AAA Volunteer hours equate to approximately \$1 million in value.
 - iv. Montrose County renewed aid in the West End.
 - v. There is potential aid through the Rural Health Transformation Grant Program. As part of the Big Beautiful Bill, states must submit applications by December 31st. Funding would be used for rural hospitals and support services.
 - vi. In the last year, we have provided 14k rides, 28k home delivered meals and 7k congregate meals.
 - vii. SHIP has four certified counselors to help with Medicare enrollment this year. We anticipate and an increase in counseling request due to recent Medicare changes.
- d. **Broadband | Corey Bryndal**
 - i. Corey is out this week but has been busy trying to get the I 70 fiber connection completed.
 - ii. The broadband team is working on the operational side and completing the Garfield County agreements for fiber and Carrier Neutral Location leases.
 - iii. The original DOLA broadband grant for this project ends this month, and the \$4 million DOLA grant will end at the end of January.
 - iv. Karla Distal has rejoined the team and is working on reviewing billing, implementing standardized pricing and project sustainability.
- e. **GVTPR - Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region Committee | Vince Rogalski**
 - i. The CDOT Transit Connection Study is completed. It did not include the route between Montrose and Gunnison. The project is still planned and studied, but priority has shifted.
 - ii. There is an increased concern for traffic safety and speed limits.
 - iii. Local entities could request speed studies for their areas, but there could be a downside to a review: new speed limits are based on the speed people are driving and not what they should be for safety. The criteria for speed studies are being reevaluated.
 - iv. There are federal funds given to the states to address transportation safety.
 - v. The STAC is preparing to approve the regional and statewide 2050 plans next week, then they move on to the transportation commission for approval.
 - vi. November 13th is the next TPR meeting 1:30pm - 3:30pm
 - vii. Will be voting on the chair and vice chair/Stac alternative in the next STAC meeting.
 1. Both the chair and STAC potions are 2-year terms.
 2. Region 10 will take on more of the administrative duties; the chair position will be the representative for GVTPR at the STAC meetings.

ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve Reports; M/S: Sue Hansen/Michelle Nauer, as accepted. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

6. ROUNDTABLE

- a. **City of Gunnison | Jim Gelwicks**
 - i. City of Gunnison is working on building a long-term water treatment. They have approved \$1.5 million in grants to allow a new diversion off the Gunnison river and well work.

- ii. On the ballot for this November, a capital construction for a new volunteer fire department for the City of Gunnison.
 - iii. The Gunnison City Council has three available seats and four candidates for the November meeting.
- b. Town of Cedaredge | Greg Hart**
- i. Town of Cedaredge held a joint meeting with Orchard City to discuss housing needs. A housing planning grant request has been submitted to DOLA for \$45k.
 - ii. The Northridge repiping project has been completed which covers three residential areas north of town.
 - iii. A groundbreaking ceremony on September 2nd will be held for the Deer Trail Bridge replacements.
 - iv. Mesa Point has requested an extension for submittal of plans for the project.
 - v. The Delta County School board meeting, being held today, will be voting to approve an IGA to donate up to two acres at the old Hunsicker Elementary. The purpose of the donation is for the town to create tennis and racket courts.
 - vi. Domestic water restrictions are in place for 3 weeks.
 - vii. Apple festival is the October 3rd – 5th. Approximately 40k-50k people expected to attend.
- c. Ouray County | Michelle Nauer**
- i. The county has hired a consultant to recruit a new county manager. They have received approximately 50 applicants. They would like to have someone in place by the first of the year.
 - ii. Home health services and restriction concerns have been brought to the county board of commissioners. A proposed program for a Neighborhood Paramedic has been presented. This paramedic program would help with nonemergency calls such as wound care, lift assistance, and post-surgery care. Emergency Services had a record month in August with 60 ambulance calls. 50% being for visitors.
 - iii. The county will be implementing an increase in lodging tax within the county from 2% to up to 6% to be applied to short term rentals, campground, and resorts. This increase will be used to fund public health and safety, affordable housing, and childcare.
 - iv. The 2026 Budget is in development.
- d. MONTROSE COUNTY | Sue Hansen**
- i. The courthouse capital project is wrapping up. The grand opening will be held November 10th.
 - ii. The Water Summit is November 13th.
 - iii. Next year's 1850 birthday plan is underway. Expect more to be announced in March 2026.
 - iv. Several grants have been awarded for the Southwest Regional Opioid Council.
 - v. The Power Solar Regulations went back to planning based on suggestions from the new commissioners.
- e. Town of Ridgway | John Clark**
- i. The water diversion structure project is under underway.
 - ii. The town had a successful summer concert series and annual Rendezvous Arts and Crafts festival this season.
 - iii. Tourism and sales tax is up compared to other areas.
- f. City of Delta | Elyse Ackerman-Casselberry**
- i. Through capital planning and budgeting the city has been complete paving and overlaying projects and has planned for routine maintenance in the future.
 - ii. The Mainstreet design is at 90% and anticipate construction in January.
 - iii. Due to City Council turnover, Gerald Roberts has been appointed to take one of the two vacancies which will run through the next election April 2026.
 - iv. The work release rehabilitation facility is completed and will house the homeless and crisis center.
 - 1. A large concern is that surrounding communities will refer people to Delta for assistance.
 - 2. A large influx will hinder helping the local community.
 - 3. The center will have a have a referral process.
 - v. The wastewater plant digestion system replacement project is underway and includes rebuilding next to the existing facility.
 - vi.

