



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

Thursday, January 23, 2025

Silverthorne Conference Room NWCCOG Office and Zoom Conference Call
249 Warren Ave. Silverthorne, CO

Video & Phone Conference Information

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4343110995?pwd=rblHmpYikShSFje2tpMbd1ODIEZrep.1&omn=844714>

Meeting ID:

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Next NWCCOG Meeting

Thursday, March 20, 2025
Gypsum Conference Room
Energy Program Warehouse
210 Spring Creek Rd.
Gypsum, CO
10am - 12:00pm

NWCCOG Council and NLF Board Meeting

- 10:00 AM
1. Call to Order - NWCCOG Council Chair
Featured Speaker is in EDD Meeting this afternoon -- No Delivery Vehicles in Vail?!
 2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum
 3. **ACTION** COG: Minutes of Decemeber 2024 Council Meeting* Pgs 4-5
 4. **ACTION:** Election of New Officers for the NWCCOG Council Board
Introduction of new members/representatives
Jeffrey Woodruff - Pitkin County / Gary Brooks - Town of Avon
 5. Preliminary 2024 Financials Website
 6. **ACTION:** Elect CHP Respresentative Pg 6

Each year the Council appoints representatives to the County Health Pool which is our employee Health Plan Administrator as well as Walden, Kremmling also through us. Recent years the Office Manager and Executive Director have served. Person becomes POC.
 7. **ACTION:** Select NWCCOG Council RAC representative (Erin Fisher, Vintage)
Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) bylaws have a seat for a COG Councilperson: The Northwest Colorado Council of Governments Board of Directors selected elected official representative shall be appointed in odd numbered years for two-year terms
 8. **ACTION:** Watershed Services Adopt 2024 208 Plan Policies (Ashley w QQ) Pgs 7-8
Ashley Bembenek, Owner Alpine Environmental Consultants LLC.

Recc by QQ: To be used for consistency related to all land use applications before member jurisdiction governments and all site-specific applications until the 2012 plan is approved (Confirm if official notices to be sent to Members following vote)

ACTION: NWCCOG Council Meeting Step Down for NLF Board Meeting
 9. NLF Board Meeting (Anita Cameron, Director) Pgs 9-27
NWCCOG Council shall move to adjourn and convene as NLF Board, take actions below, then reconvene as NWCCOG Council.
a. **ACTION:** Approve 2024 end of year NLF Financials (posted late) Website
b. **ACTION:** Approve March 2024 NLF Board Meeting Minutes
c. PPT on Q3

ACTION: NLF Board Meeting step down to return to NWCCOG Council Meeting

10.	Executive Director Updates (Jon Stavney)	See Exec. Director Updates Attachment
	a. RGN - CFI Grant not awarded to Region	
	b. Raise Grant LOS, Eagle,	
	c. Gypsum Biomass Plant Closing (Colorado Sun)	
	d. Routt County --Mad Rabbit (COG mentioned Colorado Sun)	
	e. Comm Metrics (COG mentioned Colorado Sun)	
	f. Progress on Housing? (COG mentioned Park (City) Record)	
	g. Uinta Rail Case: Gorsuch Recuses SCOTUS hears case (MSN Mentions Eagle County)	
11.	Congressional Update: From any Reps Present (attachments Below)	Pgs 28-45
	a. Flexible Partnerships Act Reauthorized	
	b. Older Americans Act not Included in Dec CR	
	c. Dylan Roberts - Energy Impacted Communities Bill	
12.	Member Updates	
13.	Program Updates	Pgs 46-49
12:00pm	14. ACTION Adjourn NWCCOG Meeting*	

*Requires Vote

NWCCOG Officers			
NWCCOG Council Chair	Alyssa Shenk	NWCCOG Council Secretary/Treasurer	Carolyn Skowyra
NWCCOG Council Vice-Chair	Patti Clapper		

NWCCOG Executive Committee				
Region XII County Members	Nina Waters, **Pc			
Municipal Members	Alyssa Shenk*	Geoff Grimmer	Kristen Brownson	***Carolyn Skowyra



NWCCOG EDD Board Meeting Agenda

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Next COG EDD Meeting

Thursday, March 20, 2025
 Gypsum Conference Room
 Energy Program Warehouse
 210 Spring Creek Rd.
 Gypsum, CO
 12:30pm - 2:30pm

NWCCOG Economic Development District (EDD) Board Meeting

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| 12:30pm | 1. | Call to Order - EDD Board Chair, DiAnn Butler | | |
| | 2. | Roll Call and Determination of Quorum | | |
| | 3. | ACTION EDD: Minutes of Decemeber 2024 EDD Meeting* | | Via Email |
| | 4. | Presentation: Town of Vail's E-Courier Program
<i>Speakers: Deputy Chief Justin Liffick and Commander Ryan Kenney from the Town of Vail and Representative from 106 West</i>
The E-Vail Courier Program is a delivery system that addresses these issues and provides for the coordinated and efficient delivery of commercial goods in Vail Village. The program includes use of town-owned electric carts to make deliveries from the Mountain Plaza loading dock to storefronts in Vail Village's pedestrian area while strictly limiting access by other vehicles. | | |
| | 5. | ACTION: Election of New Officers for the EDD Board | | |
| | 6. | Discussion: Roundtable discussion of Economic Development News from Members | | |
| | 7. | Discussion: New Business | | |
| 2:30pm | 8. | ACTION Adjourn EDD Meeting* | | |

*Requires Vote

NWCCOG EDD Officers

NWCCOG EDD Chair DiAnn Butler
NWCCOG EDD Vice-Chair Patti Clapper

NWCCOG EDD Secretary



Northwest Colorado Council of Governments

NWCCOG Foundation and Council Meeting

December 5, 2024

Board Members

Alyssa Shenk – Town of Snowmass
Patti Clapper – Pitkin County
Jeannie McQueeney – Eagle County

NWCCOG Staff:

Jon Stavney
Becky Walter
Anita Cameron
Moiria Vander Meer
Jonathan Godes
Greg Ociepka
Rachel Tuyn

Others Present

Carolyn Tucker – SBDC
DiAnn Butler – Grand County
Thayer Hirsh – Summit Economic Partnership
Kris Mattera – Basalt Chamber of Commerce
Josh Blanchard – Colorado Creative Industries
Sara Nadolny -Town of Basalt
Corry Mihm – Project Works
Jacob Zook – City of Glenwood Springs
Michael Buccino – City of Steamboat Springs
John Bristol – Routt County
Tom Redmond – Routt County
Jonah Glassman – Town of Silverthorne
Matt Kireker – Regional Director US Senator Bennet’s Office
Dan Sullivan – Town of Keystone
Alan Walker – Grand Lake Creative District
Kristen Brownson – Town of Breckenridge

ACTION Call to Order NWCCOG Foundation 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 2023 NWCCOG Foundation Meeting Minutes

M/S: Alyssa Shenk made a motion to approve the December 2023 NWCCOG Foundation Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Patti Clapper.

Passed: Yes

ACTION: Approval of NWCCOG Foundation Budget.

Alyssa made a motion to approve the NWCCOG Foundation 2025 Budget. Patti Clapper seconded. The board adjourned the Foundation meeting.

Passed: Yes

ACTION Call to Order NWCCOG Council Meeting

Alyssa Shenk called the NWCCOG Council Meeting to order at 10:05am. Quorum was confirmed

Passed: Yes

ACTION Approval of Oct 2024 NWCCOG Council Meeting Minutes

Alyssa Shenk made a motion to approve the Oct 2024 NWCCOG Council Meeting. Patti Clapper seconded.

Passed: Yes

ACTION Approval of Bill Schedule and Q3 Financials

Alyssa Shenk made a motion to approve Bill Schedule and Q3 financials. Jonah Glassman seconded.

Passed: Yes

Update NLF

Anita Cameron updated the Council on presenting to the Board of Commissioners in the counties NLF serves and the current Q3 Financials for NLF. Risk Ratings and Portfolio Summaries were also presented.

ACTION Approval of proposed 2025 Budget

Alyssa made the motion to approve the 2025 Budget. Sara Nadolny seconded.

Passed: Yes

Update: COG Council Changes

Jon reminded those present to confirm their COG Representatives in January for the 2025 NWCCOG Council meeting.

Presentation NWRHCC by Steve Hilley

Steve Hilley presented on the Northwest Regional Healthcare Coalition and how it supports the member counties of NWCCOG. Through emergency preparedness for disasters, natural events, and readiness and response coordination, the HCC prepares counties and municipalities for events which may occur in the future, so the reaction is anticipatory. PPT was added to the website where this meeting packet resides.

Update: Status of IIJA and IRA Funding in 2025 by RGN Jonathan Godes with Matt Kireker from Senator Bennet’s office

Jonathan Godes speculated on the future of IRA funding and IIJA funding. New administration coming plans to revise the cuts to individual tax cuts. The IRA appears to be more vulnerable than IIJA. Tax credits for environmental projects may be revised but should not disappear completely.

