



# NWCCOG Full Council, EDD Board, and NLF Board Meeting Agenda

**Thursday, March 20, 2025**

Gypsum Conference Room NWCCOG Energy Office and Zoom Conference Call

**210 Spring Creek Rd., Gypsum, CO**

### Video & Phone Conference Information

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4343110995?pwd=rbIHmpYikShSFje2tpMbd1ODIEZrep.1&omn=84471>

**Meeting**

**ID:**

**434 311 0995**

**Passcode:**

**119033**

**MAY NWCCOG Meeting**

Thursday, May 22, 2025

Silverthorne Conference Room

249 Warren Ave, Silverthorne, CO

10am -- 12:00pm

**Tour of NWCCOG Energy Program Training Facility Gypsum will take place after the adjournment of the NWCCOG EDD Meeting at 2:30pm**

## NWCCOG Council and NLF Board Meeting

10:00 AM	1.	Call to Order - NWCCOG Council Chair	
	2.	Roll Call and Determination of Quorum	
	3.	<b>ACTION</b> COG: Minutes of January 2025 Council Meeting*	Pgs 4-5
		<b>GRANTS and EXECUTIVE ORDERS</b>	
10:05 p.m.	4.	<b>PRESENTATION: Barbara Green, NWCCOG General Council on Navigating Legal Changes</b> * Making sense of Executive Orders and evolving Court Cases, Caselaw * Recommendations on Discrimination, State vs Fed Definitions * Procurement of and Grant recipients of federal funds * Review of NWCCOG Employee Handbook, guidelines, policies, etc * Local Governments -- powers to regulate on federal land	Policy
	5.	<b>UPDATE: Direction from State Officers</b> * State Controller, Bob Jaros (re. FEMA, DSHEM funding) * Governor's Office email update March 10th	MEMO
	6.	<b>UPDATE: Jonathan Godes: Community Accelerated Mobility Project (CAMP) Grant</b> * Regional organization applies through the Colorado Energy Office. Asked by EQLX. * Other insights on status of IJJA and IRA funds or other grants * IRA Funding on Hold -- Shoshone and other Water	MEMO Website
		<b>Regular NWCCOG Business</b> January and February 2025 NWCCOG List of Bills Change of NWCCOG CRA 401a contribution to mandatory 6%	Website
10:45 a.m.	7.	<b>ACTION: I-70 Coalition requests funding for I-70 Economic study update from 2007</b> * I 70 Coalition -- NWCCOG Send Appreciation Letter to Margaret * I 70 Coalition -- Congratulations to new Executive Director * RGN Position -- Status Update	Website Pg 6 Website
	8.	<b>UPDATE: Energy Program Profit Sharing for 2024</b>	Pg 7
11:00 a.m.	9	<b>NLF BOARD: Council acting as NLF Board Votes on Minutes</b> * NLF Minutes from Jan 23, 2025 * 2024 Year in Review (Anita Cameron)	Pgs 8-31

\*2024 NLF EOY Financials

**MOTION:** Move to accept Minutes from Jan 23 and 2024 Financials, and resume as COG Council

11:20 p.m.

10 **ACTION:** **Letters of Support or Opposition**  
HB25 - 1056 Should NWCCOG send Letter to SPONSORS Roberts and Lukens, re: Breckenridge

Pgs 32-34

HB25 - 1247 Should NWCCOG send letter re raising Lodging Tax cap from 2% to 6%

Website

Public Lands Staff Terminations: Should NWCCOG send letter to Delegation, re Grand County

Pgs 35-36

Selling or Drilling Public Lands: Should NWCCOG send to

11. **Executive Director Updates** (Jon Stavney)

See Exec.

**ACTION:** Proposal "What Keeps Mayors Up at Night" Insights Collective for Executive Director  
Looking for funding OK to seek CAST and DOLA partnership

Director  
Updates

**FYI:** Keystone Thankyou Letter to NWCCOG  
IMTPR not to be split after all (Chairman Pettit)  
Economic Summit

Attachment

NPR BLM Director Kathleen Sgamma

New Horizons Scott Fitzwilliams, WRNF Supervisor Retiring

Politico Forest Fires, USFS Staffing

WaPo Social Security -proposal to file claims in person

12. **Congressional Update: From any Reps Present (attachments Below)**

13. **Request** Move May 22 Council Meeting to June 5th

11:45 p.m.

13. **Member Updates**

14. **Program Updates**

Pgs 37-41

12:00pm 15. **ACTION** Adjourn NWCCOG Meeting\*

\*Requires Vote

**NWCCOG Officers**

**NWCCOG Council Chair**

Alyssa Shenk

**NWCCOG Council Secretary/Treasurer**

Nina Waters

**NWCCOG Council Vice-Chair**

Patti Clapper

**NWCCOG Executive Committee**

**Region XII County Members**

Nina Waters, \*\*Patti Clapper, Tim Redmond, Jeanne McQueeney, Randal George, Coby Corkle

**Municipal Members**

Alyssa Shenk\* Geoff Grimmer Kristen Brownson Nina Waters



## NWCCOG EDD Board Meeting Agenda

**Thursday, March 20, 2025**  
**Gypsum Conference Room NWCCOG Energy Office and Zoom Conference Call**  
**210 Spring Creek Rd., Gypsum, CO**

### Video & Phone Conference Information

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4343110995?pwd=rbIHmpYikShSFje2tpMbd1ODIEZrep.1&omn=844714>

**Meeting ID:**

**434 311 0995**

**Passcode:**

**119033**

### Next COG EDD Meeting

Thursday, May 22, 2025  
 Silverthorne Conference Room  
 249 Warren Ave., Silverthorne, CO  
 12:30pm - 2:30pm

### NWCCOG Economic Development District (EDD) Board Meeting

- |         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| 12:30pm | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Call to Order - EDD Board Chair, DiAnn Butler</li> <br/> <li>2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum</li> <br/> <li>3. <b>ACTION</b> EDD: Minutes of January 2025 EDD Meeting* <span style="float: right;">Via Email</span></li> <br/> <li>4. <b>Presentation: Business Retention &amp; Expansion Program</b><br/>           John Bristol, Executive Director, &amp; Keith Hensley, Director of Existing Industry Routt County Economic Development Partnership</li> <br/> <li>5. <b>UPDATE: Regional Talent Summit</b> -Northwest Region on June 3 at CMC Edwards</li> <br/> <li>6. <b>UPDATE:</b> 2025 Regional Economic Summit - May 1 at Silverthorne Pavilion</li> <br/> <li>7. <b>Discussion:</b> Roundtable discussion of Economic Development News from Members</li> <br/> <li>8. <b>Discussion:</b> New Business</li> </ol> |  |
| 2:30pm  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. <b>ACTION</b> Adjourn EDD Meeting*</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |

\*Requires Vote

### NWCCOG EDD Officers

<b>NWCCOG EDD Chair</b>	DiAnn Butler
<b>NWCCOG EDD Vice-Chair</b>	Patti Clapper

**NWCCOG EDD Secretary**



# Northwest Colorado Council of Governments

## NWCCOG Council Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2025

### Executive Board Members

Alyssa Shenk – Town of Snowmass  
Patti Clapper – Pitkin County  
Nina Waters – Summit County

### NWCCOG Staff:

Jon Stavney  
Becky Walter  
Anita Cameron – NLF  
Moirra Vander Meer  
Jonathan Godes – Grants Navigator  
Greg Ociepa  
Rachel Tuyn – EDD  
Torie Jarvis – QQ  
Ashley Bembenek – QQ  
Erin Fisher – Vintage  
Nate Speerstra – Energy Program  
Dana Wood – Mobility Program

### Others Present

Jeffrey Woodruff – Pitkin County  
Kristen Brownson – Town of Breckenridge  
Dan Sullivan – Town fo Keystone  
Carolyn Tucker – SBDC  
DiAnn Butler – Grand County  
Hilary Henry – Senator Bennet Representative  
Gary Brooks – Town of Avon  
Rita Wolfe  
Thayer Hirsh – Summit Economic Partnership  
Rick Stevens – Town of Basalt  
Britta Gustafson – Town of Snowmass Village  
Kris Mattera – Basalt Chamer of Commerce  
Corry Mihm – Project Works  
Jacob Zook – City of Glenwood Springs  
Tom Boyd – Eagle County  
John Bristol – Routt County  
Tim Redmond – Routt County  
Teagan Serres – Town of Kremmling  
Melissa Matthews – Town of Red Cliff  
Chris Romer – Vail Valley Partnership  
Deputy Chief Dave Brittle  
Commander Ryan Kenny

### **ACTION Call to Order NWCCOG Council Meeting**

Alyssa Shenk, NWCCOG Council Chair, called the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments (NWCCOG) Foundation meeting to order at 10:00 am. Quorum was confirmed with introductions of attendees.

### **ACTION Approval of December 2024 NWCCOG Council Minutes**

M/S: Alyssa Shenk made a motion to approve the December 2024 NWCCOG Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Patti Clapper.

***Passed: Yes***

### **ACTION: Election of New Officers for the NWCCOG Council Board.**

Nona Waters was nominated and elected to the position of Treasurer of the NWCCOG Council, Alyssa Shenk was re-elected to the position of Chair of the NWCCOG Council, and Patti Clapper was re-elected to the position of Vice Chair. All were in favor, no opposed.

***Passed: Yes***

### **Introduction of New Officers of the NWCCOG Council Board**

Jeffrey Woodruff representing Pitkin County, Gary Brooks representing the Town of Avon, and Commissioner Angelica Salinas representing Routt County were welcomed to the NWCCOG Council.

### **ACTION Election of County Health Pool (CHP) Representative**

Council annually appoints representatives for the CHP Health Plan Administrator for NWCCOG, the Town of Walden, and the Town of Kremmling. Jon Stavney and Moira Vander Meer were appointed by the Council to be the CHP representatives for 2025.

***Passed: Yes***

## **Financial Overview**

Becky Walter shared the preliminary 2024 financials, noting a minor increase in other assets and a positive outcome for the elevator program despite challenges. The discussion included a review of the balance sheet and statement of revenues and expenditures, with a focus on the energy program's success. Both the Vintage Program and the Energy Program are on mid-year budget schedules explaining why the financials for both programs appear differently than the rest of NWCCOG. Alyssa made the motion to approve these preliminary financials and Nina Waters seconded.

## **ACTION NWCCOG Council Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Representative Appointment**

The Regional Advisory Council is seeking a new member to discuss aging services, while the Regional Transit Coordinating Council is looking for a chair to oversee its activities. Both positions require attendance at four meetings a year, with flexibility in qualifications for the Transit Council chair. Rick raised concerns about the housing market, particularly regarding baby boomers holding wealth in their homes, which may contribute to housing shortages. The group discussed ageism and a housing needs study that provided over 20 recommendations, inviting Rick to a future meeting for further exploration of these issues. No members were selected from the NWCCOG Council at this time.

## **Update QQ**

Torie presented on the 208-plan overseen by Northwest COG, emphasizing its importance for local governments in ensuring development proposals align with water quality standards. She outlined challenges in updating the plan, which has not been revised since 2012, due to increased scrutiny from the EPA. The group voted to adopt interim policies until a full update is available.

## **ACTION Approval of Adoption of 208 Policies**

Alyssa made the motion to approve the interim 208 Policies until a full update is available. Nina Waters seconded.

***Passed: Yes***

## **ACTION Adjournment of NWCCOG Council Meeting for the NLF Board to Convene**

Alyssa made the motion to adjourn the NWCCOG Council. Nina Waters seconded the motion.

***Passed: Yes***

## **Update: Jonathan Godes Grant Updates and Future Opportunities**

Jonathan provided an update on the CFI grant application, which was not awarded despite positive feedback from federal reviewers. DiAnn emphasized the value of regional collaboration in the application process and expressed hope for future funding opportunities. The group discussed the need for feedback from the scoring committee to improve future applications.

### **Funding Updates and Legislative Developments**

Patti Clapper announced that Pitkin County received a \$2 million raise grant for multimodal planning related to the airport. Hilary Henry updated attendees on \$170 million in funding from the Bureau of Reclamation, which includes \$40 million for Shoshone, and highlighted the need for bipartisan support to secure these funds amid concerns of potential freezes.

### **Discussion on Proposed Bill and Funding Concerns**

Dylan Roberts has proposed a bill that seeks to designate a portion of DOLA's mineral impact fees for specific counties affected by mining. John expressed concerns about the potential impact on funding for other projects, such as broadband, especially for counties that do not have significant mining activities. Tim Redmond provided insights on the funding situation and the challenges faced by smaller communities relying on these funds.