g. Delta County | Mike Lane

- i. The county is pushing back onto the legislature on unfunded mandates. The county is having to assess how they will fund mandated projects such as the methane capture project at the landfill estimated at \$300 million.
- ii. The 7th Judicial District budget came in \$980k plus a \$500k increases next year.
- iii. Road improvements are happening across the county and include county road paving, fencing, bridges, and culverts.
- iv. Delta County is one in fifteen counties in the state that do not have building codes. The county has until April 2026 to adopt building codes and enforcement begins October 2026. Can affect insurance coverage in either dropping or increasing rates. Not adopting building codes could cause repercussions such as funds being withheld or insurance coverage being dropped or rates being increased.
- v. Land use codes are almost completed.

7. Upcoming Meetings:

- a. Executive Committee: September 25, 2025
- b. Executive Committee: October 23, 2025
- c. November and December meetings will be combined and potentially be November 20th.

8. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Approved by the Board of Directors on the ___ day of _____, 2025

Resolution of the Board of Directors

Region 10 League for Economic Assistance and Planning, Inc.

WHEREAS, Region 10 is a non-profit organization that serves the clearly defined geographic area of Delta, Gunnison, Montrose, Hinsdale, Ouray and San Miguel Counties within the State of Colorado.

WHEREAS, the Organization's purpose includes engaging in community economic development activities to improve the physical, economic, or social environment of its geographic area of operation, with attention to the needs of low to moderate income individuals;

WHEREAS, the Organization is a non-profit entity. All funds are reinvested to support its mission, and none of its earnings may be distributed for the personal gain of any individuals. No part of the Organization's earnings may benefit any members, founders, contributors, or individuals;

WHEREAS, the Organization has IRS determination of a non-profit, specifically 501(c)(3).

WHEREAS, the Organization recognizes the requirement for a Loan Review Committee with specific representation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors formally approves and commits to a **Loan Review Committee** that meets at a minimum the following criteria as outlined in the CBDO Application:

- A representative who is considered **Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI)** or meets one of the LMI criteria.
- A **Banker** with current or former lending and/or administration/management experience.
- A current or former **Business Owner**.
- A **Community Representative** as defined by Colorado's Department of Local Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution, along with the organization's articles of incorporation, and by-laws, serves to meet the legal and organizational structure requirements for Colorado's CBDO Economic Development application.

This resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors on this **23rd** day of **October**, 2025

Dave Frank, Board Chair



October 14, 2025

City of Delta Mini-Grant Application

Delta Library Innovation Workshop

Grant Amount Requested: \$10,000

Cash Match: \$10,000

The project involves improvements to the city-owned building that houses the Delta Library and the Delta Innovation Workspace (DLIW) at 124 E 6th St, Delta CO 81416. The DLIW is the center of the city's efforts to promote entrepreneurship, creative expression, and lifelong learning. Converted from a long-vacant building downtown, the hub is the product of a collaborative partnership between the City of Delta, Delta County, and Delta County Libraries. Opening in parts over the course of 2023 and 2024, the hub is now a vibrant public space for entrepreneurs, makers, families, and individuals simply seeking community.

Proposed improvements include:

#1 Reimagined Outdoor Spaces ("Outdoor spaces") Relatively low-cost improvements can bring the hub's underutilized outdoor spaces to life. The old loading dock (from the hub's prior life as a grocery store) would become a metal working area with classes and other programming, building on our city's current effort to become a certified Colorado Creative District; the outdoor play area will be revamped into a unique community gathering space.

#2 Increasing Community Awareness ("Signage") Adding signage to the library and makerspace (neither currently have permanent outdoor signage).

Patrick Rondinelli, DOLA Regional Manager, has reviewed this application and supports awarding a \$10,000 mini grant to the City of Delta



October 14, 2025

Town of Nucla Mini-Grant Application

Nucla Community Center Renovation

Grant Amount Requested: \$10,000

Match: \$35,200

The Nucla Community Center was originally constructed in 1953 by the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge. The Town of Nucla purchased the building in 2017 to ensure the community continued access. Following the acquisition, the Town partnered with DOLA and the University of Colorado Technical Assistance Program to assess the facility and plan for its future.