Discussion – NWCCOG Council Meeting Changes in Venue to other Jurisdictions

Jon brought forth the March NWCCOG Meeting being held in the Gypsum NWCCOG Energy Program warehouse to view the training center and tiny home that has been constructed for training and development of the Energy Program staff. Other field trip ideas were discussed to experience in person what jurisdictions are implementing and how issues are being addressed in some areas that then may be applied to different regions.

ACTION Adjournment

M/S: Alyssa Shenk made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Patti Clapper. NWCCOG Council meeting adjourned at 12:12PM

Passed: Yes

Alyssa Shenk, NWCCOG Council Chair

Date

DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO COUNTY HEALTH POOL

WHEREAS, the governing body of _____ (“Public Entity”) is advised that the business to be conducted at Members’ Meetings of the County Health Pool must be transacted by the Official Representative of each Member; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of _____ (“Public Entity”), hereby and herewith: designates the following individual as its Official Representative to all County Health Pool Members’ meetings;

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

If applicable, the Designated Alternate Representative is;

NAME: _____

PUBLIC ENTITY DESIGNATED CORRESPONDENT (individual(s) that will receive monthly billing invoices, provide enrollment terms/add/changes and other general correspondences intended for distribution to employees)

NAME: _____ NAME: _____

TITLE: _____ TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____ EMAIL: _____

COMPLETED BY: _____

(MUST be completed and signed by governing body)

DATE: _____



NWCCOG Regional Water Quality Management Plan

Policies for Consistency Review

Nov. 15, 2024: Recommended by QQ for Adoption

ADD DATE: Adopted by NWCCOG Council for Use During Consistency Review until 2012 Plan Update is Approved

These policies guide regional water quality planning, implementation of the 208 Plan, and overall water quality protection in the NWCCOG Region. These policies shall be used by the NWCCOG 208 Plan Administrator to review applications for consistency with the 208 Plan.

- P-1. Water Quality Protection and Mitigation.** Land use and water development shall not significantly degrade the health of the affected watershed(s). Mitigation of adverse impacts to the watershed are the responsibility of the developer.
- P-2. Transmountain Diversions.** No transmountain diversions of water from the region shall be conducted without the prior approval of the local government and conservancy districts affected by the proposed diversion and the Colorado River Water Conservation District, and shall be consistent with this 208 Plan.
- P-3. Local Government Land Use Regulations.** Local governments in the region will implement land use regulations that require an applicant for a permit or approval of a project to demonstrate that the project is consistent with this 208 Plan. The local government will refer such projects to the NWCCOG Water Quality Administrator for a determination of consistency.
- P-4. Water Smart Land Use and Development.** Land use and development in the region shall be planned, designed, and conducted in accordance with best practices, including but not limited to Sonoran Institute Growing Water Smart recommendations, NWCCOG Water Quality Protection Standards, and other practices that further water use efficiency, conservation, and water quality protection or enhancement.
- P-5. Nonproliferation of Wastewater Treatment Facilities (WWTF).** New wastewater treatment facilities will not be developed in the region if existing facilities have the legal and physical capacity or can be expanded or consolidated to provide additional wastewater treatment service.
- P-6. Private Wastewater Operation.** The ownership and/or management of wastewater treatment facilities by homeowner associations or private wastewater operators should not be allowed unless there is no other practicable alternative.
- P-7. Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS).** No new OWTS should be allowed in the region unless developing or connecting to an existing or consolidated wastewater treatment facility or system is not technically or legally practicable. Where no other

alternatives are available, OWTS should be designed, installed, inspected, and maintained to assure effective wastewater treatment and watershed health.

P-8. Climate Change. The assessment of water quality impacts of land use and water development shall take into consideration climate change predictions.

P-9. Chemical Management. The uses of pesticides, fertilizers, algaecides, and other hazardous substances; and road maintenance, including deicing and sanding, shall not degrade water quality or the health of the watershed.

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

12/31/2024 06 52 PM

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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 +	
2023-0608	██████████	06/08/2023	80,000.00	70,196.25	9,803.75	8,196.25	1,000.00	12/27/2024								
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						
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						
2021-0610-3	██████████	07/28/2021	75,000.00	7,268.72	67,731.28	6,499.34	225.62	10/17/2024	2,256.25	2,256.25						
2021-0408-2	██████████	07/19/2021	200,000.00	142,739.15	57,260.85	24,689.15	2,048.75	12/02/2024								
2023-0914	██████████	10/19/2023	300,000.00	274,724.69	25,275.31	23,336.76	3,739.39	12/27/2024								
2023-0209	██████████	02/16/2023	100,000.00	89,552.24	10,447.76	10,821.24	1,636.00	06/05/2024								
2019-1010	██████████	11/07/2019	100,000.00	29,995.69	70,004.31	17,791.69	1,115.00	12/27/2024								
2021-0610-1	██████████	10/15/2020	162,665.38	98,639.29	62,652.98	12,717.33	1,100.00	08/16/2024	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00					
2023-0413-2 R	██████████	04/28/2023	46,428.00	40,963.20	5,464.80	6,547.89	800.79	12/11/2024								
2024-0314-2	██████████	04/15/2024	202,500.00	162,333.37	40,166.63	12,473.37	6,580.00	12/18/2024								
2023-0413	██████████	05/05/2023	300,000.00	254,342.40	45,657.60	26,405.40	4,604.00	12/02/2024								
2024-0509	██████████	06/17/2024	25,000.00	23,337.00	1,663.00	917.00	516.00	11/25/2024								
Report total: 38 loans			5,755,543.38	3,863,964.17	1,576,919.68	659,139.93	80,648.10		13,213.82	8,262.41	2,400.00	965.00				

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
Risk Rating: A. Satisfactory														
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
A. Satisfactory : 8 loans		1,425,665.38	1,165,871.47											11,658.72
Risk Rating: B. Watch														
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
Report total: 36 loans		5,024,243.38	3,534,785.84											294,905.99

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



Northwest Colorado Council of Governments

Northwest Loan Fund Board Meeting

March 28, 2024

Board Members:

Alyssa Shenk, Town of Snowmass Village
Sara Weigel, City of Glenwood Springs
Dana McBride, Town of Frisco
Micheal Buccino, Steamboat Springs
Dan Sullivan, Town of Keystone
Chico Thuon, Town of Avon
Lana Bryce, Town of Gypsum
Randy George, Grand County
Ashley Macdonald, Town of Kremmling
Jeanne McQueeney, Eagle County
Jonnah Glassman, Town of Silverthorne
Kelly Owens, Town of Breckenridge

Others Present:

Carolyn Tucker, SBDC

NWCCOG Staff:

Jon Stavney
Anita Cameron
Doug Jones
Rachel Tuyn
Talai Shirey
Dana Wood
Nate Speerstra
Becky Walter
Moira Vander Meer

Call to Order

Alyssa Shenk, NWCCOG Council Chair, called the Northwest Loan Fund Board meeting to order at 10:04 am. Roundtable introductions were completed, and a quorum was present for the group.

Approval of January 2024 NLF Board Meeting Minutes

M/S: Alyssa Shenk/Ashley Macdonald to approve the January 2024 NLF Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

Passed: Yes

New Loan Committee Members

Due to two retiring Loan Committee Members, Anita is requesting the NLF Board to approve two new Loan Committee members. Resumes for both are available in the Council Packet. Bill Johnson has owned four businesses in the Aspen Area and is a client of the Northwest Loan Fund. Peter Ammon is Senior Vice President of Business Lending at Alpine Bank in Breckenridge.

M/S: Randy George/Ashley Macdonald approve two new Loan Committee Members, William Johnson from Pitkin County and Peter Ammon from Summit County

Passed: Yes

Adjournment

M/S: Alyssa Shenk/Jeanne McQueeney adjourned the Northwest Loan Fund Board Meeting at 10:10 AM