## **ACTION Adjournment**

***M/S: Alyssa Shenk*** made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Patti Clapper seconded. NWCCOG Council Meeting adjourned at 11:51AM

***Passed: Yes***

---

Alyssa Shenk, NWCCOG Council Chair

---

Date



March 13, 2025

**U.S. Department of Transportation  
Issues Competitive Grant Guidance  
*Addressing Energy, Climate Change, Diversity, and Equity***

On March 11, 2025, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a [directive](#) to all modal agencies, including the Federal Transit Administration and Federal Railroad Administration, to **conduct a review of all competitive grant programs and awards, including a project-by-project review in certain circumstances. The focus of this review is to identify project scope and activities that are allocating funding to advance climate, equity, and other priorities counter to the Trump Administration’s Executive Orders.**

**The guidance applies to competitive award selections made after January 20, 2021 (FY 2022 – FY 2025) without grant agreements or partially obligated grant agreements.** It does not apply to projects with executed grant agreements that are fully obligated.

Under the directive, DOT instructs modal agencies to identify programs that may include any of the following elements: “equity activities, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) activities, climate change activities, environmental justice (EJ) activities, gender-specific activities, when the primary purpose is bicycle infrastructure (i.e., recreational trails and shared-use paths, etc.), electric vehicles (EV), and EV charging infrastructure.” If these programs meet certain criteria, they are subject to a project-by-project review.

**Project-by-project reviews will examine and flag any project scope elements or activities for potential removal, including:**

- project activities such as equity analysis, green infrastructure, bicycle infrastructure, EV and/or EV charging infrastructure.
- project purpose or primary project benefits include equity and/or climate such as projects that purposefully improve the condition for EJ communities or actively reduce GHG emissions.

Based on their review, agencies must recommend to the Office of the Secretary which project selections should:

- continue in their current form with no change;
- be revised with a reduced or modified scope; or
- be canceled entirely.

If a project should be revised, the agency will negotiate with the project sponsor to update the project scope to eliminate and, where possible, replace identified project

elements that align with the program statute, scope of the project sponsor's application, and Trump Administration Executive Orders. If the project sponsor does not agree to remove project elements, DOT directs that the agency should proceed with a reduced award that removes the flagged scope and activities.

View [the DOT Guidance here](#).

Knowledge is power. [APTA's Industry Footprint](#) shows every public transit system, supplier, and manufacturer by Congressional District and State. Use this great resource during your next Congressional meeting and show your Member of Congress the importance of the public transportation industry in your regional economy.

Sent to you by the American Public Transportation Association  
1300 I St. NW, Ste. 1200 E, Washington, DC 20005  
[www.apta.com](http://www.apta.com)



Click [here](#) to unsubscribe





**March 13, 2025**

**For Immediate Release**

**CONTACT:**

Margaret Bowes, Executive Director, I-70 Coalition

970-389-4347

Mbowes@i70solutions.org

+++++

**I-70 Mountain Corridor Coalition Names New Executive Director**



Jonathan Godes will become the I-70 Coalition’s executive director effective April 10, replacing Margaret Bowes who has served as the nonprofit’s executive director since 2015 and as program coordinator from 2007-2015.

A former Mayor and current Councilman of Glenwood Springs, Jonathan is well-versed in the issues and challenges facing the I-70 mountain corridor. Through his role as a Glenwood Springs elected official, Mr. Godes has participated with the I-70 Coalition as well as with the Intermountain Transportation Planning Region for several years. He has served six years on the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (RFTA) board and is the Past President of the Colorado Association of Ski Towns (CAST). He also comes to the I-70 Coalition with extensive nonprofit experience as the former executive director of the Early Childhood Network and the Boys and Girls Club of Craig.

“We are very excited to have Mr. Godes joining the coalition in this leadership role and we look forward to the coalition continuing to be a positive force in bringing improvements to this critical transportation corridor. We also must sincerely thank Ms. Bowes for all the great work she has accomplished for the Coalition, with many new projects, services, and impactful legislation that the coalition has been integral to moving forward during her tenure,” stated I-70 Coalition Board Chair Ryan Hyland.

The I-70 Coalition is a non-profit organization representing 29 local governments and businesses along Colorado’s I-70 mountain corridor. Since 2004, the I-70 Coalition has served as an important voice in the transportation arena, effectively advocating for the advancement of local and regional transportation issues impacting the I-70 mountain corridor and surrounding communities.



**Energy Program Profit Sharing FY2024**

2024 Program Revenues	\$	Comments
CARE revenue	\$ 230,069.65	Net income less Reserve expenses and prior year Profit Sharing payment
CIP revenue	\$ -	CIP fiscal year is 10/01/2023-09/30/2024 Revised EPS (program admin split) resulted in 0 balance for CIP
ReEnergize Eagle revenue	\$ 91,937.04	New Program
ReEnergize Garfield revenue	\$ 9,894.99	
NEEP Revenue	\$ -	No NEEP projects this year
Fee For Service Revenue	\$ -	No Fee for Service projects this year
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 331,901.68</b>	
Portion for Profit Sharing	\$ 165,950.84	50% of total revenue
Portion for Program Reserves	\$ 165,950.84	50% of total revenue
<b>Profit Sharing Allocations</b>		
Total Shares	\$ 27.40	Based on number of staff and tenure
Full Share	\$ 6,056.60	Available per employee, including fringe
<b>Reserve Fund Balances as of 12-31-2024:</b>		
CARE	\$ 299,339.38	Spent \$105,620.84 from reserves to build training center
CIP	\$ 84,154.55	Through 9/30/2024
ReEnergize Eagle	\$ 91,937.04	
ReEnergize Garfield	\$ 42,759.37	
NEEP	\$ 36,217.27	No change since 2023
FFS	\$ 10,228.14	No change since 2023
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 564,635.75</b>	



# Northwest Colorado Council of Governments

## Northwest Loan Fund Board Meeting

January 23, 2025

### **Board Members**

Alyssa Shenk – Town of Snowmass  
Patti Clapper – Pitkin County  
Nina Waters – Summit County

### **NWCCOG Staff:**

Jon Stavney  
Becky Walter  
Anita Cameron – NLF  
Moira Vander Meer  
Jonathan Godes – Grants Navigator  
Greg Ociepka  
Rachel Tuyn – EDD  
Torie Jarvis – QQ  
Ashley Bembenek – QQ  
Erin Fisher – Vintage  
Nate Speerstra – Energy Program  
Dana Wood – Mobility Program

### **Others Present**

Jeffrey Woodruff – Pitkin County  
Kristen Brownson – Town of Breckenridge  
Dan Sullivan – Town of Keystone  
Carolyn Tucker – SBDC  
DiAnn Butler – Grand County  
Hilary Henry – Senator Bennet Representative  
Gary Brooks – Town of Avon  
Rita Wolfe  
Thayer Hirsh – Summit Economic Partnership  
Rick Stevens – Town of Basalt  
Britta Gustafson – Town of Snowmass Village  
Kris Mattera – Basalt Chamber of Commerce  
Corry Mihm – Project Works  
Jacob Zook – City of Glenwood Springs  
Tom Boyd – Eagle County  
John Bristol – Routt County  
Tim Redmond – Routt County  
Teagan Serres – Town of Kremmling  
Melissa Matthews – Town of Red Cliff  
Chris Romer – Vail Valley Partnership

### **ACTION Convene as the NLF Board and Call to Order**

Alyssa made the motion to reconvene as the NLF Board at 10:43am. Nina Waters seconded the motion. Roundtable introductions were completed, and a quorum was present for the group.

***Passed: Yes***

### **ACTION Approval of the March 2024 NLF Board Meeting Minutes**

Alyssa made the motion to approve the March 2024 NLF Board Meeting minutes. Nina Waters seconded the motion.

***Passed: Yes***

### **ACTION Election of NLF Executive Board**

Alyssa made the motion to approve herself as Chair, Patti Clapper as Vice Chair, and Nina Waters as Treasurer. Nina Waters seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed.

***Passed: Yes***

### **Update: NLF Portfolio Summary and Risk Rating Discussion**

Anita Cameron provided an overview of the portfolio summary and risk rating, highlighting the billing status of loans and the associated late charges. She explained that satisfactory loans require a 1% reserve, while loans categorized as watch require a 10% reserve. Additionally, she discussed the definitions of risk grades included in the reports for transparency.

**ACTION Adjournment of NLF Board to NWCCOG Council to Convene**

Alyssa made the motion to reconvene at 11:03am as the NWCCOG Council Board. Nina Waters seconded the motion.

***Passed: Yes***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Alyssa Shenk, Northwest Loan Fund Board Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