The Community Center now serves as a cornerstone of community life, providing space not only for private gatherings such as weddings, birthdays, and family celebrations, but also for larger public functions that bring residents together and strengthen local connections. Beyond Nucla itself, the Community Center is a vital regional asset. Families, businesses, and organizations from neighboring towns regularly utilize the space, making it an important hub for the broader West End of Montrose County.

In 2022 there was a small fire in the building which resulted in smoke and fire damage. The most significant damage was the result of the smoke, which required complete gutting of the kitchen, hallway, bathrooms and the large event area. Many upgrades have already been completed. The remaining upgrades included in this proposal are the next steps to fully renovate the space:

- Commercial vinyl tile (approx. 2,600 sf)
- Commercial kitchen appliances
- Painting exterior of the building

Patrick Rondinelli, DOLA Regional Manager, has reviewed this application and supports awarding a \$10,000 mini grant to the Town of Nucla.

Balance Sheet by Category

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Assets:

Region 10 Cash	419,165.01
BLF Cash	961,945.76
SBA Cash	788,948.42
Prepaid Expenses	261,954.84
Loans Receivable	3,269,338.49
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	(294,678.03)
AAA Receivables	307,558.82
Grants Receivable	288,022.38
Other Receivables	145,359.40
Building and Land	1,781,538.00
Broadband Assets	17,829,313.29
Furniture and Fixtures	14,461.15
Accumulated Depreciation	(6,842,956.58)
Enterprise Center Remodel	1,142,298.00

Assets:

\$20,072,268.95

Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	452,757.89
Accrued Leave	69,087.96
Payroll Benefits Payable	505.06
Deferred Revenue	83,229.47
Building Security	4,000.00
Other Liabilities	(136,041.05)
Broadband Deferred Revenue	73,186.71
Project Advances	168,464.71
Alpine LOC	371,367.55
SBA Loan	970,569.94
Cost Allocation Control	687.82

Liabilities:

\$2,057,816.06

Equity:

Enterprise Zone	(5,884.30)
Community Development	(47,034.18)
Transportation and Transit	62,197.65
Olathe RISE	1,035,337.01
Area Agency on Aging Projects	444,048.10
BLF Projects	2,306,162.64
Small Business Resource Center	(237,731.44)
Regional Broadband	1,358,775.67
Unrestricted Net Assets	(174,569.44)
RLF Retained Earnings	13,273,151.18

Equity:

\$18,014,452.89

Total Liabilities and Equity

\$20,072,268.95

Balance:

\$0.00

Agencywide R&E Comparison

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	2026	2025
Revenues		
Grants and Contracts	166,900.83	115,100.78
40000 EZ Admin Grant	2,809.12	2,809.12
40100 EDA Grant	5,833.33	5,833.33
40120 USDA CFTA	18,000.00	28,000.00
40400 CDOT Annual Grant	1,300.00	2,500.00
40820 Infrastructure Navigator Funds	8,333.38	8,333.33
40865 BB Grant - OPERATIONS	10,000.00	10,000.00
43227 SBDC Grant Income	6,500.00	6,500.00
43350 Region 9 Loan Proceeds	65,000.00	0.00
48400 RSVP Grant	18,000.00	25,000.00
48425 Senior Companion Grant	12,000.00	0.00
48500 SMP State Grant	1,125.00	1,125.00
49600 SBA Technical Assistance Grant	18,000.00	25,000.00
AAA Federal and State Program	155,668.20	176,035.64
40200 AAA Admin Fed	6,574.42	7,166.82
40210 AAA Admin State	7,385.67	0.00
41200 AAA State Caregiver Match	418.00	0.00
42500 AAA Fed Funding	66,814.75	49,576.91
43000 AAA Program State	70,711.17	91,857.10
43600 ADRC Revenue	3,764.19	3,783.11
49000 AAA ARPA Fed	0.00	23,651.70
RLF Interest & Fees	29,667.65	21,590.70
49100 Loan Interest	4,467.81	1,815.78
49110 Loan Interest-CDBG #6	94.02	181.19
49115 Loan Interest Rural BLF Statewide	39.46	270.64
49130 Loan Interest-SBA II #5303545000	7.82	155.59
49140 Loan Interest-SBA III # 9325495008	2,164.92	1,837.26
49150 Loan Interest-SBA IV # 2489697006	1,175.38	1,389.24
49155 SBA Loan V Interest Income	887.84	1,315.19
49156 SBA VI Interest Income	1,790.82	1,966.12
49157 SBA VII Interest Income	1,353.28	2,534.87
49160 Loan Interest-CDBG #8	1,526.22	2,178.23
49162 CDBG #9 Interest Income	5,473.89	0.00
49165 Loan Interest CO Start Up	3,541.70	3,987.11
49200 Loan Fees	1,905.00	1,966.00
49210 Loan Administrative Fees	4,186.00	992.00
49300 Late Fees/Penalties	1,053.49	1,001.48
Other Fees & Services	1,927.23	398.72
45800 EZ Contribution Fees	1,927.23	398.72
Membership	16,645.90	16,230.32
42000 Member Dues	9,657.83	11,301.32
42700 Transportation Assessments	2,135.50	2,178.00
43400 AAA Assessments	4,852.57	2,751.00
Building	1,000.00	2,000.00
44000 Building Rent	1,000.00	2,000.00

