



MEMORANDUM

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To: NWCCOG Council
From: Jon Stavney, Executive Director
Date: 18 August 2020
Re: NWCCOG DOLA Grants 2020 and 2021

Note: DOLA just updated grant guidelines and bypassed the Aug 1 cycle. There remains a \$500,000 annual set aside for all COGs which had been on an August 1st deadline. Starting immediately, COGs can apply in the October 1 and the March 1 cycle. This will allow proposals to be more responsive to evolving needs. This Memo updates 2020 projects many of which will not be happening due to COVID disruptions. *I'm seeking feedback and concept approval on what to complete/adjust in 2020 and what to apply for by Oct 1 for the 2021 cycle.*

2020 Current DOLA Grant Projects	Status	DOLA amount
Regional Economic Summit	Postponed Indefinitely (in-person)	\$5,000
Disaster Preparedness Workshop	Postponed Indefinitely (in-person)	\$2,500
STR Policy Case Studies (w/ CAST)	Declined to pursue- lack of ripeness	\$18,500
Jackson County Consulting	Ongoing	\$10,000
Mini-Grants	Fall (limit \$5,000 each)	\$20,000
Regional Research Projects (RRP)	See Below	\$10,000

Mini Grants: Announcement –See Memo from August 20th, 2020

RRP #1: Report: Regional report on Law Enforcement’s preparedness in addressing changes to policy following passage of SB 20-217, to include local examples of best practices, and how local LE are effected by the national conversation on LE policy including Training and Use of Force. Interview Chiefs and Sheriffs to survey the current status for region with regard to Law Enforcement preparedness for SB 217 and best practices in Use of Force policies and training, and understand challenges related to SB 217 implementation, current climate for LE in region. Teaming with CIRSA to contract with Heather Coogan who will interview and produce report. \$5,000 each, DOLA, NWCCOG and CIRSA.

RRP #2: Report: Capitol Project Funding, Reserves, and Infrastructure: A Regional overview of the impacts of COVID to water, wastewater, street, parks/rec, facilities, vehicles, heavy equipment, broadband, airport or other local public projects. Has COVID crisis caused further divestment or deferral of important infrastructure projects? To make a case at state and federal level of impacts to local governments, and where gaps exist. Late Fall 2020 after local 2021 budgets are final (or move to 2021 in new Grant, ask about a partnership with DOLA’s Fiscal Stability Initiative – Clay Brown DOLA Contact 303 916 1722 cell).

A note on Economic Summit and EP Workshop: NWCCOG may find a way to do one or the other virtually. Worried that this is not the right time for either right now since not easy time to look back yet or forward with so much uncertainty.

2021 DOLA Grant, Due Oct 1 - Guidelines just announced.

2021 Regional Economic Summit - after the winter...COVID at 14 months. What just happened and what does it mean for our economy?

RRP #1 -2021: Report: Review Emergency Preparedness: Interview County Manager, Emergency Manager and a Commissioner in each county to report out on lessons learned from COVID Crisis, accumulate list of links to best practices. This exercise could take the place of the in-person workshop this year or set a baseline for conversations. Coordinate with Bobbie Lucero at DSHEM

2021 COVID Lessons Learned for Public Health and Disaster Planning Summit:

2021 Second Home Study - Interview Second Homeowners on impact of COVID, will they spend more time in Second Homes in resort region now? What are they looking for in these places now as longer-term residents? What is the impact of SHO on the economy and housing supply, service needs? Is the shift away from primary (more urban) residences temporary or long-term during the crisis?

RRP #2 - 2021: Capital Projects/Reserve Impacts to Infrastructure Funding. (If not in 2020)

NOTE Future Projects:

2022 STR Policy Case Studies: I think this may be a worthy topic to explore in 2022 when STR or VRBOs are able to operate again. The challenge we discussed this time last year is that many local regulations have not had enough time to operate and therefore have not had enough time to effectively assess effects. COVID has shut down most STRs.

2021-22 Update Broadband 5-year report (to 8 yr), add THOR and more detail about local projects. Publish in nicer format with much more detail. All content would populate website also. Content may be developed internally, but design and publication would be professionally done. One pagers from 2018 BB 5yr extended with new data and more detailed narratives.

Other Concepts?