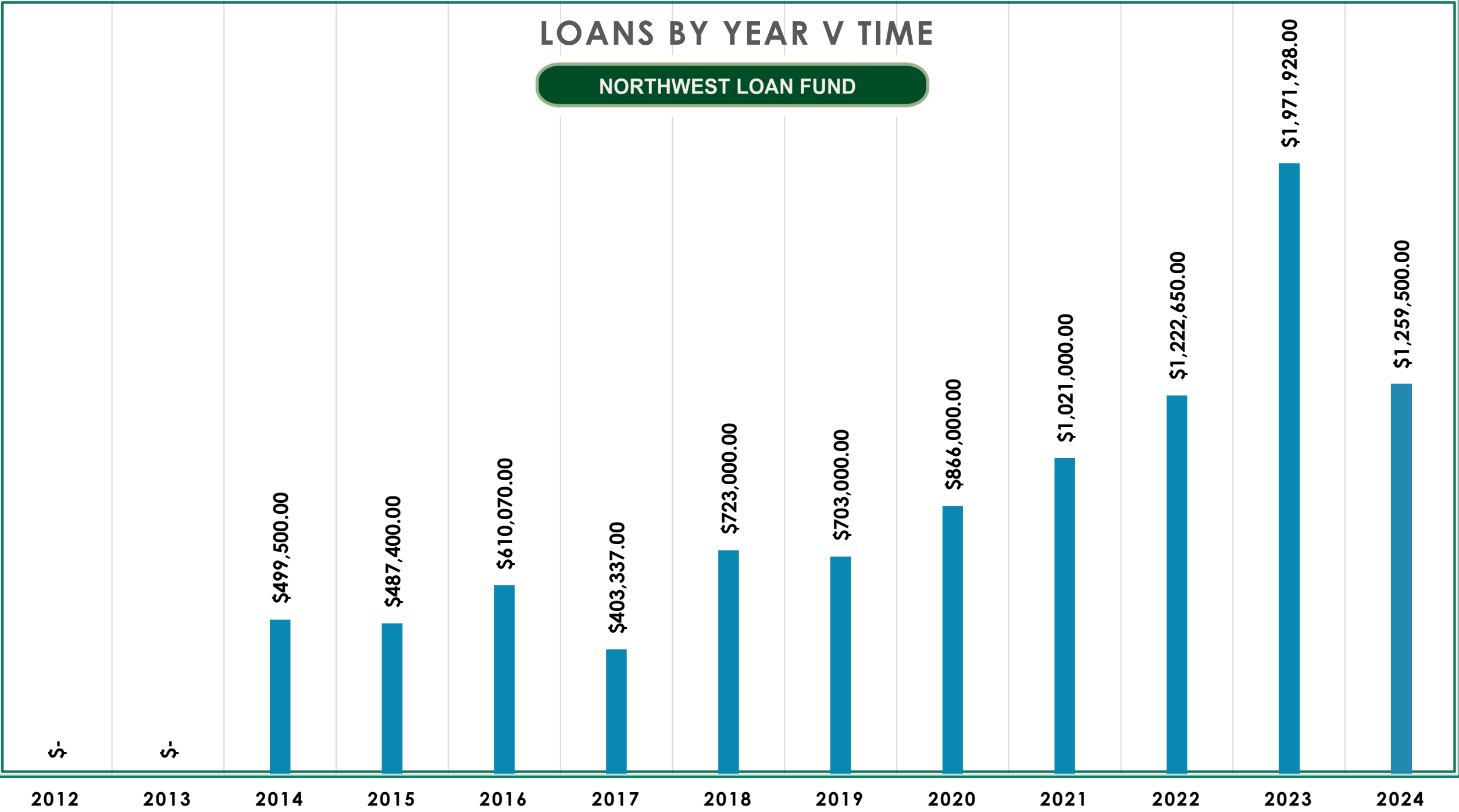
# THE NORTHWEST LOAN FUND

Performance Indicators through 2024



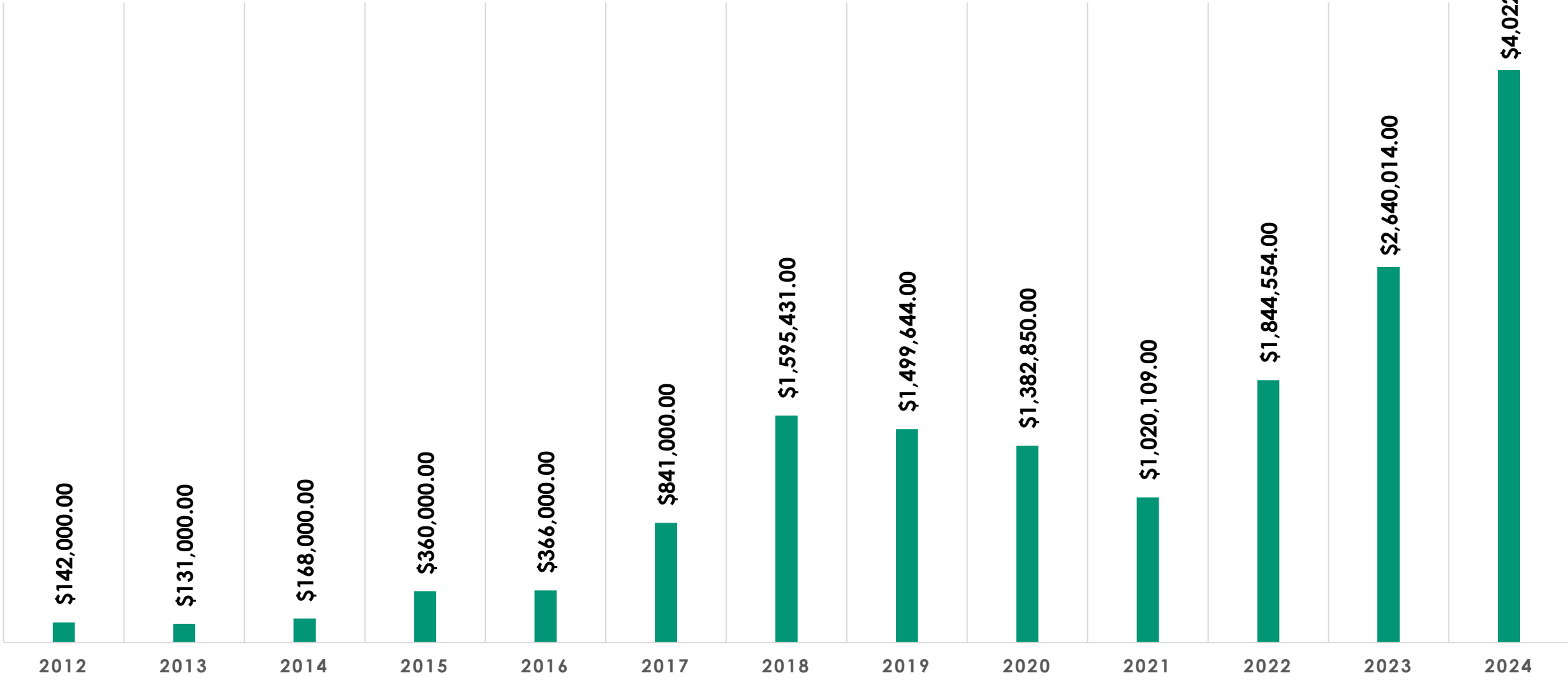
# LOANS BY YEAR V TIME

NORTHWEST LOAN FUND



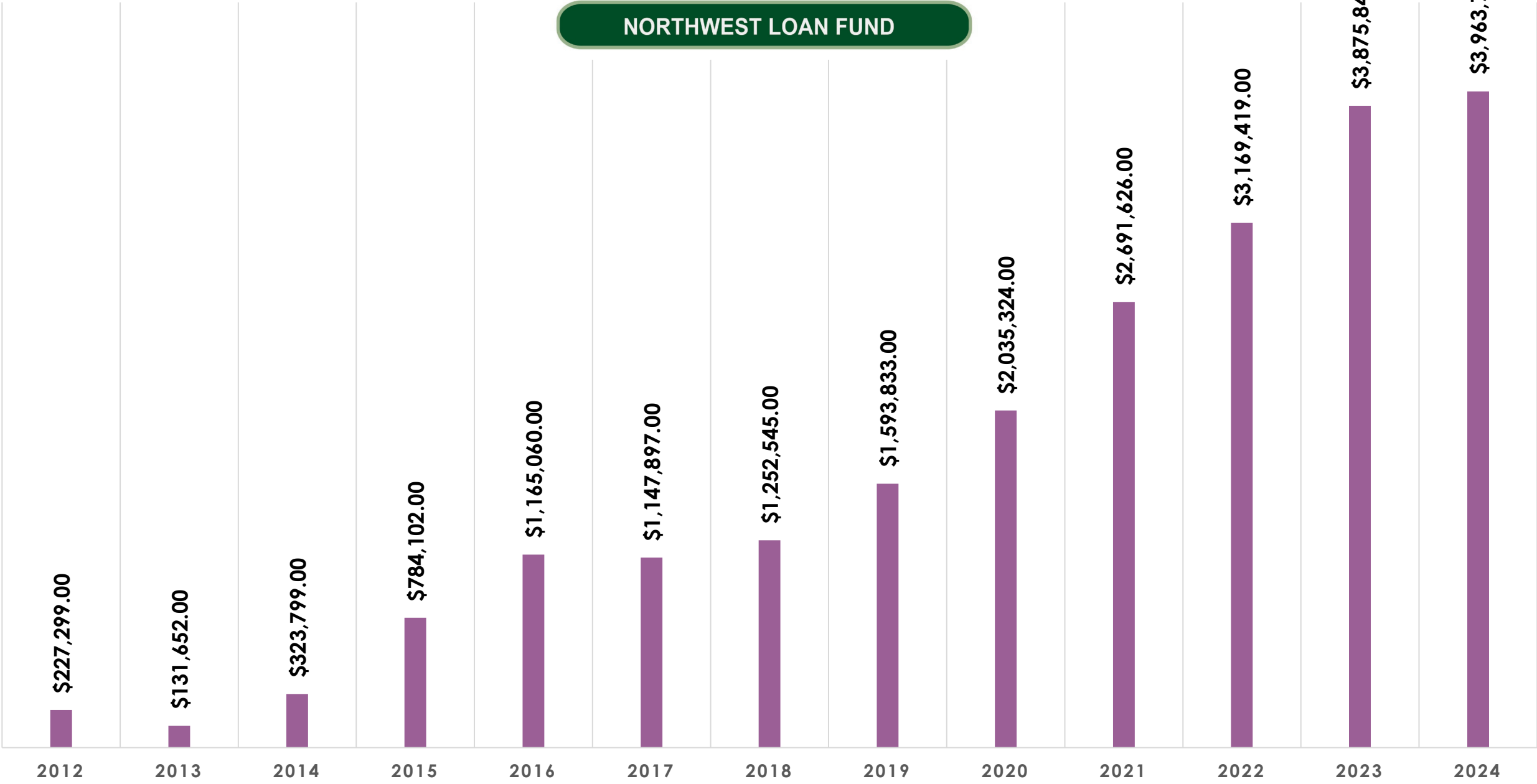
# CASH V TIME

## NORTHWEST LOAN FUND



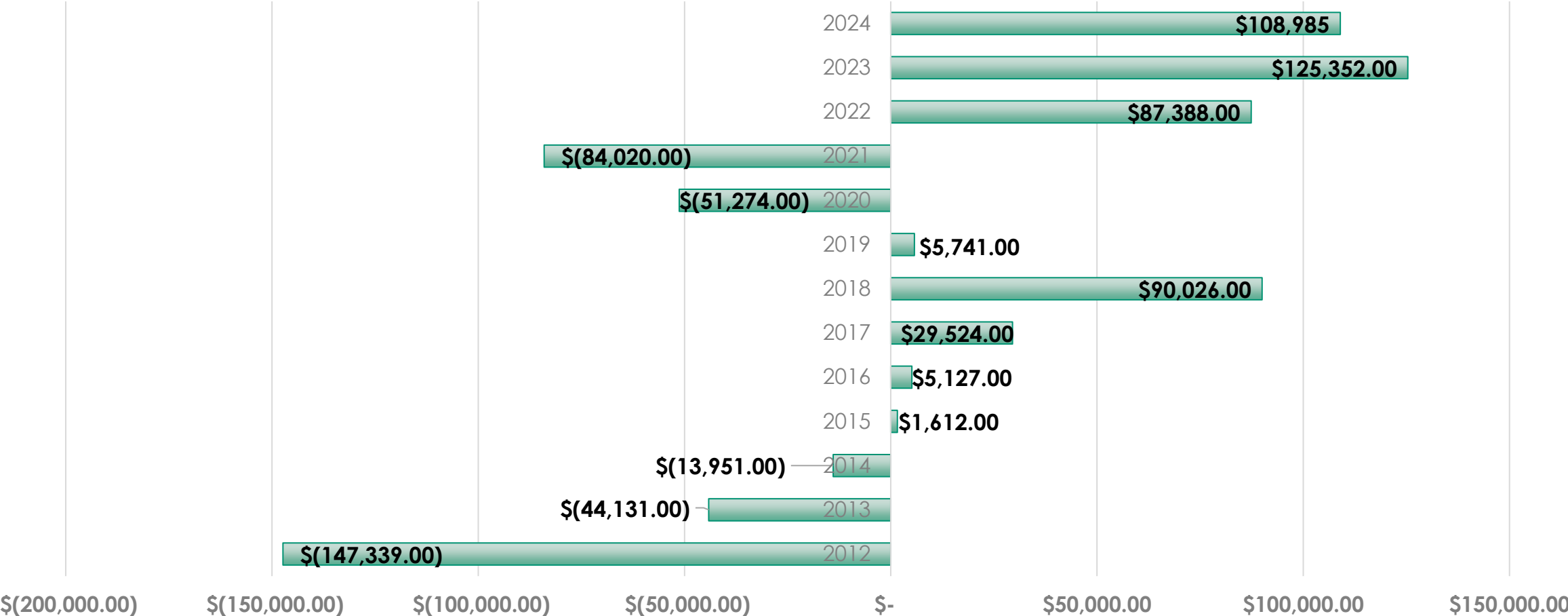
# LOANS RECEIVABLE V TIME

NORTHWEST LOAN FUND