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Broadband Revenues		27,057.25	27,977.20
40860	Broadband Service Income	27,057.25	27,977.20
Other Revenue		7,875.03	4,361.49
40115	Program Income	2,615.00	0.00
40840	In-Kind Donation	3,499.00	3,499.00
45000	Bank Interest Earned	550.67	862.49
48000	AAA Local Donations	605.00	0.00
48050	Other Income	605.36	0.00
Revenues		406,742.09	363,694.85

Expenses

Salaries & Fringe		133,043.89	142,371.09
50000	SALARIES	88,430.27	106,714.67
50500	FRINGE BENEFITS	44,613.62	35,656.42
Travel		6,570.27	6,035.22
52000	Meetings & Travel Expenses	6,570.27	6,035.22
Supplies		2,124.22	3,364.15
53700	Printing & Supplies	2,124.22	3,364.15
Equipment		17,383.59	0.00
59400	Equipment Rental, Repairs & Maintenance	128.00	0.00
59600	Equipment & Furniture	17,255.59	0.00
Contractual		30,713.80	28,714.24
54900	Consulting Fees	227.50	1,780.00
55000	Contractual Services	30,486.30	26,934.24
RFL Interest and Exp		7,350.89	6,088.37
92000	SBA Loan Interest	807.79	892.58
92100	Loan Expenses	2,643.10	2,795.79
92200	Bad Debt/Write Off	3,900.00	2,400.00
Broadband Expenses		14,263.30	11,982.86
52100	Broadband Service	2,162.40	2,136.96
53920	Internet - COGS	6,230.98	6,230.98
53950	Broadband Network Management	3,619.92	3,614.92
53960	CNL Lease	2,250.00	0.00
General Expense		30,684.20	19,305.87
52700	Telephone/Fax	274.48	549.06
53000	Rent	10,353.83	5,299.00
53300	Background and Security Verification	124.50	72.25
53600	Postage & Shipping	247.05	156.62
53900	Software - Finance	0.00	120.00
53910	Software - Miscellaneous	6,882.01	368.76
53930	Web Hosting & Design	19.91	0.00

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53940 Computer Repair & Maintenance	3,985.02	0.00
54000 Dues & Subscriptions	1,031.77	2,391.00
55100 Legal Fees	1,436.00	442.50
55200 Audit & Accounting	341.32	359.12
55300 Recruitment & Retention	0.00	1,313.87
55600 Promotions	733.92	4,381.36
56200 Bank Service Charges/Fees	138.35	42.21
56300 Other Insurance	5,116.04	3,810.12
Building Expenditures	7,682.11	11,146.85
60100 Building Insurance	462.96	487.96
60200 Building Maintenance & Repair	3,718.70	7,437.01
60500 Building Loan Interest	1,133.83	1,315.02
60600 Building Utilities	2,366.62	1,906.86
Depreciation	89,928.00	83,661.00
58000 Depreciation Expense	10,173.00	11,161.00
58100 BB Infrastructure Depr	79,755.00	72,500.00
Contracted Direct Service	127,849.26	144,405.95
72500 AAA Fed Funding	66,286.08	11,013.22
73000 AAA State Funding	61,563.18	71,831.27
78100 Other CLS Grants Expense	0.00	1,991.84
79000 AAA ARPA Fed	0.00	59,569.62
Other Expenses	6,683.66	7,597.33
53650 Educational Supplies	0.00	293.28
55360 Volunteer Costs Travel and Meals	6,087.75	7,304.05
55363 Recognition - Individual	108.91	0.00
58500 Stipend	487.00	0.00
Expenses	474,277.19	464,672.93
Balance:	(67,535.10)	(100,978.08)

Executive Director Update October 2025

Action Items:

- Community Based Development Organization Board Resolution: to meet the Department of Local Affairs requirements for Community Based Development Grants (CDBG) for the loan fund program, the organization must apply as a CBDO and meet the qualifications. A proposed resolution is included with the meeting information. Minor changes may be need to the ByLaws for communities served (add low/moderate income) and the Loan Fund Committee composition. These potential changes will be presented and discussed at the meeting for Board of Director's approval in November.
- DOLA (Department of Local Affairs) mini-grant program applications for grants: City of Delta and Town of Nucla

Informational Items:

- Reviewing and preparation of FYE 6/30/2025 financial statements for annual audit.
- Included July 2025 financial statements provide a comparison with 2024.
- Released a Request for Proposals for market study for OEDIT (CO Office of Economic Development and International Trade) CHIPS/technology industry sector opportunities. After exploring collaboration with Region 9 and WEEDC, it was determined each organization must have a separate RFP and report.
- Continuing contract negotiations Broadband Network Operator.