Passed: Yes

Alyssa Shenk, Northwest Loan Fund Board Chair

Date

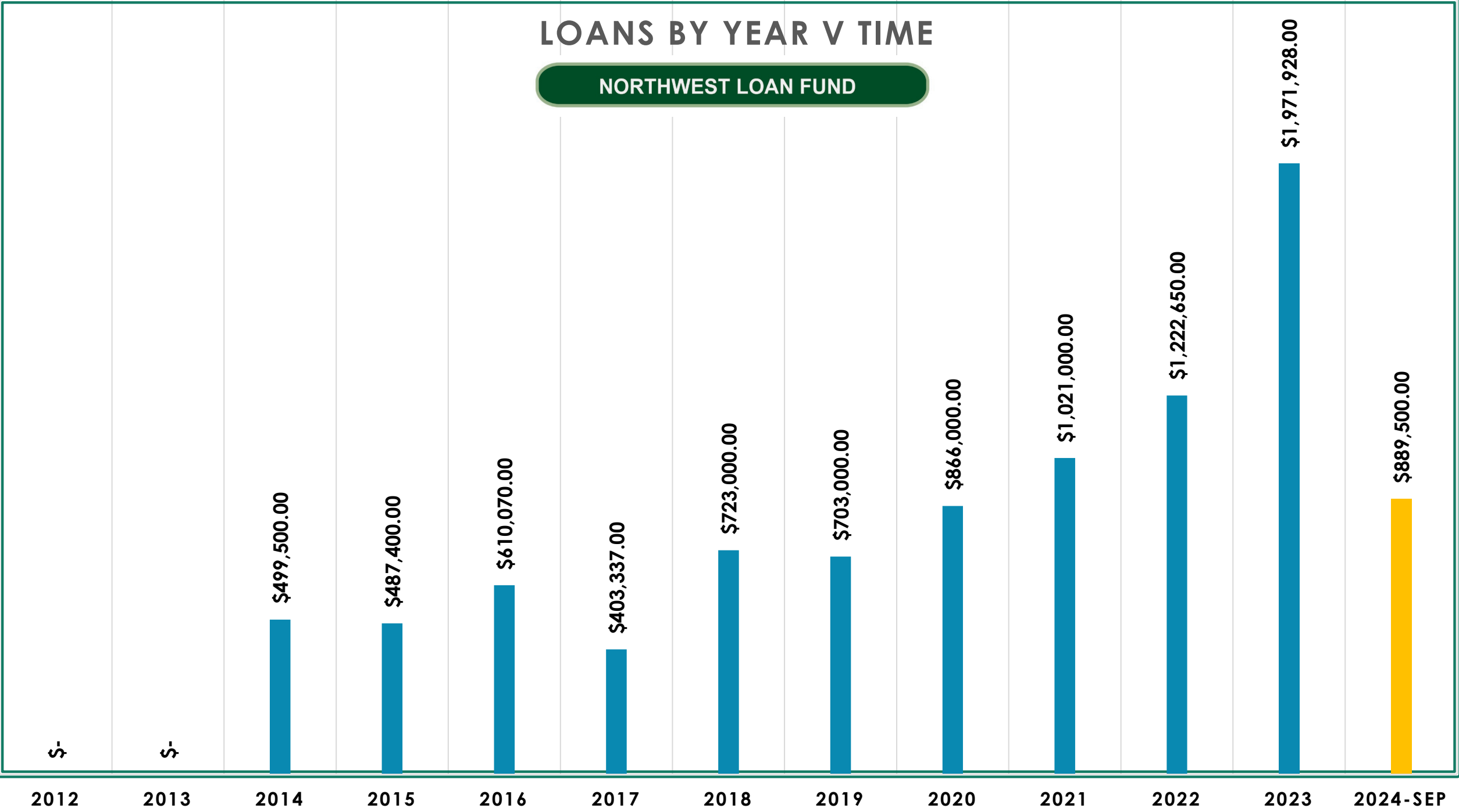
THE NORTHWEST LOAN FUND

Performance Indicators through 2024 Q3



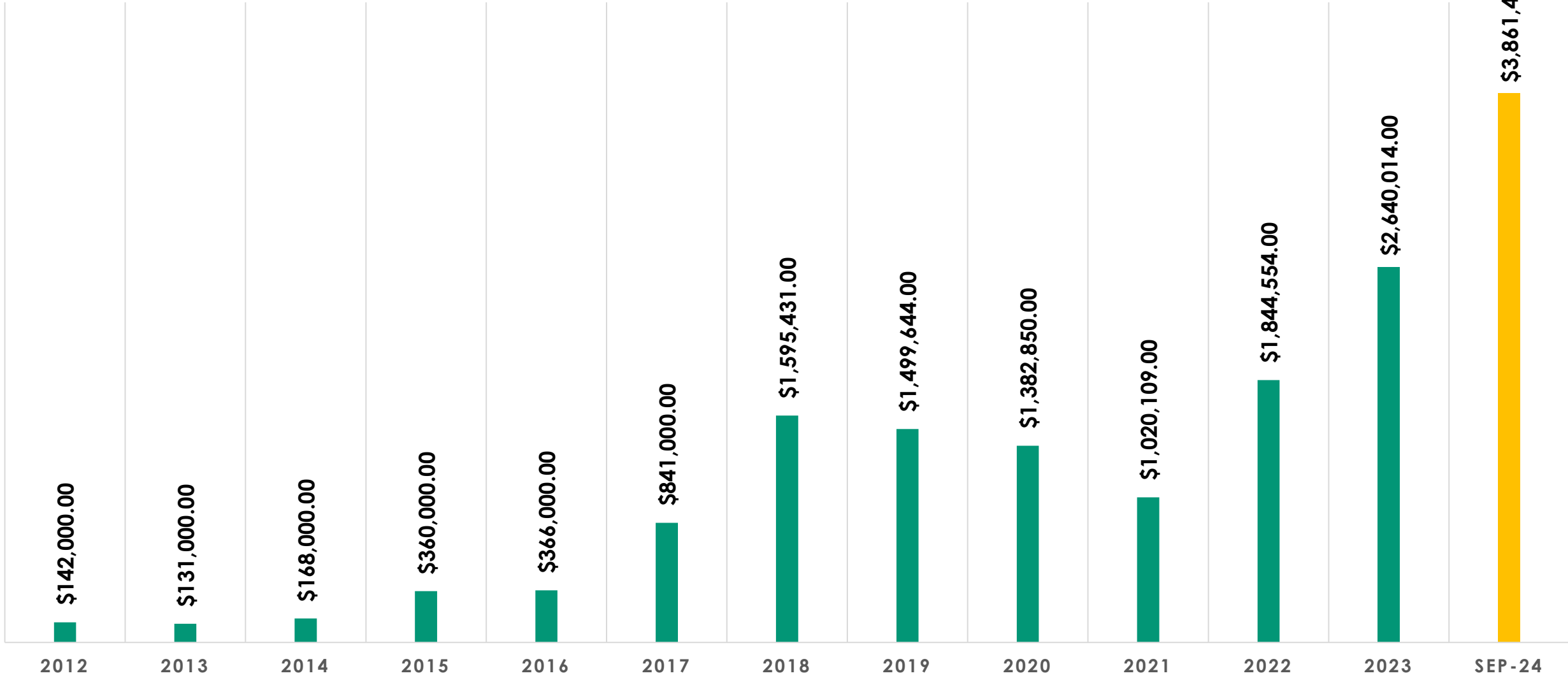
LOANS BY YEAR V TIME

NORTHWEST LOAN FUND



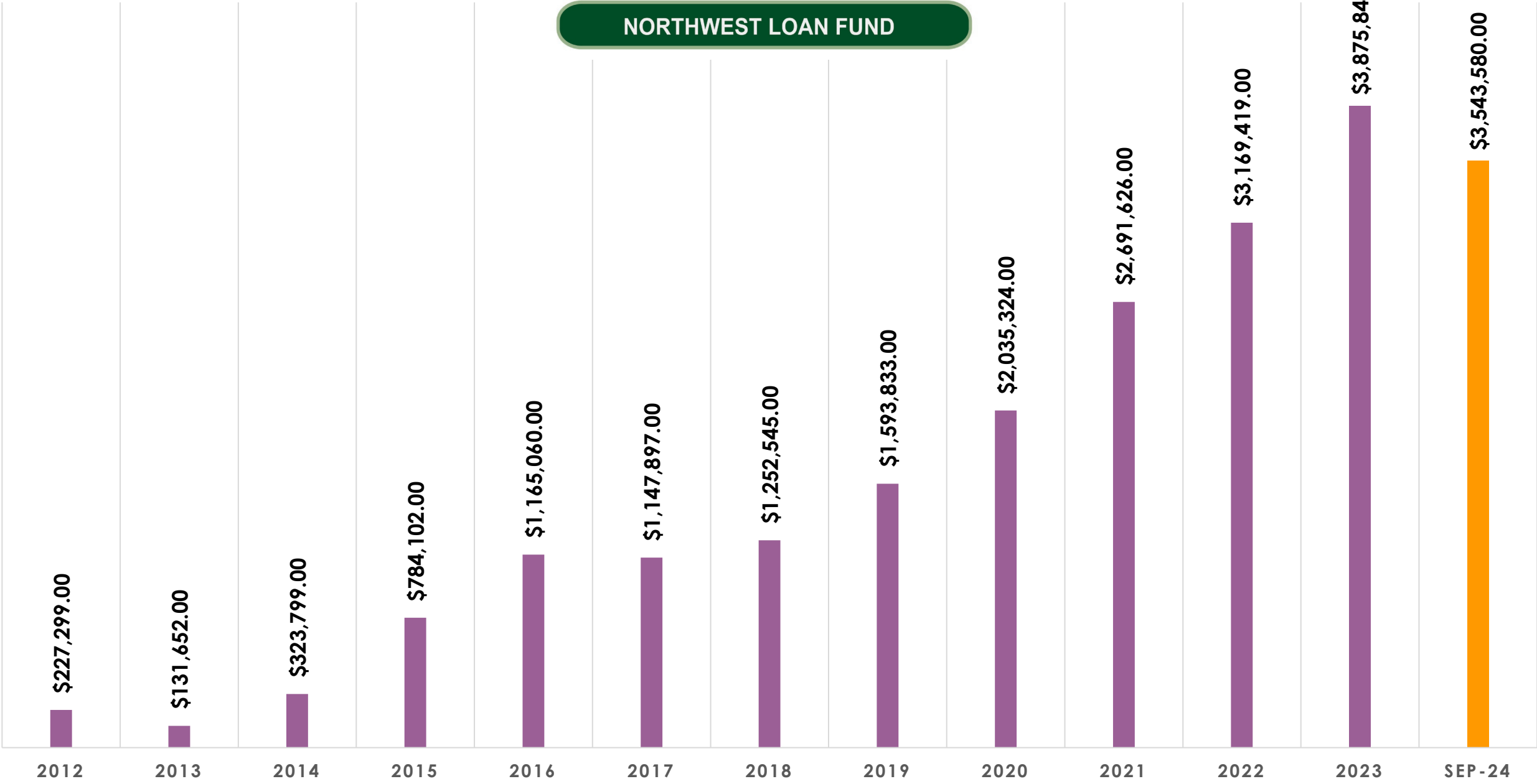
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NORTHWEST LOAN FUND