# NORTHWEST LOAN FUND

## Net Income v Time

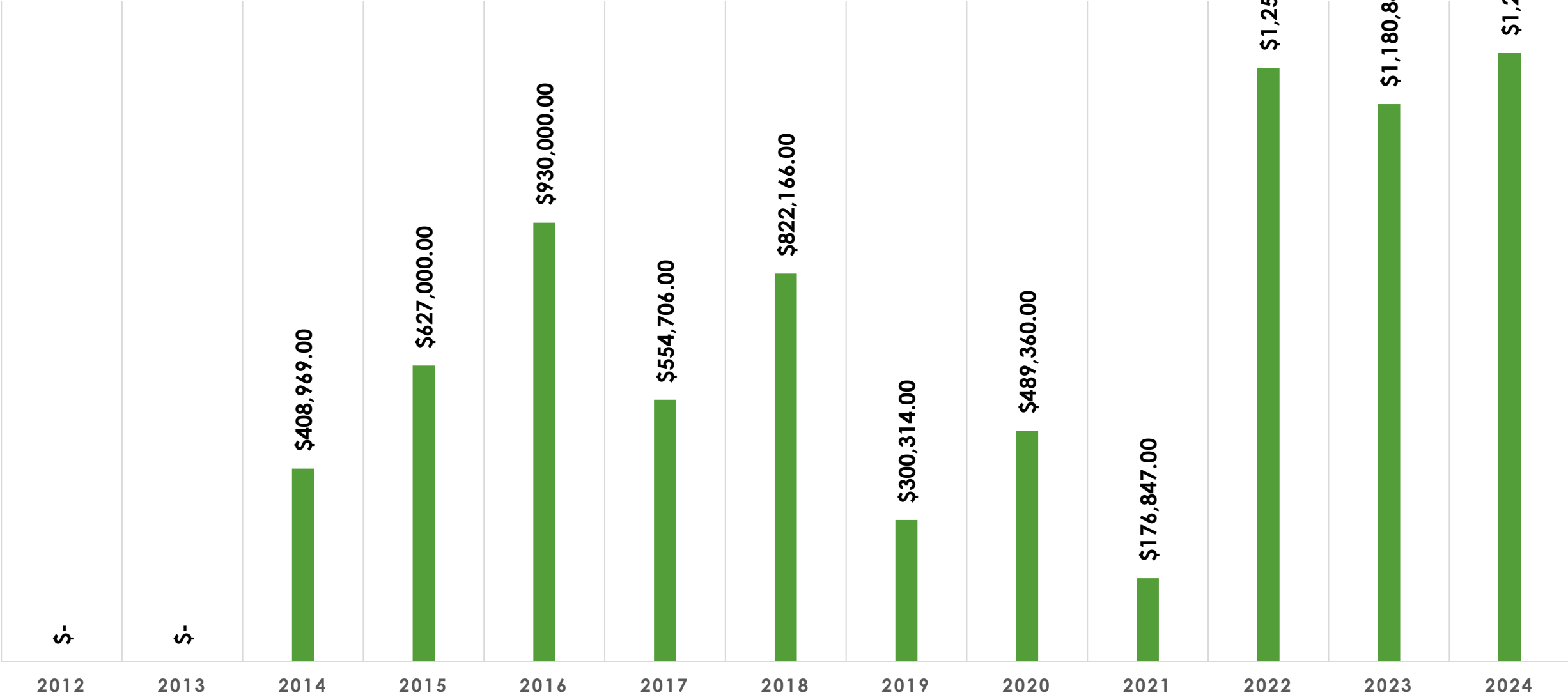




# GRANTS RECEIVED V TIME

## NORTHWEST LOAN FUND

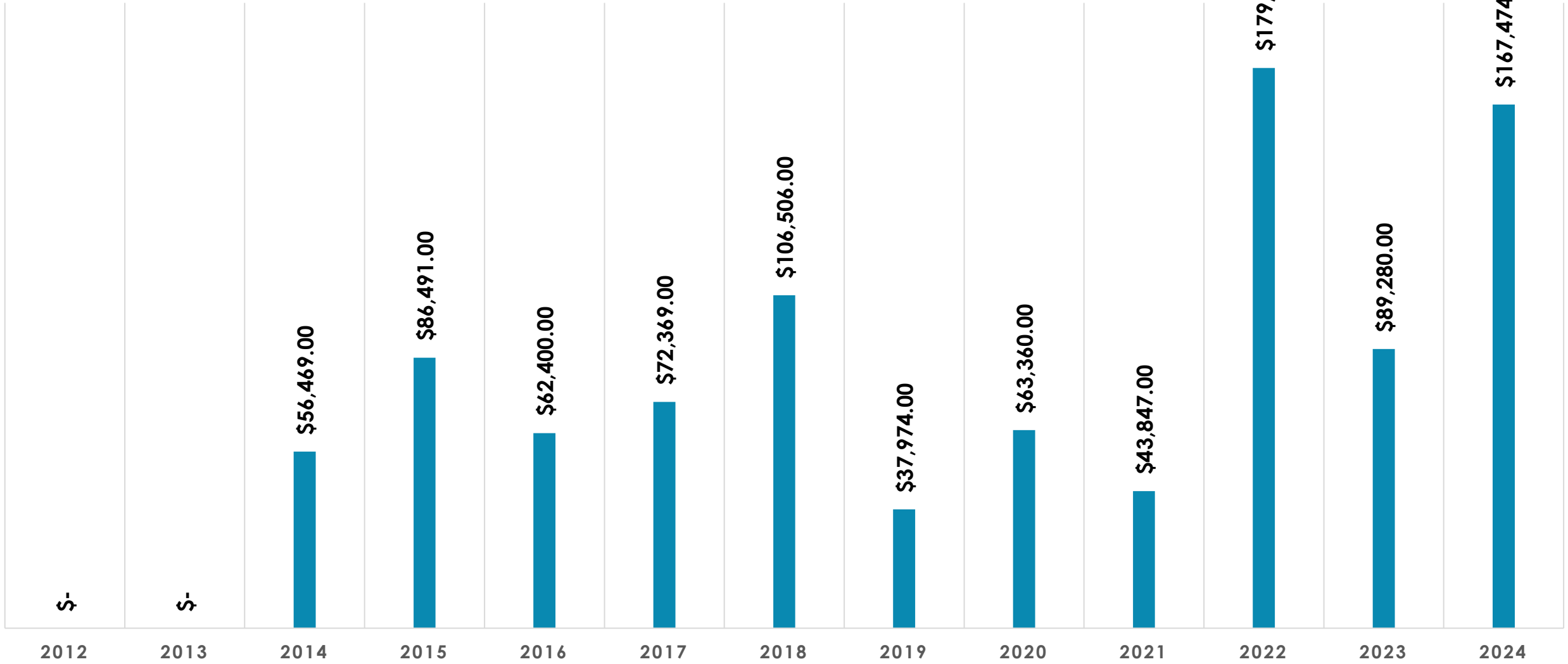
Admin is included in the Grants Received



# ADMIN RECEIVED V TIME

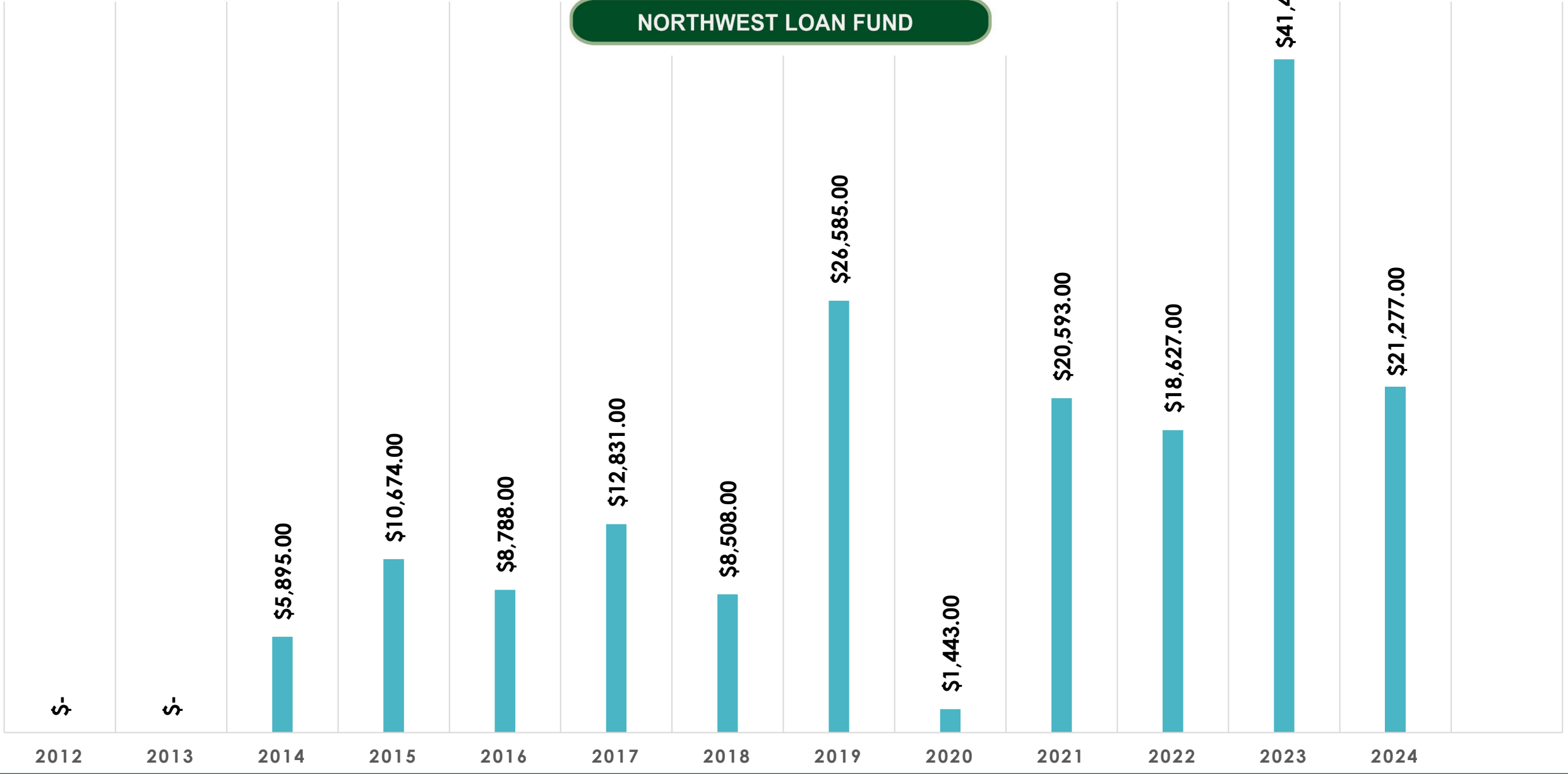
Admin is included in the Grants Received