Staffing:

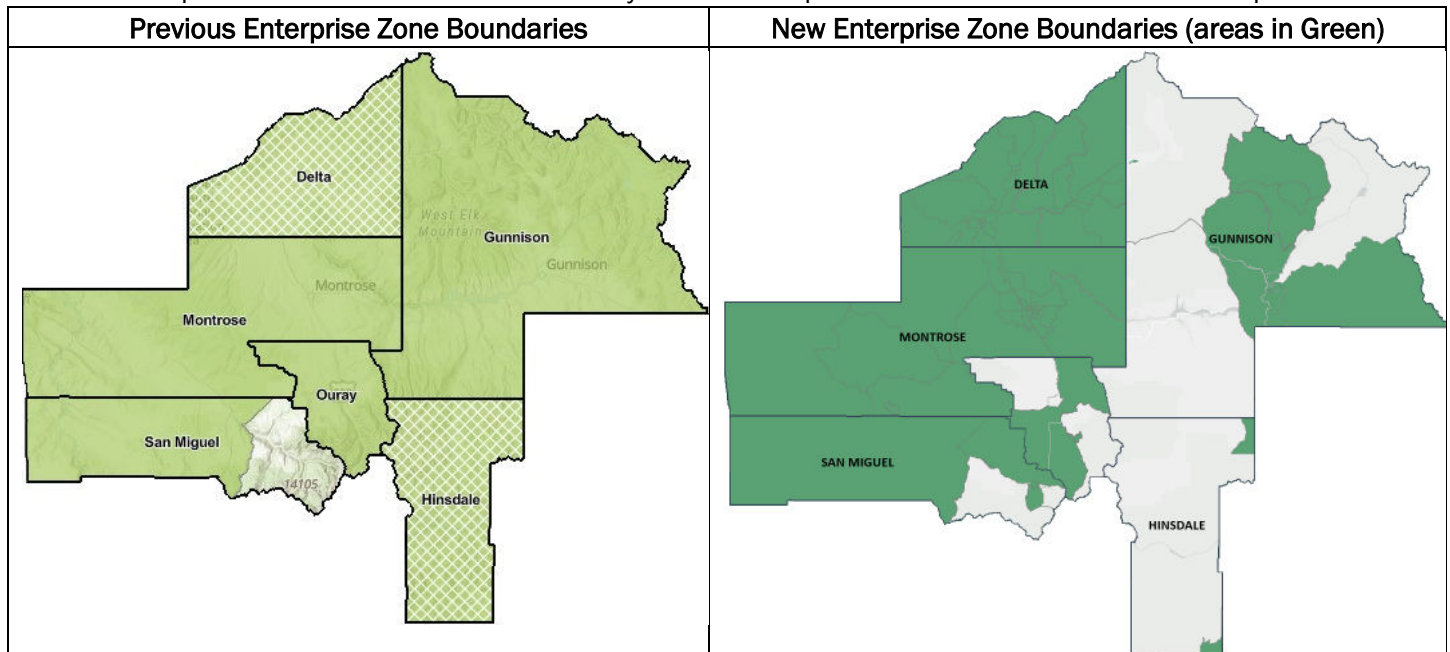
- Hired new Business Loan Fund Manager, Amy Crick, who began in October. Amy has significant banking experience as well as working in USDA Rural Development office for several years.
- Vince Rogalski will plan to retire from the Gunnison Valley TPR chair and contracted position effective 12/31. We will work with the Transportation Planning Region (TRP) commi to elect a new chair/CDOT representative.
 - We will have a Celebration of Vince's many years of service November 13 beginning at 3:30 p.m. (after GVTPR meeting) at the Camp Robber in Montrose.

Community Development Board Report

For October 23, 2025 prepared by Courtney Tribble

Enterprise Zone (EZ):

- **EZ Redesignation:** Applications for new Enterprise Zone boundaries were submitted and approved by the state’s Economic Development Commission.
- In Summary: the application that Region 10 submitted to the state for the Enterprise Zone included all areas that were eligible based on the above factors. As I mentioned there are changes to the Region 10 Enterprise Zone boundaries based on these factors. Please see the map below where the areas in green are qualified as an Enterprise Zone area. In summary these changes include:
 - Delta County: Full County is qualified as an Enterprise Zone. It remains an Enhanced Rural Enterprise Zone (EREZ) through 12-31-2026. (EREZ’s are reassessed every two years for a two year designation, additional distress criteria needs to be met to be qualified). (*EREZs are not yet denoted on the map)
 - Montrose County: Full County is qualified as an Enterprise Zone, the West End Communities of Naturita and Nucla are qualified as Enhanced Rural Enterprise Zones. (*EREZs are not yet denoted on the map)
 - Hinsdale County: Most of the county has graduated out; **no area of the county qualifies** as an Enterprise Zone.
 - Gunnison County: Specific areas of the county qualify and some additional areas have been applied for based on some additional information. **Portions of the county have graduated out** of the Enterprise Zone.
 - Ouray County: Specific areas of the county qualify and some additional areas have been applied for based on some additional information. **Portions of the county have graduated out** of the Enterprise Zone.
 - San Miguel County: Specific areas of the county qualify. **New portions of the county now qualify** as an Enterprise Zone. The West End community of Norwood qualifies as an Enhanced Rural Enterprise Zone.



Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee

- The Region’s updated CEDS will cover the timeframe of July 2026-June 2031.
- You can view our [current CEDS](#) on our website to see what the 5 regional goals have been for 2021-2026.
- Please let me Courtney know if you would like to be on the CEDS Committee or if there is someone she should reach out to, to include.

Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors (CHIPS) Market Study

- We released a [Request for Proposals\(RFP\)](#) for the Market Study for the [CHIPS Grant](#) we received from OEDIT. In summary we are looking for:
 - A contractor to complete a Market Study that includes a detailed analysis of the existing local industry, assets, and gaps relevant to the semiconductor and advanced industries sectors. The Study shall help define the area's competitive positioning, value proposition, and salient opportunities for development, attraction, and retention.
- Proposals are due November 7th and so if you know of any qualified consultants please let us know.

Ongoing Activities

ONE Delta County:

- Participating on Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

Economic Development Council of Colorado (EDCC):

- EDCC Annual Conference is October 26th-29th
- Participation in Bi-Weekly Events & Programing Committee for the Annual Conference

West End Solutions Group:

- Attended West End Solutions on October 15th. They are moving to quarterly meetings instead of monthly meetings.
- Will have a draft of the West End Vision plan out in November and December for public comment.

CARO Statewide CEDS:

The statewide CEDS has been published, please find the finished document here [Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy \(CEDS\)](#)

Upcoming:

- October 26-29: EDCC Annual Conference
- November 6: Hotchkiss Master Plan Community Input
- November 12: Colorado Brownfields Partnership Workshop

*Acronyms:

EZ: Enterprise Zone

EREZ: Enhanced Rural Enterprise Zone

EZCP: Enterprise Zone Contribution Project

EDA: Economic Development Administration

CHIPS: Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors

CARO: Colorado Association of Regional Organizations

CEDS: Community Economic Development Strategy

OEDIT: Office of Economic Development and International Trade

NADO: National Association of Development Organizations



Memorandum

To: Region 10 Board of Directors
From: Patty Gabriel, Regional Grant Navigator
Date: October 14, 2025
Re: October 2025 Board Report

Here is the RGN program update for October.

1. The Grant Guide is now available on the Region 10 website along with all Grants and Grub presentations. These are great resources to help entities research grant opportunities and prepare strong successful applications.
2. The Community Development Mini-Grant application packet was distributed to all Region 10 members in July. We have received four applications to date:
 - Town of Lake City – ADA Playground (\$10,000)
 - Town of Paonia – Entry Signs & Public Park Directional Signs (\$10,000)
 - City of Delta – Delta Library Innovation Workspace Improvements (\$10,000)
 - Town of Nucla – Community Center Renovation (\$10,000)
3. The current federal funding freeze continues to have an impact on many IJJA and IRA grant opportunities. Because of this the RGN program has been expanded to include all federal grants. This will allow the RGN team to access more grant opportunities. 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.
4. The RGN team is currently assisting several communities with grant compliance.
5. 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 or Shay at shay@unbanruralcontinuum.com for any questions related to the RGN program.

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SBRC Board Report

Thursday, October 23, 2025

Noteworthy

- The loan fund is excited to announce the addition of Amy Crick as program manager. Amy is a former Business Loan Fund committee member and has been a banker in the area (and beyond) for several years. Most recently she worked as a Rural Development Community Programs Loan specialist with the USDA. Not only does she bring a strong banking background, but she also brings a depth of grant knowledge that will be beneficial to Region 10. Please welcome Amy!
- The loan fund hosted a statewide meeting in Mt Crested Butte and Gunnison September 15-17.
- Homestead Hut is coming to Olathe—expanding the commercial kitchen’s capacity and giving food businesses an opportunity to “test drive” a food truck.

What’s Happening

Cultivator Update from Adriana

Cultivator Kitchen- Preparing to launch a mobile kitchen unit program in partnership with Homestead Hut, LLC (Gunnison). The Cultivator will make the food truck available as an extension of the kitchen, offer training opportunities, and provide clients with the chance to rent it for individual sales and events.

Continued participation in:

- Agricultores— collaboration with Valley Food Partnership, CSU Extension, the Workforce Center, and the Colorado Department of Agriculture.
- SBDC Cafecito— a statewide network of Hispanic SBDC representatives—focused on collaboration, innovation, and enhancing services for Hispanic entrepreneurs.
- Valley Food Partnership’s Roots of Renewal
- Western Colorado Migrant Rural Coalition, supporting initiatives that impact rural and migrant communities.