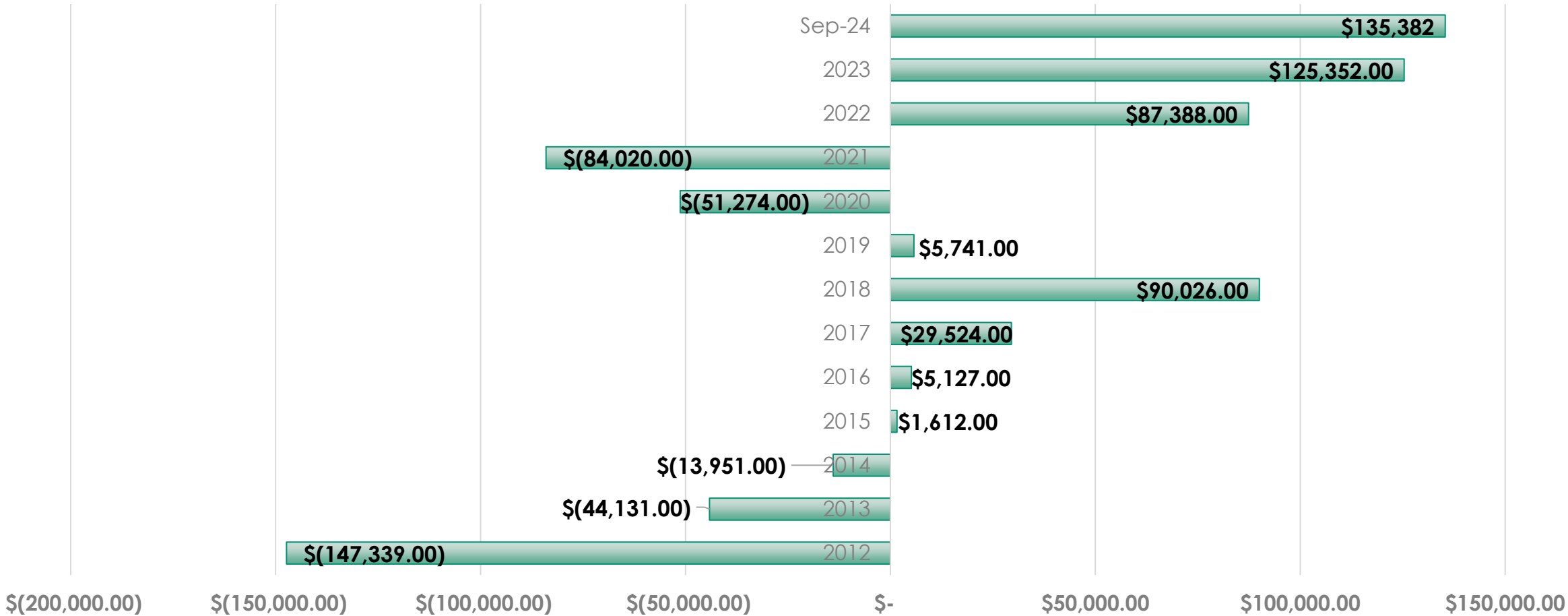
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NORTHWEST LOAN FUND



NORTHWEST LOAN FUND

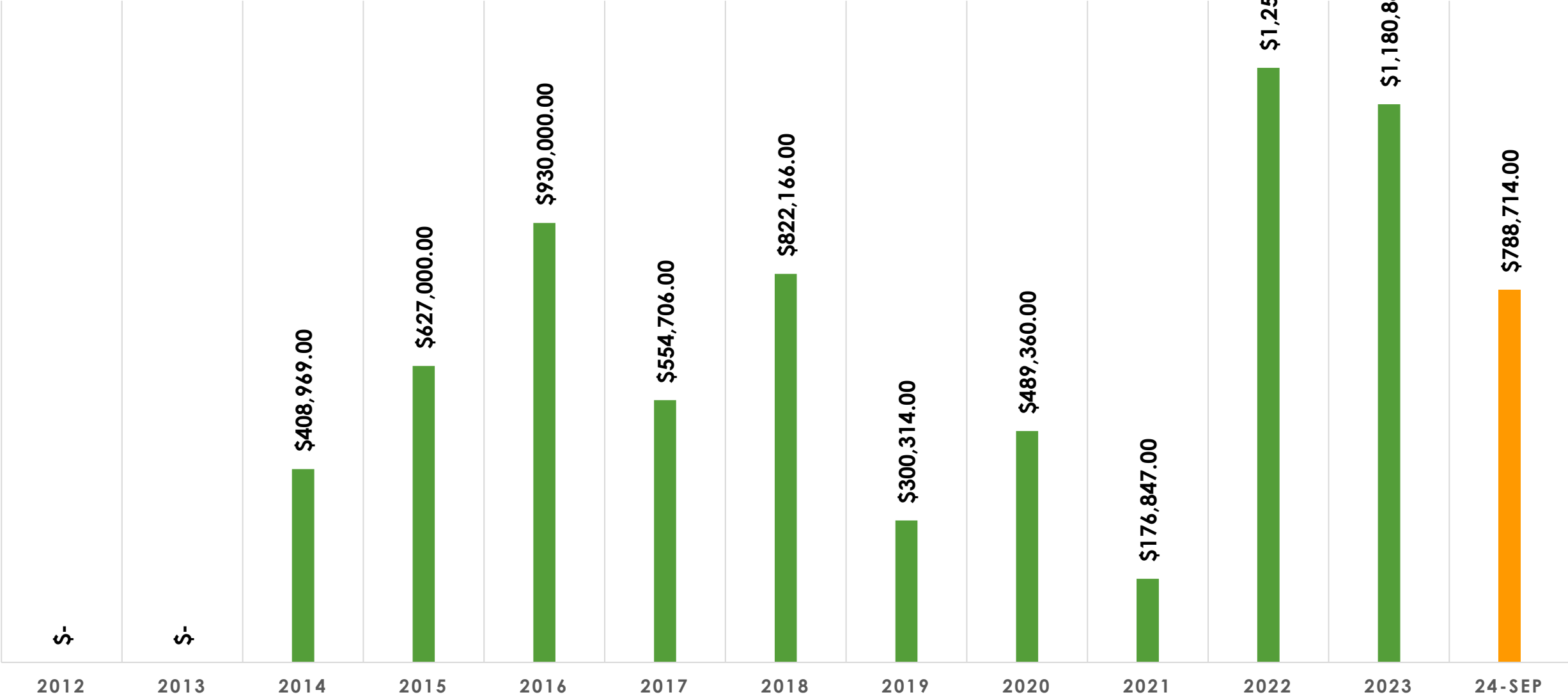
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GRANTS RECEIVED V TIME