## NORTHWEST LOAN FUND



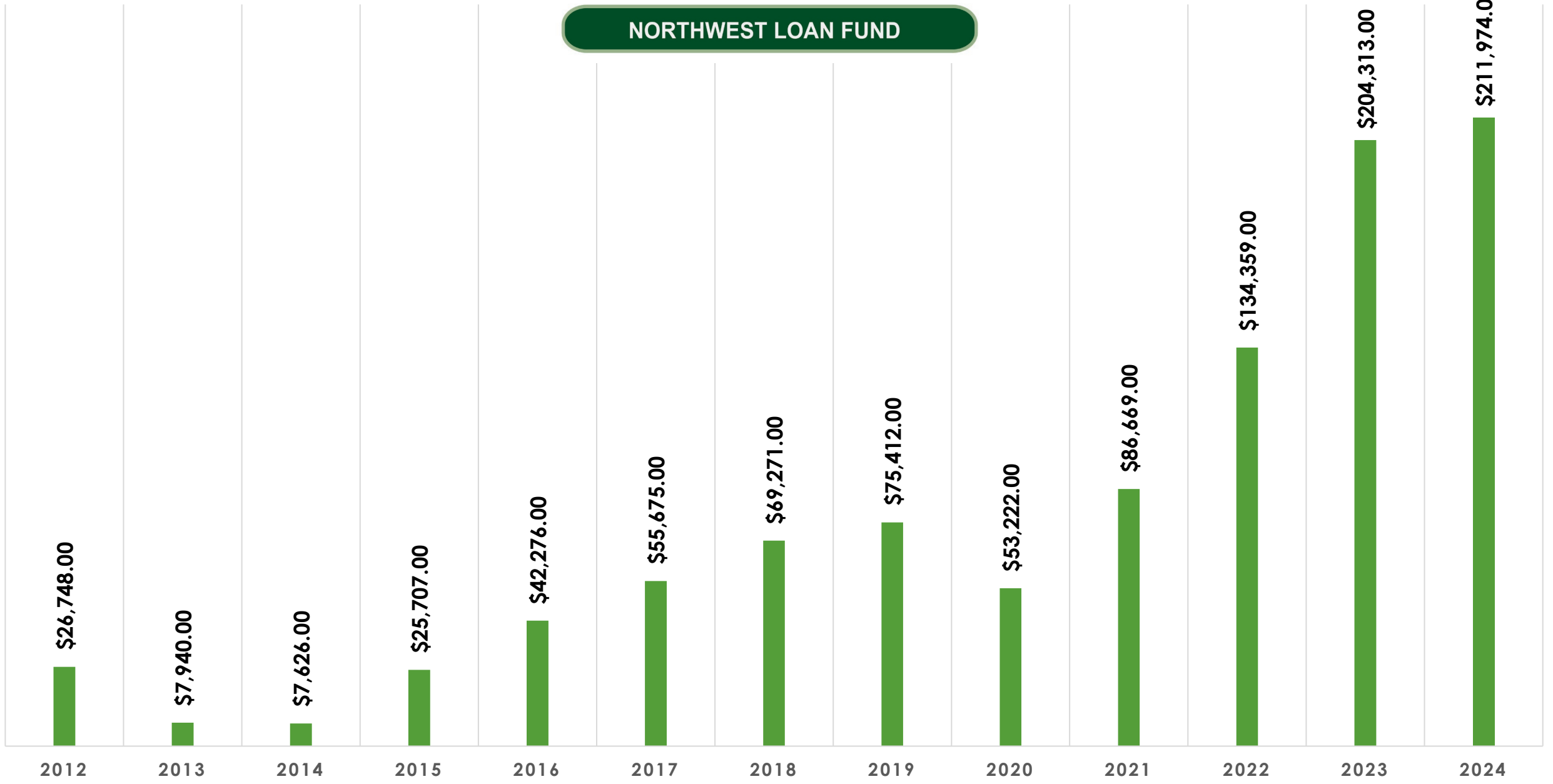
# LOAN FEE INCOME V TIME

**NORTHWEST LOAN FUND**



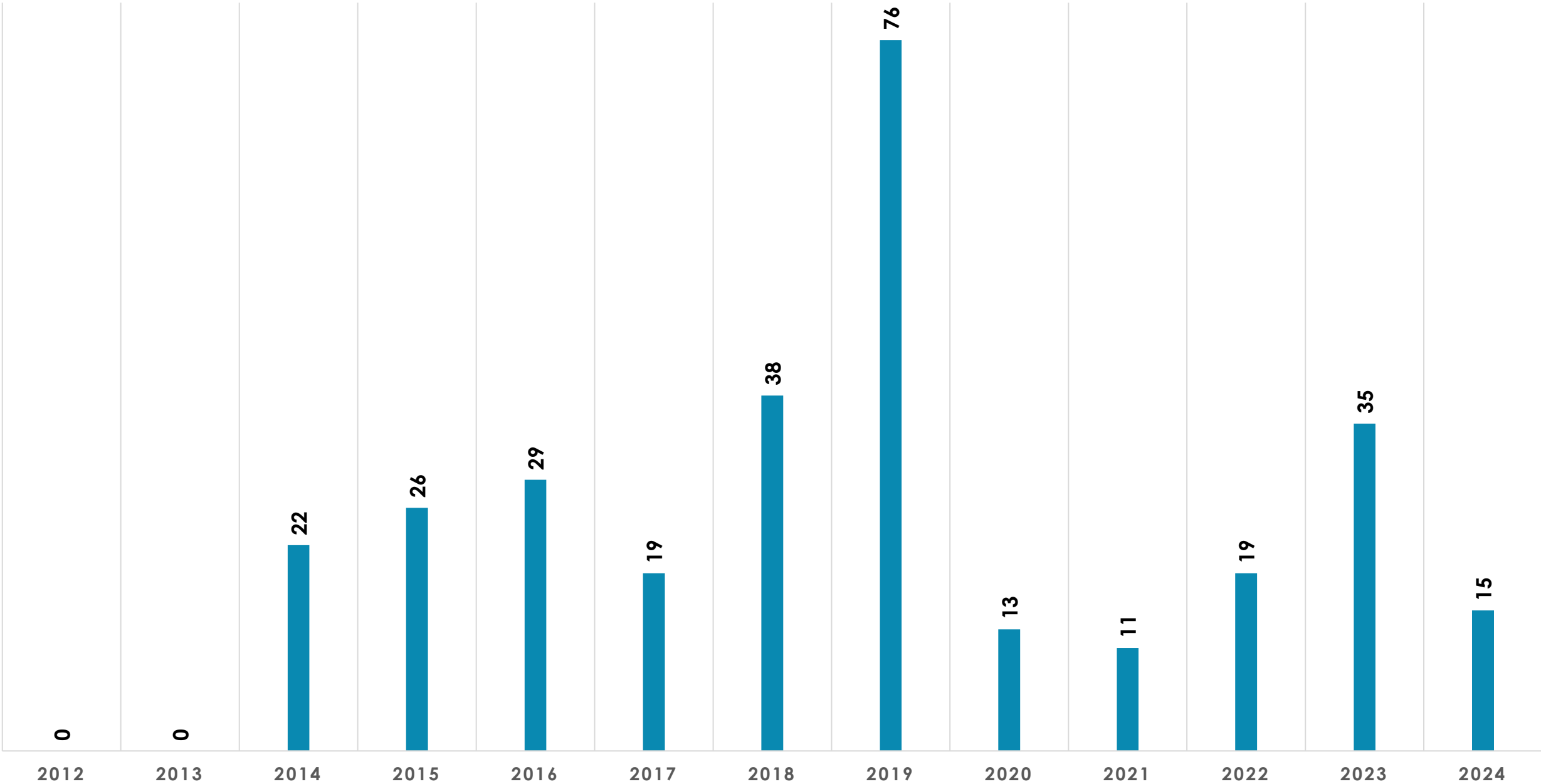
# LOAN INTEREST INCOME

NORTHWEST LOAN FUND



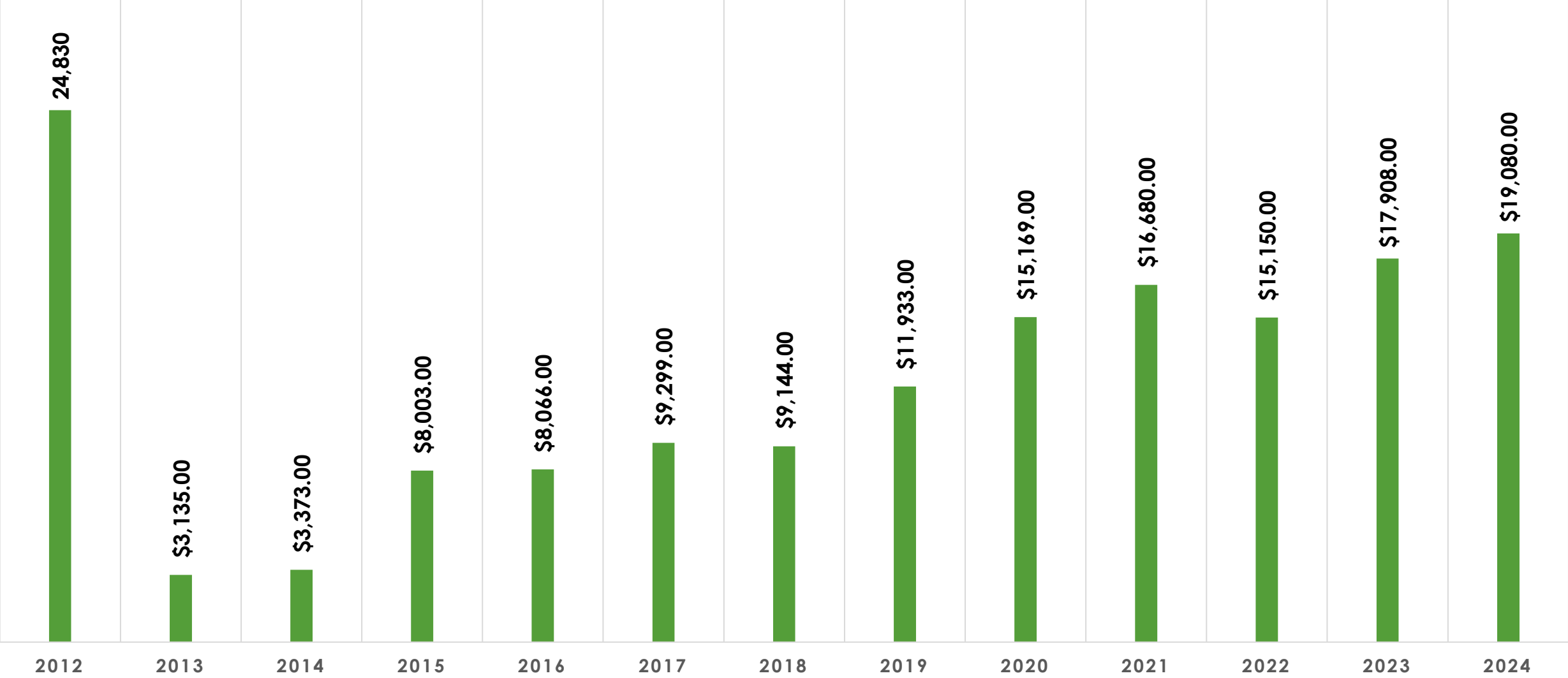
# JOBS CREATED V TIME

NORTHWEST LOAN FUND



# INDIRECT EXPENSE V TIME

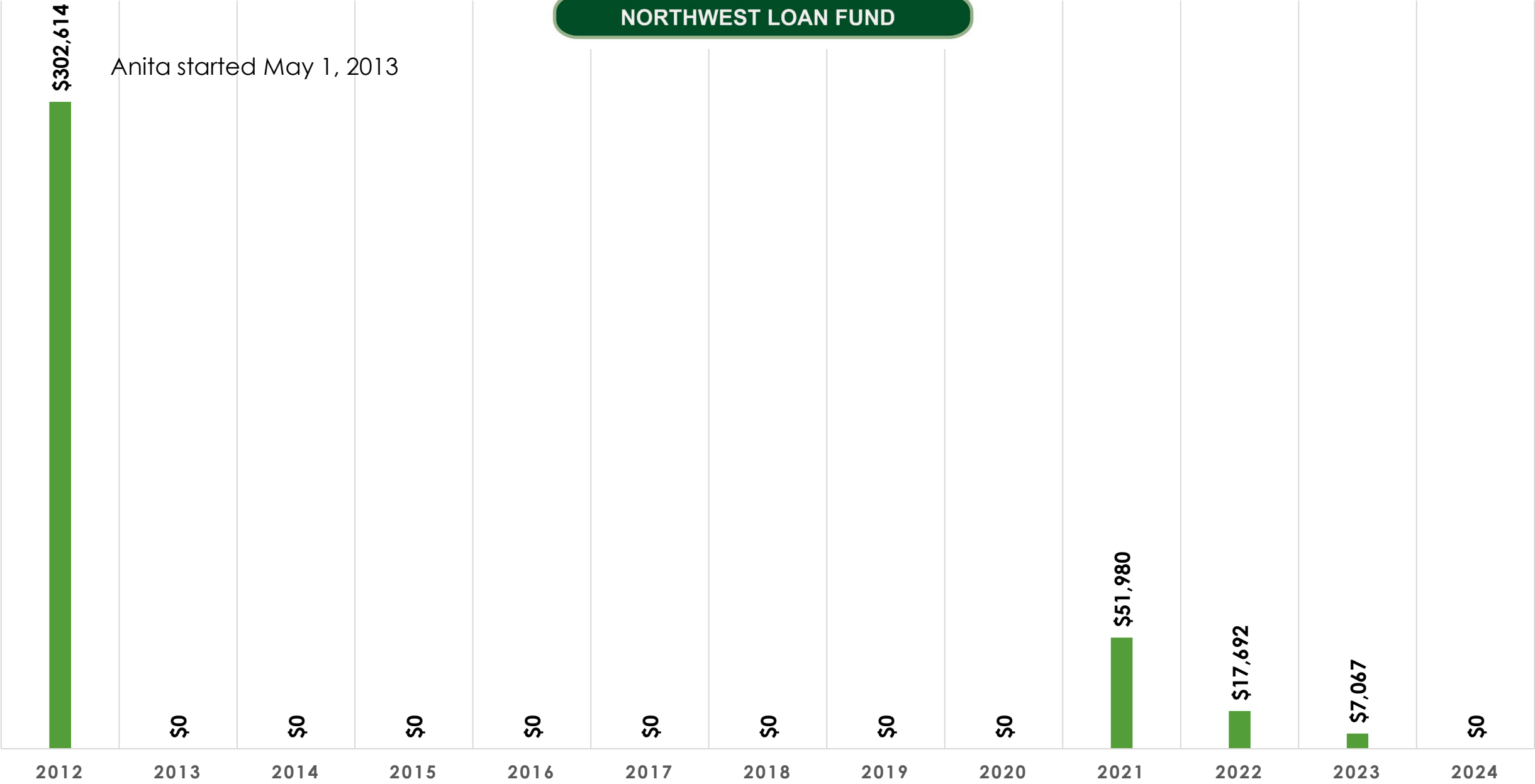
NORTHWEST LOAN FUND



# FUNDS WRITTEN OFF V TIME

## NORTHWEST LOAN FUND

Anita started May 1, 2013



**ANITA CAMERON**

DIRECTOR-BUSINESS LENDING

[www.NorthwestLoanFund.org](http://www.NorthwestLoanFund.org)

970-406-0025 MOBILE





**Northwest Colorado Council of Governments**  
**Balance Sheet - Northwest Loan Fund**  
As of December 31, 2024

	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
1015 · 1st Bank NLF Checking	99,231.88
1065 · NLF Alpine Operating	-31,224.69
1070 · NLF Alpine Money Market	255,137.01
1071 · NLF Alpine ICS	3,200,946.59
1073 · NLF Mountain Valley Bank	247,968.05
1075 · NLF Yampa Valley Bank	250,191.03
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>4,022,249.87</u>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
1090 · Undeposited Funds	13,854.39
1315 · NLF - Allowance for Loan Loss	-318,504.61
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>-304,650.22</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>3,717,599.65</u>
<b>Other Assets</b>	
<b>1615 · NLF Loans Receivable</b>	
CDBG-20-630-Covid	733,340.74
1615a · CDBG-13-589	203.11
1615b · CDBG-16-602	374,101.10
1615c · CDBG-20-630	1,142,852.33
1615f · Forest Service	384,319.04
1615o · OEDIT-2017	9,693.48
1615r · Revolved	1,049,775.11
1615s · CO Start-Up	269,446.25
<b>Total 1615 · NLF Loans Receivable</b>	<u>3,963,731.16</u>
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<u>3,963,731.16</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>7,681,330.81</u></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Total Accounts Payable	1,508.83
Total Credit Cards	2,267.83
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>3,776.66</u>
Total Loan Funds	0.00
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>3,776.66</u>
<b>Equity</b>	
3000 · Fund Balance	
3100 · NLF Net Equity	6,175,607.09
<b>Total 3000 · Fund Balance</b>	<u>6,175,607.09</u>
Net Income	1,501,947.06
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>7,677,554.15</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>7,681,330.81</u></u>