Outreach and Presentations

- City of Gunnison: Presented What the SBDC Can Do for You at the 4th Annual Welcoming Week during Economic Development Day, reaching approximately 35 attendees.
- West Slope Startup Week: Served as a panelist on Good Food, Big Impact: Plug Into Colorado’s Food, Beverage and Ag Ecosystem alongside CSU Extension, Naturally Colorado, and Good Food Collective with approximately 25 attendees.
- Homegrown Pathways: Served as panelist representing the Cultivator and Region 10’s business resources to eight Olathe high schoolers participating in Spark Lab.
- Provided presentations for Colorado Department of Revenue and Hispanic Affairs Project.

Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Update from Callie

- Callie is working with the SBDC State Programming Committee on creating a network wide program development process.
- Callie attended the national SBDC meeting in Orlando in September and West Slope Startup Week in Durango in October.
- Ongoing SBDC Salesforce training as the state implements a new customer relations database.
- SBDC advising requests are high.
- SBDC events are up and running again after pause during the Salesforce conversion. The network has put out a vast number of them on the new platform.
- Attended and participated in SBA’s “Are you Lender Ready” workshop in Grand Junction at Timberline Bank.

- Met with Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC) to discuss providing support for their workshops in our region.

Business Loan Fund (BLF) from Sarah

At A Glance: Aug- Sept 2025

Loans Closed	0
Modification Requests	0
Loans Denied	0
Loans Sent to Collections	0
Loans Paid Off	1
Active Loans (as of 9/30/25)	87

- Sarah completed two loan analyses for the City of Montrose, one for their façade grant program and one for their loan program.
- There are several loans in the pipeline, but clients are slow to complete the process of completing all documentation.
- LoanWell is up and running, but not without some snags that we’re still working out.

Additional Activities

- The Cultivator team and management completed USDA Compliance Review in August with no findings.
- Hosted **Lake City** DIRT coffee with businesses (Sarah, Callie, Nancy)
- Hosted Chamber/businesses coffees in **Hotchkiss, Crawford, Cedaredge**
- Continued facilitation of **Delta County** Business Resources meetings
- Attended West Regional Recovery Symposium in **Montrose** in September
- Toured ICELab’s new light manufacturing facility in **Gunnison**
- Attended WE Gather conference and retirement celebration for SBDC director Jamie Billesbach in Salida
- Reports from SBDC and BLF are expected to resume in November as new software systems should be fully operational 🍷



AAA Board Report October 2025

NOTEWORTHY:

- The team continues to work to identify grant and other revenue funding opportunities.
- Team Members Claudette Nicolas, Milca Espinosa and Michelle Haynes attended and presented at the annual Caregiver’s Summit in September.
- Region 10 AAA will host the state AAA directors in Crested Butte Oct 22-24.

AAA Programs Reports

- The State Unit on Aging updated the contract to include FY 25 “carry over” funds and have allocated to programs.
- Updating and finalizing contracts for the current fiscal year.
- Program service numbers are in the chart below.

Service Type	Date of Service		
	August 2025	July 2025	September 2025
Assisted Transportation	1,153	1,306	1,227
Caregiver Respite	155	194	151
Congregate Meals	690	768	666
Grandparent Caregiver Respite	8	5	5
Home Delivered Meals	2,398	2,555	2,287
Homemaker	429	583	410
Information and Assistance	271	306	306
Legal Assistance	13	8	18
Material Aid*	516	546	485
Personal Care	99	102	83
Grand Total	5,731	6,373	5,638

*Material Aid includes meals provided by Shepard’s Hand; approximately 500/month, bringing total monthly meals to approximately 3,500/month.

Ombudsman:

- Claudette is working with a ombudsman trainee in Delta County, who has completed 12 classroom modules with the State Ombudsman's Office and is now beginning on-site visits. After training, this will provide two volunteers to support the Ombudsman program.
- In September and the first half of October, the ombudsman program conducted 25 facility visits, conversed with 78 long-term care residents and has 10 open cases.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS:

Retired Senior Volunteer Program

- Total volunteer hours for 2025 are 26,125 with a monetary value of \$822,938
- We currently have 279 active volunteers across the region.
- All positions are fully staffed including lead volunteers for transportation and Handy Helper.

Senior Companion Program

- Total volunteer hours for 2025 are 909 with a monetary value of \$28,634
- We currently have 3 active volunteers and 2 in training
- The program had 2 outreach events in Montrose and will expand as program develops.

State Health Insurance Program (SHIP/Medicare Counseling)

- The program has four active volunteers.
- We have a high call volume per day for consulting assistance. Counselors are scheduled out until the middle of November. When our appointments are full, we will refer overflow to the state office.
- Dr. Doug Speedie is hosting a seminar "Medicare in a Nutshell" on November 18 at the Delta Hospital.