NORTHWEST LOAN FUND

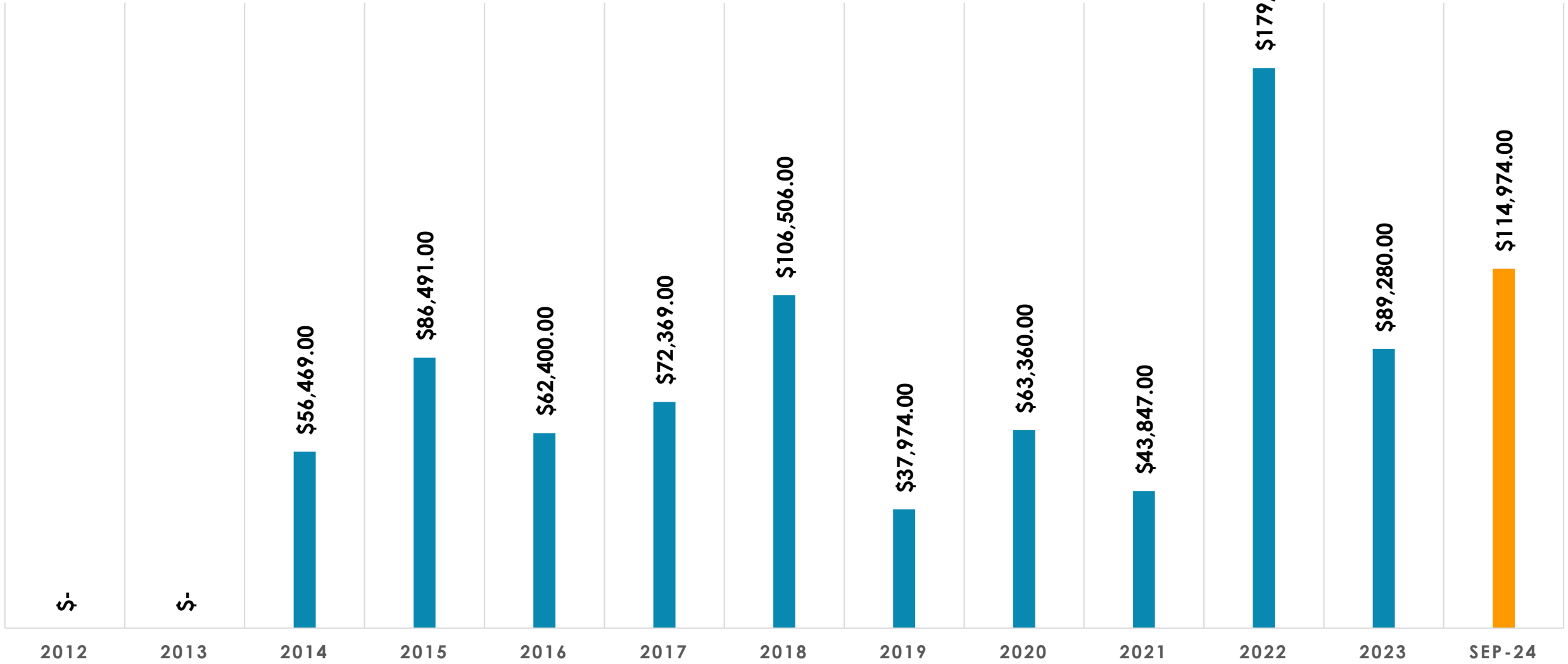
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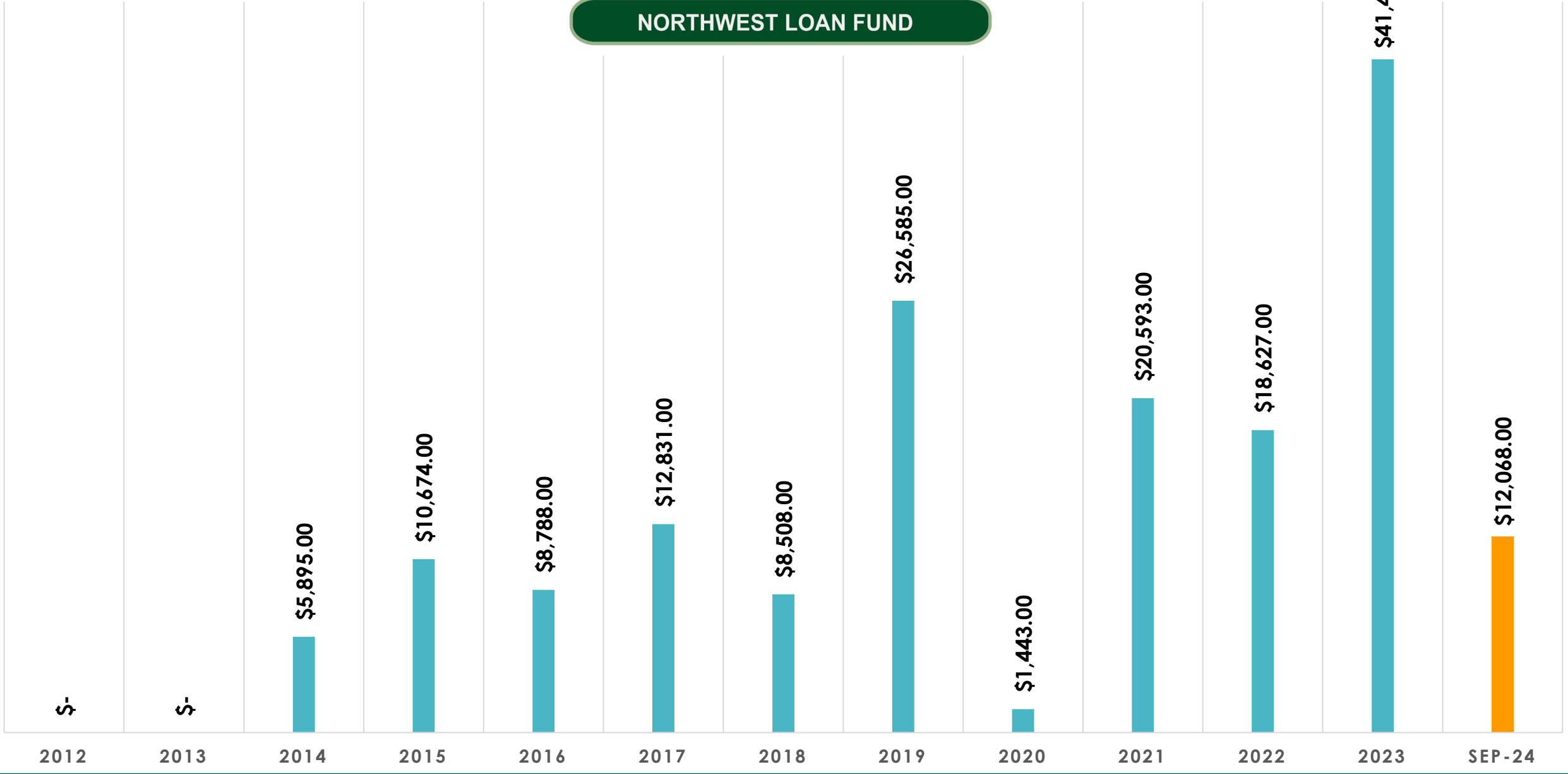
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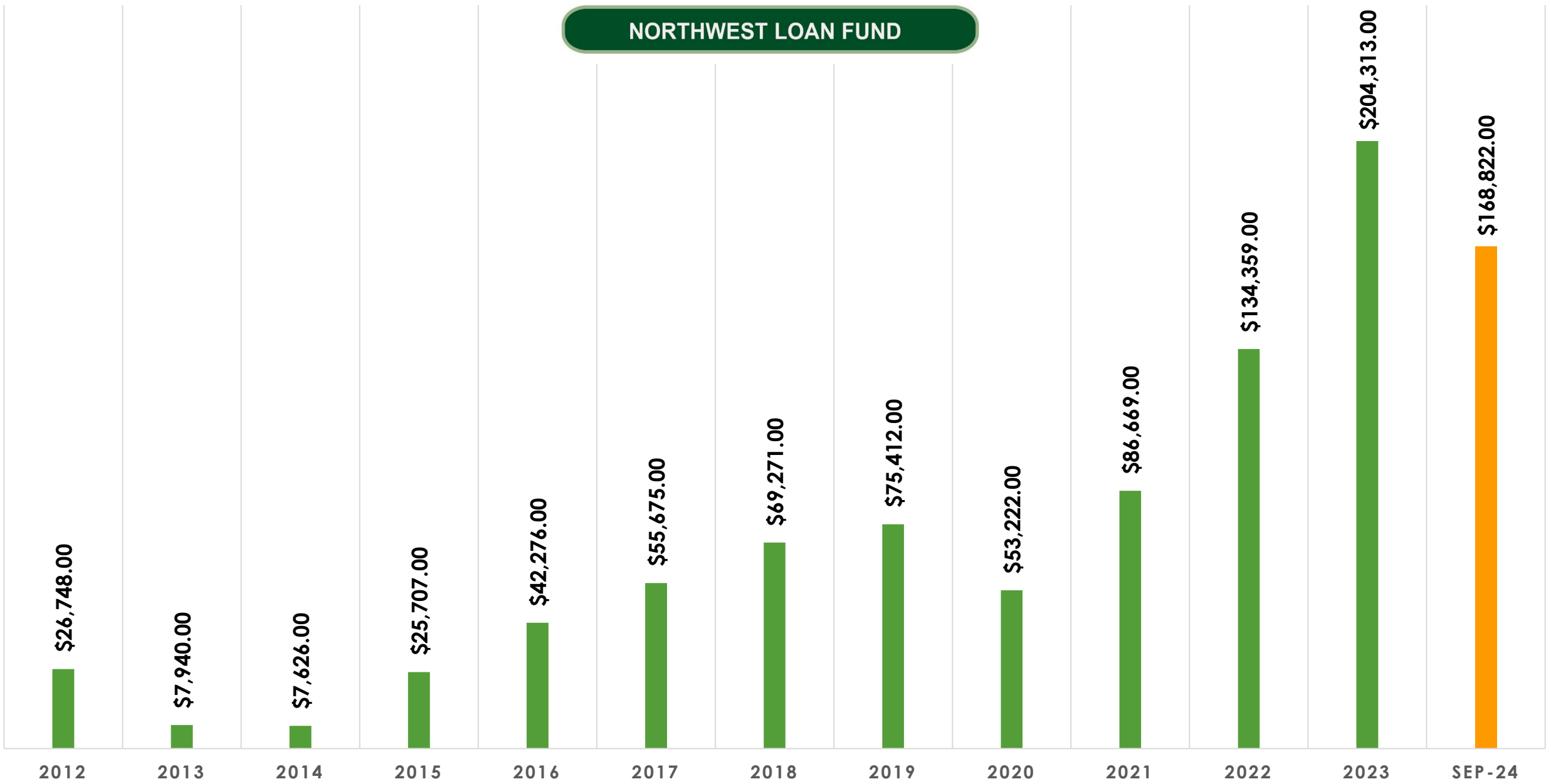
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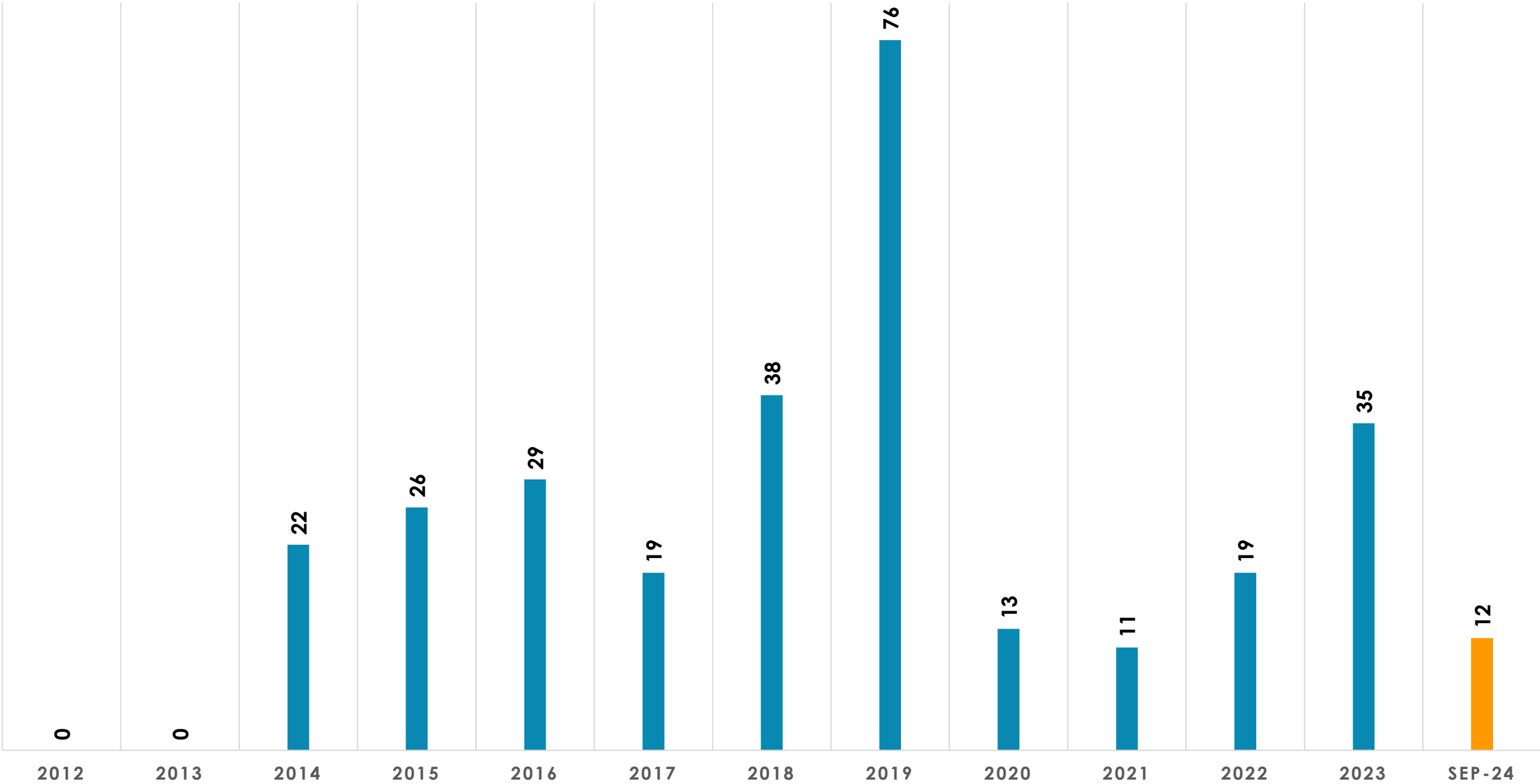