Northwest Colorado Council of Governments  
**Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Northwest Loan Fund**  
 January through December 2024

	Jan - Dec 24	% of Budget	Annual Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
4000 · Grant Income			
4100 · Federal Grant Income	936,713.80	67.39%	1,390,000.00
4200 · State Grant Income	352,000.00	176.0%	200,000.00
4250 · Administration-State Funds	17,600.00		
4251 · Administration-Federal Funds	149,874.20	75.3%	222,400.00
<b>Total 4000 · Grant Income</b>	<b>1,456,188.00</b>	<b>80.35%</b>	<b>1,812,400.00</b>
4510 · Local Funding			
4520 · Other Local Funding	62,500.00		
<b>Total 4510 · Local Funding</b>	<b>62,500.00</b>		
4720 · Loan Interest Income			
Revolved Interest	69,519.72		
4720 · Loan Interest Income - Other	142,453.95	59.64%	238,839.00
<b>Total 4720 · Loan Interest Income</b>	<b>211,973.67</b>	<b>88.75%</b>	<b>238,839.00</b>
4730 · Fee Income	21,277.17	60.1%	35,405.00
4820 · Interest Income	27,152.62	678.82%	4,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,779,091.46</b>	<b>85.1%</b>	<b>2,090,644.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>1,779,091.46</b>	<b>85.1%</b>	<b>2,090,644.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
6100 · Payroll Expenses			
6112 · Program Director	115,635.11	100.0%	115,635.00
6210 · Taxes & Benefits	22,770.38	97.19%	23,430.00
<b>Total 6100 · Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>138,405.49</b>	<b>99.53%</b>	<b>139,065.00</b>
6130 · Meeting Expense	726.23	36.31%	2,000.00
6410 · Contract Staff	2,322.50	77.42%	3,000.00
6520 · Outside Contract			
6510 · Contractor	5,013.75	41.78%	12,000.00
6515 · Loan Administrator	412.50		
<b>Total 6520 · Outside Contract</b>	<b>5,426.25</b>	<b>45.22%</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>
6610 · Office Supplies	4,009.26	400.93%	1,000.00
6615 · Loan Loss Reserve	-9,067.71		
6620 · Bank Charges	71.13	71.13%	100.00
6640 · Postage	309.42	28.13%	1,100.00
6655 · Program Expense	3,770.67	75.41%	5,000.00
6660 · Advertising Expense	829.59	82.96%	1,000.00
6680 · Dues & Subscriptions	4,414.91	73.58%	6,000.00
6720 · Rent & Utilities	3,330.60	24.94%	13,354.00
6730 · Telephone Expense	1,803.20		
6811 · Vehicle Gas/Oil/Supplies	1,897.88	67.78%	2,800.00
6930 · Bad Debts - written off	0.00	0.0%	24,192.00
7110 · Program Supplies	1,287.85	128.79%	1,000.00
7130 · Travel & Meeting	10,009.56	111.22%	9,000.00
7320 · Pass-Through Funds	130,266.81		
7910 · Indirect Cost Allocation	19,079.76	100.0%	19,080.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>318,893.40</b>	<b>133.04%</b>	<b>239,691.00</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>1,460,198.06</b>	<b>78.89%</b>	<b>1,850,953.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>1,460,198.06</b>	<b>78.89%</b>	<b>1,850,953.00</b>
Less Loan Disbursements	1,259,500.00	79.21%	1,590,000.00
<b>Total Net Income</b>	<b>200,698.06</b>		<b>260,953.00</b>



Portfolio Summary Report -- ACTIVE ACCOUNTS  
By Master Loan  
(All transactions)

02/28/2025 11 12 AM

Page 2 of 2

LoanID	Borrower	Close Date	Loan Amount	Principal Balance	Cumulative Pmts		Latest Pmts		Periods Past Due							
					Principal	Interest	Amount	Date	30d	30d +	60d +	90d +	120d +	150d +	180d +	
2022-0113-R9	██████	01/25/2022	50,000.00	40,636.23	9,363.77	3,143.38	3,837.92	08/04/2023								
2020-0514	██████	05/18/2020	170,000.00	131,195.98	38,804.02	32,560.11	150.00	10/14/2024	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00				
2021-0610-2	██████	06/21/2021	54,000.00	13,121.00	27,592.80	4,087.12	102.52	10/14/2024	1,025.24	1,025.24	1,025.24	1,025.24				
2021-0610-3	██████	07/28/2021	75,000.00	7,268.72	67,731.28	6,499.34	225.62	10/17/2024	728.93	2,256.25	2,256.25	2,256.25				
2021-0408-2	██████	07/19/2021	200,000.00	139,699.70	60,300.30	25,747.20	2,048.75	02/04/2025								
2023-0914	██████	10/19/2023	300,000.00	273,032.56	26,967.44	25,384.02	3,739.39	01/28/2025								
2023-0209	██████	02/16/2023	100,000.00	89,552.24	10,447.76	10,821.24	1,636.00	06/05/2024	1,636.00	1,636.00						
2019-1010	██████	11/07/2019	100,000.00	29,064.77	70,935.23	17,975.77	1,115.00	01/28/2025								
2021-0610-1	██████	10/15/2020	162,665.38	96,087.77	65,204.50	14,565.81	1,100.00	01/07/2025	1,100.00							
2023-0413-2 R	██████	04/28/2023	46,428.00	39,962.65	6,465.35	7,148.92	800.79	02/06/2025								
2024-0314-2	██████	04/15/2024	202,500.00	152,066.22	50,433.78	15,366.22	6,580.00	02/19/2025								
2023-0413	██████	05/05/2023	300,000.00	248,459.90	51,540.10	29,730.90	4,604.00	02/04/2025								
2024-0509	██████	06/17/2024	25,000.00	23,280.99	1,719.01	1,325.39	516.00	02/06/2025	516.00	51.60						
<b>Report total: 37 loans</b>			<b>5,735,543.38</b>	<b>3,881,307.95</b>	<b>1,639,575.90</b>	<b>694,015.33</b>	<b>77,979.90</b>		<b>12,697.50</b>	<b>9,627.42</b>	<b>7,167.33</b>	<b>7,081.49</b>	<b>1,300.00</b>	<b>965.00</b>		

Risk Ratings Report through 09/05/2024

By Master Loan

Grouped by Risk Rating > Loan ID

LoanID	Borrower	Loan Amount	Principal Balance	30d	30d +	60d +	90d +	120d +	150d +	180d +	Risk Rating	Rating Date	Reserve Percentage	Reserve Amount
<b>Risk Rating: A. Satisfactory</b>														
2021-0408-2	██████████	200,000.00	147,356.57								A. Satisfactory	07/19/2021	1.00%	1,473.57
2021-0610-1	██████████████████	162,665.38	98,639.29								A. Satisfactory	10/15/2020	1.00%	986.39
2021-1014-1	██████████	243,000.00	186,763.24								A. Satisfactory	11/09/2021	1.00%	1,867.63
2021-1116	██████████████████	40,000.00	20,671.86	760.00							A. Satisfactory	01/10/2022	1.00%	206.72
2023-0413	██████████	300,000.00	263,336.89								A. Satisfactory	05/05/2023	1.00%	2,633.37
2023-0608	██████████████████	80,000.00	72,036.95								A. Satisfactory	06/08/2023	1.00%	720.37
2023-0914	██████████	300,000.00	281,682.61								A. Satisfactory	10/31/2023	1.00%	2,816.83
2023-1011	██████████	100,000.00	95,384.06								A. Satisfactory	10/31/2023	1.00%	953.84
<b>A. Satisfactory : 8 loans</b>		<b>1,425,665.38</b>	<b>1,165,871.47</b>											<b>11,658.72</b>
<b>Risk Rating: B. Watch</b>														
2014-0313	██████████████████	20,000.00	1,051.19								B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	105.12
2017-0914	██████████████████	250,000.00	123,527.42								B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	12,352.74
2018-0305	██████████	280,000.00	129,919.71	4,400.00							B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	12,991.97
2018-0510	██████████	25,000.00	4,631.27								B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	463.13
2019-0516-1	██████████████████	95,000.00	57,809.45								B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	5,780.95
2019-0516-1R	██████████████████	295,000.00	194,414.05								B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	19,441.41
2019-0910	██████████	79,500.00	56,141.00								B. Watch	11/21/2023	10.00%	5,614.10
2019-1010	██████████████████	100,000.00	33,692.09								B. Watch	08/04/2022	10.00%	3,369.21
2019-1216	██████████████████	50,000.00	29,919.20								B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	2,991.92
2020-0326	██████████████████	51,000.00	7,383.26								B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	738.33
2020-0330	██████████████████	100,000.00	30,560.97								B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	3,056.10
2020-0331	██████████	60,000.00	49,836.81								B. Watch	11/21/2023	10.00%	4,983.68
2020-0514	██████████████████	170,000.00	131,195.98								B. Watch	07/28/2021	10.00%	13,119.60
2021-0610-2	██████████████████	54,000.00	13,121.00								B. Watch	01/10/2022	10.00%	1,312.10

Risk Ratings Report through 09/05/2024

By Master Loan

Grouped by Risk Rating > Loan ID

LoanID	Borrower	Loan Amount	Principal Balance	30d	30d +	60d +	90d +	120d +	150d +	180d +	Risk Rating	Rating Date	Reserve Percentage	Reserve Amount
2021-0610-3	██████████	75,000.00	7,268.72								B. Watch	07/28/2021	10.00%	726.87
2021-0708-2	██████████	80,000.00	61,889.90	858.33							B. Watch	08/10/2021	10.00%	6,188.99
2022-0113-2	██████	250,000.00	202,547.62								B. Watch	02/16/2022	10.00%	20,254.76
2022-0714	██████████	232,650.00	165,860.68								B. Watch	08/04/2022	10.00%	16,586.07
2023-0206	██████████	18,700.00	10,238.19	600.00	600.00						B. Watch	02/23/2023	10.00%	1,023.82
2023-0413-2 R	██████████	46,428.00	42,352.07								B. Watch	04/28/2023	10.00%	4,235.21
2023-0713	██████████	61,800.00	54,160.19	1,300.00	1,300.00						B. Watch	07/22/2023	10.00%	5,416.02
2023-511	██████████	565,000.00	481,861.48								B. Watch	05/16/2023	10.00%	48,186.15
2024-0314	██████████	162,000.00	39,346.26	3,414.00							B. Watch	03/19/2024	10.00%	3,934.63
2024-0314-2	██████	202,500.00	188,325.39								B. Watch	04/15/2024	10.00%	18,832.54
2024-0509	██████████	25,000.00	24,603.86								B. Watch	06/17/2024	10.00%	2,460.39
2024-0613	██████████	100,000.00	97,068.14								B. Watch	06/25/2024	10.00%	9,706.81
B. Watch: 26 loans		3,448,578.00	2,238,725.90											223,872.62
Risk Rating: C. Substandard														
2023-0209	██████████	100,000.00	89,552.24	1,636.00	1,636.00	1,636.00					C. Substandard	02/16/2023	30.00%	26,865.67
C. Substandard: 1 loans		100,000.00	89,552.24											26,865.67
Risk Rating: F. Foreclosure														
2022-0113-R9	██████████	50,000.00	40,636.23								F. Foreclosure	11/01/2023	80.00%	32,508.98
F. Foreclosure: 1 loans		50,000.00	40,636.23											32,508.98
<b>Report total: 36 loans</b>		<b>5,024,243.38</b>	<b>3,534,785.84</b>											<b>294,905.99</b>