October 2025

Corey Bryndal, Regional Broadband Project Director
Broadband Report to the Board

- **DOLA EIAF Broadband** middle mile expansion plan has made substantial progress. The portion from Denver to Grand Junction is nearing completion. This allows for direct fiber connection east into metro Denver, west to Salt Lake City and expansion southwest into Region 9.
- Fiber lateral construction in 9 communities is complete. All fiber construction (except for DeBeque) and fiber splicing is complete.
- Ciena optical equipment has been deployed for the backbone(6500 platform). Ciena optical equipment for small towns along I-70 west of Grand Junction has been deployed(5132 platform). The only pending activation that remains is Fruita which will be done soon.
- Electrical power and fiber cross connect issues in Denver Lumen colocation facility have been resolved. All colocation cabinet issues have been addressed by Lumen. Additional power was added for routers.
- Core routers in Denver and Grand Junction are powered up, configured, have external management connections and are peered with the Front Range GigaPop. We have learned 24,000 routs from FRGP and will learn just under 1 million routes once commercial connections to Zayo and Lumen are established.
- We are still working through establishing a 100G connection to Zayo in Grand Junction which will bring service to Western Colorado from Salt Lake City. Initial miscommunication within Zayo has been cleared up. Zayo has ordered optical components necessary to make the connection. Turn-up is scheduled for last week in October/1st week in November.
- Region 10 received intermediate-reach optics for the Grand Junction Juniper router necessary to connect to the Zayo Salt Lake City service over fiber.
- Tri-State worked with us to allow a new cable to be brought into the Merrill Lynch building in Grand junction. This cable lands in a vault owned by Emery Telcom of Utah. Emery provides fiber for us to reach the City of Fruita. The connection was spliced by a Region 10 contractor.
- Garfield County BOCC approved and sent back signed IRU and lease agreements for six CNL locations
- Region 10 has collaborated with UCAR/Front Range GigaPop to bring advanced Research and Educational services to Western Colorado Universities. Each participant will have a direct connection to Denver at 10 Gigabit speeds and utilize national routing specific to the R&E environment. Region 10



configured our routers to provide a private network to serve these higher ed and public education clients. An NSF grant will fund the services for the first two years.

- Region 10 worked with the City of Grand Junction to construct new fiber to Colorado Mesa University. We will serve Western Colorado University using existing Fiber. Lumen services will be used for RMBL.
- Lumen has performed site surveys in Montrose, Gunnison and Crested Butte's Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory. These leased Lumen fiber based services will connect to the Region 10 network
- Several ISP's have shown strong interest in Region 10 services. Services will be delivered to Fruita, Grand Junction, Palisade, DeBeque, Collbran and extended to Montrose and Delta.
- Region 10 is close to signing an extension agreement with Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association to extend fiber to Durango and Cortez. All equipment for this project is on hand.
- Private contractors have performed updates and reconfigurations to the existing network. This involved substantial work to move around equipment, egress aging devices and improve management of the network. Echo Consulting and Vall Technologies were hired to perform this work.
- Region 10 continues to engage with a finalist of the Network Management RFP. Revisions to scope, pricing and definitions of services are underway. Additionally we seek assurances that the skill sets required to actively manage the Ciena and Juniper network devices being deployed will be available

Ongoing Activities

- Region 10 signed an agreement to receive an IRU of fiber between Durango and Pagosa Springs. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is leading these construction efforts. Having overcome initial permitting delays, the pre-construction activities are well underway. Anticipated delivery of fiber is July 2026.
- For two summers, the Colorado Broadband Office(part of OiT) has provided no further updates or direction on their Middle Mile Grant program or how we access funding for several Region 10 needs – including legacy equipment refresh, and operational support opportunities. Since DOLA sunset it's middle-mile efforts we currently have no direct line to State funding.
- 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.
- **Gunnison County, Crested Butte and Mount Crested Butte** have not progressed with regard to middle-mile fiber. A call was held by GCEA to discuss fiber opportunities and use of the existing 32 miles of fiber in their inventory. Additionally, the County discussed placement of a fiber conduit along



Highway 135 between Crested Butte and the new Whetstone housing project. Follow-up with County staff revealed that no conduit was placed as other utilities were being installed. Alternate solutions will need to be developed in this area. The DOLA grant to support this project expired this year, and was de-obligated.

- Region 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.
- 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. Since Region 9 will be seeking EDA funds and will perform procurement in CY2025, they will need to re-request the vendor service credit for that calendar year.
- 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.
- Region 10 has met with representatives from the State of New Mexico's middle mile broadband project. NM is very interested in the architecture we have used and the opportunity to connect to Region 10's services in order to create diverse reliable paths out of their state. Meetings have been held remotely, in Denver and in New Mexico.