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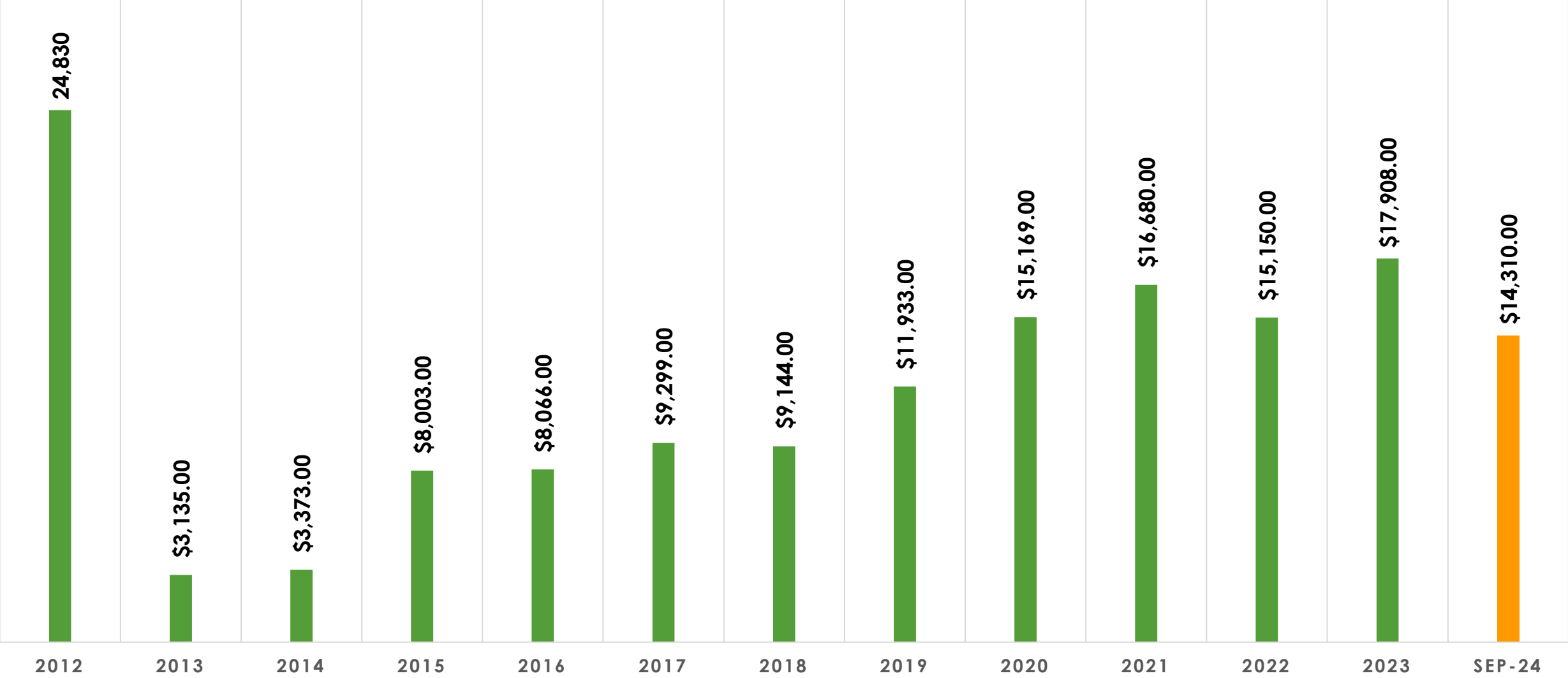
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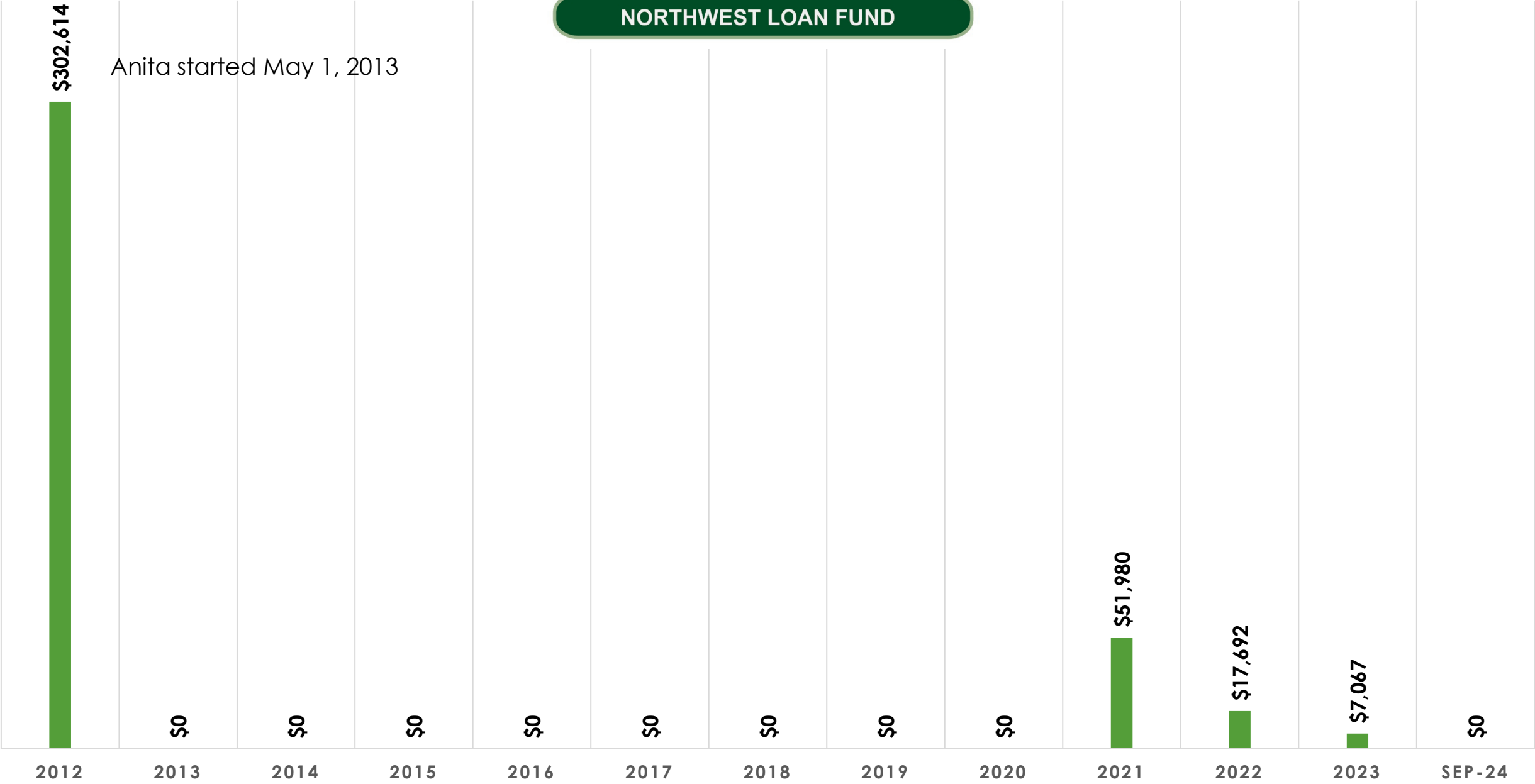
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Hi Community Leaders –