Risk Ratings Report through 09/05/2024

By Master Loan

Grouped by Risk Rating > Loan ID

LoanID	Borrower	Loan Amount	Principal Balance	30d	30d +	60d +	90d +	120d +	150d +	180d +	Risk Rating	Rating Date	Reserve Percentage	Reserve Amount
<b>Risk Rating: A. Satisfactory</b>														
2021-0408-2	██████████	200,000.00	147,356.57								A. Satisfactory	07/19/2021	1.00%	1,473.57
2021-0610-1	██████████████████	162,665.38	98,639.29								A. Satisfactory	10/15/2020	1.00%	986.39
2021-1014-1	██████████	243,000.00	186,763.24								A. Satisfactory	11/09/2021	1.00%	1,867.63
2021-1116	██████████████████	40,000.00	20,671.86	760.00							A. Satisfactory	01/10/2022	1.00%	206.72
2023-0413	██████████	300,000.00	263,336.89								A. Satisfactory	05/05/2023	1.00%	2,633.37
2023-0608	██████████████████	80,000.00	72,036.95								A. Satisfactory	06/08/2023	1.00%	720.37
2023-0914	██████████	300,000.00	281,682.61								A. Satisfactory	10/31/2023	1.00%	2,816.83
2023-1011	██████████	100,000.00	95,384.06								A. Satisfactory	10/31/2023	1.00%	953.84
<b>A. Satisfactory : 8 loans</b>		<b>1,425,665.38</b>	<b>1,165,871.47</b>											<b>11,658.72</b>
<b>Risk Rating: B. Watch</b>														
2014-0313	██████████████████	20,000.00	1,051.19								B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	105.12
2017-0914	██████████████████	250,000.00	123,527.42								B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	12,352.74
2018-0305	██████████	280,000.00	129,919.71	4,400.00							B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	12,991.97
2018-0510	██████████	25,000.00	4,631.27								B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	463.13
2019-0516-1	██████████████████	95,000.00	57,809.45								B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	5,780.95
2019-0516-1R	██████████████████	295,000.00	194,414.05								B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	19,441.41
2019-0910	██████████	79,500.00	56,141.00								B. Watch	11/21/2023	10.00%	5,614.10
2019-1010	██████████████████	100,000.00	33,692.09								B. Watch	08/04/2022	10.00%	3,369.21
2019-1216	██████████████████	50,000.00	29,919.20								B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	2,991.92
2020-0326	██████████████████	51,000.00	7,383.26								B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	738.33
2020-0330	██████████████████	100,000.00	30,560.97								B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	3,056.10
2020-0331	██████████	60,000.00	49,836.81								B. Watch	11/21/2023	10.00%	4,983.68
2020-0514	██████████████████	170,000.00	131,195.98								B. Watch	07/28/2021	10.00%	13,119.60
2021-0610-2	██████████████████	54,000.00	13,121.00								B. Watch	01/10/2022	10.00%	1,312.10

Risk Ratings Report through 09/05/2024

By Master Loan

Grouped by Risk Rating > Loan ID

LoanID	Borrower	Loan Amount	Principal Balance	30d	30d +	60d +	90d +	120d +	150d +	180d +	Risk Rating	Rating Date	Reserve Percentage	Reserve Amount
2021-0610-3	██████████	75,000.00	7,268.72								B. Watch	07/28/2021	10.00%	726.87
2021-0708-2	██████████	80,000.00	61,889.90	858.33							B. Watch	08/10/2021	10.00%	6,188.99
2022-0113-2	██████	250,000.00	202,547.62								B. Watch	02/16/2022	10.00%	20,254.76
2022-0714	██████████	232,650.00	165,860.68								B. Watch	08/04/2022	10.00%	16,586.07
2023-0206	██████████	18,700.00	10,238.19	600.00	600.00						B. Watch	02/23/2023	10.00%	1,023.82
2023-0413-2 R	██████████	46,428.00	42,352.07								B. Watch	04/28/2023	10.00%	4,235.21
2023-0713	██████████	61,800.00	54,160.19	1,300.00	1,300.00						B. Watch	07/22/2023	10.00%	5,416.02
2023-511	██████████	565,000.00	481,861.48								B. Watch	05/16/2023	10.00%	48,186.15
2024-0314	██████████	162,000.00	39,346.26	3,414.00							B. Watch	03/19/2024	10.00%	3,934.63
2024-0314-2	██████	202,500.00	188,325.39								B. Watch	04/15/2024	10.00%	18,832.54
2024-0509	██████████	25,000.00	24,603.86								B. Watch	06/17/2024	10.00%	2,460.39
2024-0613	██████████	100,000.00	97,068.14								B. Watch	06/25/2024	10.00%	9,706.81
B. Watch: 26 loans		3,448,578.00	2,238,725.90											223,872.62
Risk Rating: C. Substandard														
2023-0209	██████████	100,000.00	89,552.24	1,636.00	1,636.00	1,636.00					C. Substandard	02/16/2023	30.00%	26,865.67
C. Substandard: 1 loans		100,000.00	89,552.24											26,865.67
Risk Rating: F. Foreclosure														
2022-0113-R9	██████████	50,000.00	40,636.23								F. Foreclosure	11/01/2023	80.00%	32,508.98
F. Foreclosure: 1 loans		50,000.00	40,636.23											32,508.98
<b>Report total: 36 loans</b>		<b>5,024,243.38</b>	<b>3,534,785.84</b>											<b>294,905.99</b>



## Risk Ratings – Northwest Loan Fund

### Loan Grades and percentage of loan balance in Allowance for Loan Loss

LOAN GRADE	GUIDING DESCRIPTION	% OF LOAN BALANCE IN ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSS
Satisfactory	Performing As Agreed and well secured	1%
Watch	New Loans - Non Real Estate secured	10%
Substandard	Issue with performance	30%
Doubtful	Concern for full collection	60%
Foreclosure	Foreclosure	80%
Probable Loss	Probable Loss-keep on reports until Charge-Off	100%

Revised 12.05.2024

2024 Director Notes to NLF Financials:

With cash received relative to 2024, NLF Net Income would be:

2024 Grant Admin received	\$ 167,474.
Loan Interest	\$ 211,974.
Fee Income	\$ 21,277.
Account Interest	<u>\$ 27,153.</u>
TOTAL Income	\$ 427,878.
TOTAL Expenses	<u>\$ 318,893.</u>
Net Income	\$ 108,985.

Note: "Less Loan Disbursements" on Revenues and Expenditures includes ALL loans (CDBG reimbursed, CDBG not yet reimbursed, Revolved, Forest Service Funds)



**MEMBER JURISDICTIONS**  
City of Glenwood Springs

**EAGLE COUNTY**  
Avon  
Basalt  
Eagle  
Gypsum  
Minturn  
Red Cliff  
Vail

**GRAND COUNTY**  
Fraser  
Granby  
Grand Lake  
Hot Sulphur Springs  
Kremmling  
Winter Park

**JACKSON COUNTY**  
Walden

**PITKIN COUNTY**  
Aspen  
Snowmass Village

**ROUTT COUNTY**  
City of Steamboat Springs  
Town of Hayden

**SUMMIT COUNTY**  
Blue River  
Breckenridge  
Dillon  
Frisco  
Montezuma  
Silverthorne  
Keystone

Senator Dylan Roberts  
200 E Colfax  
RM 346  
Denver, CO 80203  
RE: House Bill 25-1056 Wireless Permitting Pre-Exemption Bill

Dear Senator Roberts,

As the Senator for the Town of Breckenridge's District and one of the co-sponsors of House Bill 25-1056, the Town of Breckenridge respectfully submits this letter for your consideration.

The Town of Breckenridge relies on a tourism-based economy. This includes our world class amenities, natural beauty and authentic character which is home to one of the largest Nationally Registered Historic Districts in Colorado. The Town has long recognized that in order to provide such world class amenities to our community and visitors, cell phone and broadband connectivity are essential to our Town. We have put wireless communication design standards with reasonable review timelines in place to fulfill the need for connectivity while preserving our Historic District character and natural environment. We have strong concerns regarding language in the proposed HB 25-1056 which could prove detrimental to our community as well as others in Colorado as outlined below.

- The Bill creates a one size fits all regulation for all communities across Colorado without taking into consideration the potential need for an additional level of review as might be needed if the wireless communication facility (WCF) is within a Historic District or environmentally sensitive area.
- The shot clock should be consistent with those required by the FCC. Remedies and other restrictions should only apply in areas of the State that the Colorado Broadband Office has identified as underserved.
- The proposed shot clock starts one of two ways. One way is with "other documented communication" between the jurisdiction and provider. In the Town's experience, this first form of communication is a scoping conversation with no formal documentation to review but rather questions related to process and locations the provider is considering. At a pre-application meeting, the provider typically has a more developed program for locations, a preliminary plan and a design of the WCF. The pre-application meeting is an opportunity for the provider and jurisdiction to vet locations, gaps in coverage, and review design and process. The provider then takes that information to assemble a complete application. It is not unusual for the provider to take multiple weeks, even months, to submit an application after a pre-application meeting. Therefore, to require the shot clock to start after a documented communication or pre-application meeting is unreasonably vague, will cause confusion for all parties engaging in the process, and has the potential to force local

government staff to approve applications that are not complete and not in compliance with the code. The shot clock should start after a complete submittal is received.

- The use of local government entity structures for location or co-location of small cell facilities should include State structures as well (38-5.5-104.5). Including State structures would greatly improve the opportunity for cellular coverage across the State as many connectivity issues are along State highways. The ability for providers to locate on State structures could also prove beneficial to areas with Historic Districts by providing more height than existing historic structures.

In general, it is unclear what problems exist that this Bill intends to address. As outlined above, we do not believe that any gaps in coverage exist due to review timing or regulations in Town and this Bill should not be applied unilaterally across Colorado.

We are hopeful that as our Senator, you will understand how WCFs could have a long term impact on the community if not properly reviewed and support these amendments to the Bill.

Sincerely,  
Kelly Owens  
Mayor  
Town of Breckenridge



# Grand County BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Colorado

308 Byers Ave., P.O. Box 264 | Hot Sulphur Springs, CO 80451 | 970-725-3347

**Edward F. Raegner**

District 1, Fraser 80442

**Merrit S. Linke**

District 2, Granby 80446

**Randal F. George**

District 3, Kremmling 80459

**Email:** [grndcty1@co.grand.co.us](mailto:grndcty1@co.grand.co.us)

**Phone:** 970-725-3100

**Edward Moyer**

County Manager

**Maxine LaBarre-Krostue**

County Attorney

March 7, 2025

Brooke Rollins, Secretary of Agriculture  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.  
Washington, DC 20250

Delivered via electronic mail to: [agsec@usda.gov](mailto:agsec@usda.gov)

Re: Grand County, Colorado public lands staff terminations

Dear Secretary Rollins,

We, the Commissioners of Grand County, Colorado, on behalf of the citizens of Grand County, strongly support your leadership and the values you stand for, including the fight against fraud and waste in the Federal government.

However, we urge you to consider the critical role that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), National Forest Service (NFS), and National Park Service (NPS) employees play in our community. Grand County is not only one of the main entrances to Rocky Mountain National Park but also home to the Arapahoe and Roosevelt national forests. Our county also includes Lake Granby, located in the Arapahoe National Recreation Area — an area that draws tourists and supports local businesses. With nearly two-thirds of our county being public lands, the essential services provided by the dedicated staff of these agencies are central to our economy and way of life.

These employees oversee essential areas such as our lakes, which are key to our tourism economy. They also manage wildfire prevention efforts that protect our safety and the health of our land. Clean, well-maintained parks and forests are vital to Grand County, ensuring that visitors can enjoy peaceful, safe experiences in our natural spaces. The staff working in these agencies help maintain the pristine conditions of our parks, keeping trash cans empty and campsites quiet — critical components of our local tourism economy.

Given the vital role these employees play, we respectfully ask that you consider their importance as you review potential changes to the staffing and funding of the National Forest Service and National Park Service. We believe their work is crucial to the economic stability of our region and to preserving the natural beauty that defines Grand County.

The "boots on the ground" employees working day in and day out are not the sources of waste you are looking for, they are hard-working people who provide essential services to our County and the millions of visitors we receive each year.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We trust that, as you continue your work to streamline and improve government, you will recognize the irreplaceable value of the NFS and NPS employees in Grand County.

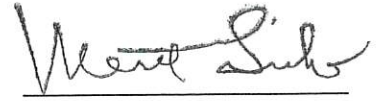
Sincerely,



Randal F. George  
Commissioner, Chair



Edward Raegner  
Commissioner



Merrit Linke  
Commissioner

Cc: Doug Borgum, U.S. Secretary of the Interior: [doug.borgumlast@doi.gov](mailto:doug.borgumlast@doi.gov)  
Elon Musk, Special Government Employee, Department of Government Efficiency:  
[doge@mail.house.gov](mailto:doge@mail.house.gov)  
U.S. President Donald Trump: [comments@whitehouse.gov](mailto:comments@whitehouse.gov)



# PROGRAM UPDATES

**To:** NWCCOG Council  
**From:** NWCCOG Staff  
**Date:** March 2025  
**Re:** Program Updates

---

The following are events of note occurring since the January 2025 NWCCOG Council meeting.

**Administration/Regional Business** – *Jon Stavney, Executive Director*

A working group of Moira, Darcy, Doug, Becky and I have begun work with Brian Elms of Change Agents to improve our On Boarding process which is a top strategic goal for 2025. I contracted with Brian for this project after having been to a session a few years back in Cordillera Metro just after he left Denver Peak Academy which he founded. Funding comes from Indirect and Member Services budgets. The group is 5 meetings into an 8-session process.

The recent Managers Insights series was written following inquiries from Grand Lake and from SkyHi News about what I thought of the Town hiring Mayor Kudron to be Town Manager.

Rachel and I continue to scope the upcoming Economic Summit. She has secured most of the speakers. Please sign up.

Per NWCCOG Council, Barbara Green who will be at the March Council Meeting, I reviewed all of our guiding documents for our discussion on how to navigate existing laws and mandates coming from the Oval Office that are contradictory to those laws.

Immediately following the January Council meeting, I drove to the PNW to help my mother move out of their "retirement" home at the coast and visit my Dad who had needed to go into assisted living in early January because of a series of health incidents. It was gratifying to empty the home that had staged one act of their lives together and move them into a brand new Assisted Living floor in a Retirement high rise in Vancouver, Washington the city where they raised my sister and I. They are in good hands now, with plenty of professional support, meal plans & activities like a fancy college and many more visitors for being back in town. I was away for a little over two weeks and worked remotely during that time. I am grateful for the NWCCOG staff for being so supportive.

I've accepted an invitation to be a representative on the El Pomar Regional committee that reviews grants for our area, alongside some esteemed colleagues, Hannah Berman (Basalt Council), Millie Hamner, Christine Scanlon, Tim Mauck among others. <https://www.elpomar.org/programs/regional-partnerships/high-country-regional-council/>

Due to my January Newsletter story about Wildfire and Home Insurance, <https://www.nwccog.org/about/communications/e-news/> I've been asked to be a panelist for the Colorado Mt. Housing Coalition workshop along with Mark Novak, Chief Vail Fire and Meghan Wilson of Mtn West Insurance. Panel is April 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:45 to Noon.

**Broadband Program** – *Nate Walowitz, Regional Broadband Director*

This summary does hit the highlights from The Project THOR Stakeholder meeting yesterday.

1. The Colorado Broadband Office is making progress on middle mile internal processes however they are not ready to move forward talking with us as their RFP has not been released nor awarded.
2. My project with them to spec out a project to light up I-25 from Denver south to Trinidad helped them understand the scope of costs and the capabilities that can be delivered by a small middle mile project using CDOT fiber. They are not ready to move forward with this at this time due to a lack of budget.
3. Jon and Nate continue to talk with Regions 9 and 10 exploring how we could work together on an integrated operating and management structure. No progress or decisions can be made as there still is no clear path forward, beyond internetwork cooperation and interconnections to support resilient connectivity to Salt Lake City and to meet the needs of some communities to our west that have inquired about NWCCOG supporting them.
4. Gilpin County continues to be interested in working with NWCCOG and having Project THOR deliver resilient connectivity to them
5. Nate Walowitz would like to restart quarterly regional IT meetings to cover subjects of interest including Smart Cities and AI. Notices will be sent out in April to determine if we can meet in May.
6. Because funding for Nate's position is still year to year, Jon and Nate have started looking for additional funding streams (grants) and projects to Nate to pursue if the state matching funding for the position is not renewed. Some of these areas and how NWCCOG can support our members in the areas of AI and Smart Cities.
7. The new Extreme Networks equipment will arrive at NWCCOG on March 18. High Point Networks will work with NWCCOG to configure and pre-stage all the equipment before it is installed on site.
8. Once High Point Networks has completed their discovery phase of the project, they will work with all of us to create a deployment schedule and I will socialize it with you.

### **Mobility Program** – Dana Wood, Mobility Manager

#### **CAMP Grant:**

-NWCCOG's Mobility Program is taking the lead (Dana Wood, with Jonathan Godes as co-lead) on the Community Accelerated Mobility Program (CAMP) Grant through the CO Energy Office. The goal is getting e-bikes (through our partner EQLX) into communities with lower income/workforce/affordable/employee housing (such as apartments, mobile home communities, Habitat for Humanity homes, etc.). The scope will be the NWCCOG service area as well as those that participate in the RTCC and IMTPR groups. The application is due May 9<sup>th</sup> and we will be applying for \$1.5M over 3 years. There is a 5% in-kind match required.

#### **IMTPR:**

-CDOT's Multimodal Planning Branch (who funds administration of the TPRs) will be adding an additional \$8K to the IMTPR's admin budget (Regional Planning Assistance funds) for 2025. This will hopefully be a permanent increase in the future, bringing the total each year to \$20K.

-Dana presented on her work with the IMTPR at the quarterly TPR Administrators meeting in February.

-The IMTPR will remain as one TPR as the Transportation Committee dropped this bill indefinitely. IGAs for voting jurisdictions are being signed and will be complete by the April 18<sup>th</sup> IMTPR meeting.

-The application deadline for MMOF (Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Funding) applications for the group was extended to March 17<sup>th</sup>, due to only 2 being received by the December 2024 deadline. The fund still has \$959K available. The 2 projects awarded at the January IMTPR meeting were for the Town of Parachute (\$625K) and the Town of Avon/Eagle County (\$2M).

-The next IMTPR meeting is April 18<sup>th</sup> in Glenwood Springs and virtual.



## RTCC

-The RTCC is working on project templates and moving work forward for 2025.

-A recent success is the planning of a Bustang Outrider rider training and train-the-trainer event that will be hosted in Craig sometime in June. This is in collaboration with CDOT, Bustang Outrider, and the Northwest Center for Independence. The goal of the training is to train older adults and those with disabilities on how to ride and navigate connections on the Craig to Denver bus route. The training will also offer a train-the-trainer segment, where trained community members can act as advocates on the process to continue to help others navigate the system in their area. CDOT will also be looking at updating their riders guide based off feedback from this training, as well as making it accessible in multiple languages and in print form.

-The next RTCC meeting is May 7<sup>th</sup> in Loveland (at the CASTA conference) and virtual.

## Economic Development District (EDD) - Rachel Lunney, Director Program

### **2025 Regional Economic Summit**

**Thursday, May 1 | 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Silverthorne Pavilion**

**Registration Now Open! Register here: <https://www.nwccog.org/programs/nwccogeconomic-development-district/nwccog-regional-economic-summit-2025/>**

Join us for a day of engaging speakers, information sharing, collaboration and networking. This event will offer sessions on key topics including economic trends in the region, initiatives to support our workforce including housing and childcare solutions, economic planning in uncertain times, trends/challenges/opportunities in our tourism-based economy, and more.

## Opportunity Now Regional Talent Summit

The Vail Valley in the NWCCOG region is honored to have been selected as one of the seven Regional Hosts across the state for the upcoming Opportunity Now Regional Talent Summits. These summits, initiated by House Bill 24-1365, aim to address workforce shortages by convening regional stakeholders to discuss economic and workforce needs, as well as the programs and resources that can address those needs. Vail Valley Partnership is serving as the Northwest Regional Host, including the following counties: Eagle, Grand, Jackson, Pitkin, Summit, Routt, Park. NWCCOG is partnering with VVP to do outreach for this effort. Please share your business participant suggestions using this Regional Planning Document by March 24. Please add your representatives to the "Regional List" tab with name, organization, and email address. We will let you know who ends up on the final list, and invitations will go out soon after since the convening is slated to occur June 3 in Edwards, Colorado.

## Presentations

Rachel gave a presentation on the EDD and CEDS to the VVP's Leveraging Local Leaders cohort on Friday, March 7 at CMC Edwards.

## Elevator Inspection Program (EIP) - David Harris - Director

The EIP program has successfully transitioned to the new software platform this first quarter which has already improved productivity and accuracy leading to a higher service level to clients, and more precise pursuit of non-compliance. The administration staff worked with several household partners to scan eight four drawer file cabinets of records for each elevator location which are now available on-line. Cabinets are gone as are the physical files! I have employed the same team to scan DOLA grant files for Member Services. Becky may do the same with Finance files, and we have discussed delegating review/audit for completeness of all physical and scanned employee files.

**Energy Program** – Doug Jones, Program Director and Nate Speerstra, Manager

### **Expanding Energy Efficiency: NWCCOG Signs MOU with Tri-State Electric**

The NWCCOG Energy Program is making a major leap forward in expanding energy efficiency services to underserved communities. Beginning in 2025, NWCCOG will provide additional weatherization services to low- and moderate-income (LMI) households in White River Electric territory, thanks to a new three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Tri-State Electric. This is the first time NWCCOG Energy Program has partnered directly with a local utility for weatherization services.

“This partnership is a game-changer for families in the greater Meeker area,” said Doug Jones, NWCCOG Energy Program Director. “Historically, Rio Blanco County has been underfunded when it comes to weatherization, and this agreement allows us to serve more working families who need safe, energy-efficient homes.”

Until now, only about 1% of the families served by NWCCOG’s Energy Program have been in Rio Blanco County – roughly five homes per year. Under the new agreement, that number will jump to 35 LMI-qualified households annually, significantly increasing the program’s reach in the region. Families earning up to 150% of the area median income (AMI) – \$141,300 for a family of four – will now qualify for free weatherization services.

Beyond traditional weatherization, NWCCOG will also serve as a contractor for White River Electric’s On-Bill Repayment program, which offers financing for energy efficiency and electrification upgrades. “This is another step in diversifying our budget, increasing our impact, and helping more families,” Jones added. “By reducing energy waste and improving efficiency, we’re not just saving people money – we’re making real progress in cutting greenhouse gas emissions across the region.” For more information about NWCCOG’s Energy Program and how to qualify for services, visit <https://www.nwccog.org/programs/energy-program/>.

### **Northwest Loan Fund (NLF)** – Anita Cameron, Director

Anita has travelled to all nine BOCC’s for each county in the NLF region and is now gathering the Grant Application attachments for the new CDBG Grant. While in each county, Anita meets with clients, prospects and bankers.

March 5, Anita attended the Regional Economic Development Conference in Craig.

### **Northwest Region Healthcare Coalition (NWRHCC)** – Readiness and Response Coordinator

Update to be provided at future Council Meeting.

### **Regional Grant Navigator (RGN)** – Jonathan Godes, Regional Grants Navigator

#### **IIJA and IRA Grant Writing Assistance Program**

Update provided in person at Council meeting.

### **Water Quality & Quantity Committee (QQ)** – Torie Jarvis, Director and **Watershed Services & Summit Water Quality Committee (SWQC)** –

- The legislative session is underway, and QQ consultants continues to provide legislative monitoring and advocacy on behalf of members. The session is more than ½ way over! There are a handful of bills QQ is supporting related to, for example, turf grass limitations and efforts to address overlapping permitting for geothermal operations. QQ helped kill one bill is opposed and continues to work on one concerning bill related to tap fees.

- QQ continues to monitor the recent administrative changes that may impact water quality in the NWCCOG region, local ability to regulate for water quality protection, and key funding that impacts water quality in the region. Members will discuss at their upcoming meeting.
- Economic consultants continue to work on updates to the *Water and Its Relationship to the Economy of the Headwaters Counties* report commissioned by NWCCOG/ QQ in 2012.
- The Watershed Services Administrator continues to work on updating the NWCCOG *Regional Water Quality Management Plan*, also last updated in 2012.
- QQ will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> in Granby. Reach out to [anna@nwccog.org](mailto:anna@nwccog.org) for more information or to attend.

**Vintage** - Erin Fisher, Director

Revamped Vintage Program website: [www.yourvintage.org](http://www.yourvintage.org)

We're thrilled to discover the newly redesigned Vintage website!

Our fresh design features:

- **Enhanced Search Functionality:** Now you can easily find services and resources by county or directly search for specific services, streamlining your search and saving you valuable time.
- **Comprehensive Resource Directory:** Explore our expanded directory, offering a wide range of services designed to support healthy aging and well-being.
- **Improved Navigation and Accessibility:** We've prioritized a clean, modern layout with improved navigation, ensuring a seamless and accessible experience for all users.

We invite you to explore the new website and discover the wealth of information and support available to you. We believe these enhancements will significantly improve your ability to access the services and resources you need to age well.



**Services for Aging Well in Colorado**

**Find Services & Resources:** **Counties We Serve:**

Select a Topic ▾ Select a County ▾

**Your Connection to Information, Resources, and Advocacy  
FOR OLDER ADULTS in Eagle, Grand, Jackson, Pitkin, Routt, and Summit.**  
To us, Vintage means that we respect the passage of time and our lives within that passage.  
We value the past but also treasure and cherish the future.