Good news here! Two of Senator’s Bennet’s bills focused on Western Colorado are headed to the President’s desk. If you have any questions on either bill, feel free to get in touch.

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Bennet, Neguse, Daines Celebrate Final Passage of Bills to Help Colorado Communities Address Housing Shortages, Stop Invasive Species

After Unanimous Passage in Congress, Legislation Heads to President's Desk

Washington, D.C. — U.S. Senators Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) and Steve Daines (R-Mont.), and U.S. Representative Joe Neguse (D-Colo.), celebrated unanimous House and Senate passage of their [Forest Service Flexible Housing Partnerships Act](#) and [Stop the Spread of Invasive Mussels Act](#). Their bipartisan legislation will strengthen the authority of the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to lease underutilized administrative sites to address local needs, including for building affordable housing, and slow the movement of aquatic invasive species, like zebra and quagga mussels, into Colorado, Montana, and other Western States. Both pieces of legislation now head to President Biden’s desk to be signed into law.

“Colorado and the American West face multiple challenges – from invasive species in our rivers, lakes and waterways, to a housing crisis that makes it impossible for working families to make ends meet,” **said Bennet**. “I’m grateful for the strong bipartisan support to pass these bills that will invest in our mountain communities and protect Colorado’s precious natural resources. The Flexible Housing Partnerships bill especially will help open up more opportunities for housing projects in our mountain communities who face a dire housing crisis.”

“It’s as simple as this — in Colorado, the preservation of our public lands and the strength of our outdoor recreation economy is not only integral to the spirit of our state but to the success of our people,” **said Neguse**. “I am proud to see these bills through to the finish line—and even more excited for the ways in which they will deliver for our communities.”

“I’m glad to see these commonsense, bipartisan bills to help address the housing shortage in rural Montana and across the west and to protect our Montana wildlife from invasive species heading to the president’s desk to be signed into law! Protecting our Montana way of life will always be my top priority,” **said Daines**.

In the 2018 Farm Bill, Bennet authored legislation in partnership with Colorado communities and helped [secure](#) the authority for the Forest Service to lease administrative sites to localities in exchange for in-kind contributions, including housing construction and improvement or maintenance of federal facilities. To provide towns and counties with greater certainty, the Forest Service Flexible Housing Partnerships Act lengthens the site’s lease authority to up to 100 years and allows it to be renewed at the end of its term. As a result of the housing crisis in the West, the Forest Service currently experiences a severe staffing shortage. This legislation will also help the agency provide more housing for its workforce and better serve Colorado communities.

Aquatic invasive species pose a significant threat to Western rivers and reservoirs. Once established, these intruders are nearly impossible to eradicate and wreak havoc on crucial water infrastructure, limit recreation opportunities, and harm ecosystems and local economies. As invasive mussels spread across the West, preventative measures – like watercraft inspection and decontamination stations – are key to limiting their spread. The Stop the Spread of Invasive Mussels Act will strengthen prevention efforts, provide all federal agencies the authorities they need to limit the movement of invasive species into and out of U.S. waters, and ensure that all at-risk basins are eligible and prioritized for watercraft inspection and decontamination funding.

[Support for Forest Service Flexible Housing Partnerships Act:](#)

"The passage of the Forest Service Flexible Housing Partnership Act will allow for continued partnerships among local governments, private industry, and the Forest Service as we work together on very complicated but much-needed workforce and affordable housing projects. CAST thanks Senator Bennet and Congressman Neguse for their leadership to pass this important legislation into law," **said Margaret Bowes, Executive Director, Colorado Association of Ski Towns.**

"Federal lands comprise 84% of Eagle County. With very little private lands for affordable workforce housing development, this is a problem Eagle County will struggle to fix on its own. The creative solutions in the Forest Service Flexible Housing Partnerships Act will help relieve this pressure. Authorizing the Forest Service to lease appropriate parcels for housing will greatly benefit our workforce and our mountain resort economy. We are excited about the improvements this legislation will now make to the existing Flexible Partnerships Authority and we thank Senator Bennet for his efforts on our behalf to get this bill passed into law," **said Kathy Chandler-Henry, Commissioner, Eagle County.**

"On behalf of the Aspen community, I thank Senator Bennet for his steadfast support in making affordable housing happen. The bill's passage is a critical milestone for Aspen and our partners, including the dedicated staff of the USFS White River National Forest," **said Torre, Mayor, City of Aspen.**

"San Miguel County is thrilled to learn of the passage of the Flexible Partnership Act and deeply grateful to Senator Bennet and his team for stewarding this common-sense legislation to the finish line. Like many resort communities, San Miguel County faces a shortage of affordable land appropriate for workforce housing. Governmental entities in our county have already been in conversation with local USFS representatives about opportunities to collaborate on workforce housing, while waiting for this bill to pass and allow us to move forward. We are excited to now roll up our sleeves and get to work on building housing that will benefit our whole community, including the Forest Service and other local employers," **said Anne Brown, Commissioner, San Miguel County.**

"Summit County is proud to have signed the first lease agreement in the country using the authority provided by the Flexible Housing Partnerships Act," **said Tamara Pogue, Commissioner, Summit County.** "Thanks to the leadership of Senator Bennet, more communities will have the opportunity to build the affordable housing they desperately need."

"La Plata County is delighted to hear that this important legislation has been passed into law. As we struggle with the affordable housing crisis we need every tool in the toolbox we can to help our mountain communities. Often having land available for housing projects is the deal breaker for providing new opportunities. This legislation opens up more possibilities for underused federal land that can be used for community housing in collaboration with the Forest Service, who also desperately needs housing for their employees that can be provided by projects under this legislation as well. These can be win-win projects for our communities and federal agencies to work together," **said Marsha Porter-Norton, Commissioner, La Plata County.**

The Forest Service Flexible Housing Partnerships Act is supported by Summit County, Grand County, Eagle County, Aspen, Colorado Association of Ski Towns (CAST), and Northwest Colorado Council of Governments (NWCCOG).

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FW: USAging Legislative Update: Congress Passes Short-Term Funding Bill to Avert Shutdown, But Leaves OAA Reauthorization Behind

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Congress Passes Short-Term Funding Bill to Avert Shutdown, But Leaves OAA

Reauthorization Behind

Snapshot: A shutdown was narrowly avoided by Congress last night, but USAging's top priority of OAA reauthorization was left behind for the new Congress to tackle after political drama among Republicans upended the bipartisan deal made earlier this week.

Last night, Congress passed an end-of-the-year legislative package that includes a short-term continuing resolution (CR) that extends Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 appropriations levels through March 14, 2025. The bill, passed by the House just hours before the government shutdown deadline and by the Senate shortly after the deadline, also provided authorization and funding for the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) funding for SHIPs, AAAs and ADRCs through March 2025.

The bill did not include reauthorization of the Older Americans Act (OAA) to USAging's and other advocates' deep disappointment. As USAging has reported in depth this week, the bipartisan deal crafted just days ago included a bipartisan five-year reauthorization of the OAA, which we strongly supported. (See USAging CEO Sandy Markwood's [appeal to Congress](#) of yesterday.)

When the bipartisan bill was released on Wednesday prior to a House vote, however, businessman and Trump advisor Elon Musk took to his social media platform, X, to criticize the bipartisan deal. President-Elect Donald Trump followed suit shortly after, further complicating matters. Although the resulting Republican pushback Musk fueled had nothing to do

with the OAA specifically, it created a political nightmare for Speaker of the House Mike Johnson (R-LA). The Speaker then chose to drop large sections of the end-of-year bill to appease his caucus and prevent a government shutdown, despite many of those provisions being bipartisan bills that the short legislative calendar didn't allow to be passed separately, such as OAA.

This is a huge disappointment. The OAA bill had bipartisan and bicameral support and deserved to be passed before the end of this Congress, regardless of which legislative vehicle it was attached to.

FY 2025 Funding

This is the second CR passed this year, because Congress has yet to come to an agreement on full funding for FY 2025, which began on October 1. The latest CR will extend FY 2024 spending levels through March 14, preventing a government shutdown over the holidays but pushing off the final negotiations until the new Congress.

As a reminder, [here's](#) what this Congress has recommended for OAA programs and services. However, it is unclear what the final spending levels will be for OAA and other critical aging-related programs given the new Congress and Administration. USAging will continue our advocacy with Congress to ensure the highest possible funding levels, so advocates should stand by for future calls to action in early 2025!

MIPPA Medicare Low-Income Outreach and Enrollment

A short-term extension of authorization and funding under the MIPPA for AAAs, SHIPs and ADRCs to do outreach and enrollment on the Medicare savings programs was included in the final bill.

Although the first bipartisan bill had a two-year authorization and funding of \$100 million, the final bill only extends authorization and current funding until the end of March 2025. The shorter authorization was yet another casualty of the Republican pushback. We will need to do tremendous advocacy to get this extended by the new Congress because we expect that path to be difficult.

Next Steps

Rest assured, USAging will be fighting hard to get Congress to make up for this oversight on OAA as soon as the 119th Congress is seated in January. While the bill will officially die when Congress adjourns in the next few days, it may be possible to gain support from the new committee leaders to move the already brokered bill early in the new session. While difficult, we believe it is the best option because the bipartisan bill of this Congress contains our top priorities and has broad support.

The temporary funding bill keeps funding for OAA programs and services safe until March 14, but, unfortunately, this does not mean this funding will continue to be preserved in the remainder of the fiscal year—it all depends on what the 119th Congress decides to do in a few months. Will they punt once again and keep FY 2025 funding flowing at FY 2024 levels for the rest of the fiscal year, or will the new congressional leaders choose to actually finalize the bill, which could include cuts?

Much of the 2025 legislative outlook remains uncertain, but what is certain is that your advocacy will be needed! Relationships with new and returning Members of Congress and their staffers must be formed to ensure older adults are protected and prioritized. We have bipartisan support for OAA reauthorization and generally for continued funding—but amidst the many unrelated battles ahead, aging advocates will need to be able to break through the noise to protect key aging programs!

What can you do now? Commit to attending USAging's Aging Policy Briefing and Capitol Hill Day, March 31–April 1, 2025. [Learn more and register.](#)

As your policy team closes out this busy year of advocacy, we are grateful for all of you who diligently and passionately advocated for OAA reauthorization to be passed this year. We were so close to the finish line and could not have made it this far without your persuasive advocacy. We will see you in 2025!

This Legislative Update is a USAging membership benefit. For more information about these and other federal aging policy issues, please contact USAging's policy team:

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITIES EXPERIENCING ENERGY**
102 **TRANSITION.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The office of just transition (office) in the department of labor and employment provides money to support programs that implement the just transition plan, provide supplemental funding for targeted investment in coal transition communities, and provide grants and other support to coal transition communities. The bill requires the office to coordinate with councils of government representing regions established by the

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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department of local affairs (department) that have coal transition communities, employee associations that represent workers in coal transition communities, and economic development councils formed by the department to implement the most effective projects and programs for those communities.

A public entity may invest public funds only as allowed by law. The bill specifies that the investment of a payment or settlement to offset the socioeconomic impacts to a community or government from the closure of a coal mine or coal power generating station is not subject to these investment limitations.

Currently, 70% of the money credited to the local government severance tax fund (fund) must be distributed to political subdivisions that are socially or economically impacted by the development, processing, or energy conversion of minerals and mineral fuels subject to taxation and used for the planning, construction, and maintenance of public facilities and for the provision of public services, and to compensate political subdivisions for loss of property tax revenue resulting from the deduction of severance taxes paid in the determination of the valuation for assessment of producing mines. The bill requires the executive director of the department (executive director) to annually expend this money as follows:

- First, an amount equal to the least of \$15 million, the total amount of money available, or the amount of compensation applied for to compensate political subdivisions for the loss of property tax revenue resulting from the deduction of severance taxes paid in the determination of the valuation for assessment of producing mines; or incurred by political subdivisions that are coal transition communities created as due to the closure of coal-fired power plants. The executive director must consider the economic needs of a political subdivision when granting money and must not require a political subdivision to contribute money to be eligible for a grant.
- Second, an amount equal to the least of \$75 million, the total remaining amount of money available, or the amount of grants applied for through 3 grant cycles per year for grants to political subdivisions socially or economically impacted by the development, processing, or energy conversion of minerals and mineral fuels subject to severance taxation and used for the planning, construction, and maintenance of public facilities and for the provision of public services; and
- Third, any remaining money in excess of the lesser of \$90 million or the total amount of compensation and grants actually awarded as described above must be distributed

annually by the executive director to political subdivisions based upon community need as determined in consultation with the Colorado Municipal League, Colorado Counties, Inc., and the Special District Association of Colorado, and to other recipients as provided by existing law.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-83-504, **amend**
3 (4)(a)(II)(C) and (4)(a)(II)(D); and **add** (4)(a)(II)(E) as follows:

4 **8-83-504. Just transition cash fund - transfer from general**
5 **fund - transfer from account - definition - use of money.**

6 (4) (a) (II) Subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly, the
7 office shall expend the money transferred to the fund pursuant to this
8 subsection (4)(a) to implement the just transition plan for Colorado
9 prepared as required by section 8-83-503 (4), to provide supplemental
10 funding for existing state programs that the office identifies as the most
11 effective vehicles for targeted investment in coal transition communities,
12 and to provide grants and other support directly to coal transition
13 communities and other eligible entities. In expending money from the
14 fund, the office shall place a heavy emphasis on investment in tier one
15 transition communities and shall support programs that:

16 (C) Support infrastructure projects and workforce development
17 programs; ~~or~~

18 (D) Are consistent with the goals and strategies outlined in the just
19 transition plan; OR

20 (E) SUPPORT TARGETED INVESTMENT IN COAL TRANSITION
21 COMMUNITIES BY COORDINATING WITH COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT
22 REPRESENTING REGIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL
23 AFFAIRS WITH COAL TRANSITION COMMUNITIES, EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS

1 THAT REPRESENT WORKERS IN COAL TRANSITION COMMUNITIES, AND
2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS FORMED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
3 LOCAL AFFAIRS TO IMPLEMENT THE MOST EFFECTIVE PROJECTS AND
4 PROGRAMS FOR THOSE COMMUNITIES.

5 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-75-601.1, **add** (5)
6 as follows:

7 **24-75-601.1. Legal investments of public funds - definition.**

8 (5) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION APPLIES TO PUBLIC FUNDS HELD OR
9 INVESTED AS PART OF ANY PAYMENT OR SETTLEMENT TO OFFSET THE
10 SOCIOECONOMIC IMPACTS TO A COMMUNITY OR GOVERNMENT FROM THE
11 CLOSURE OF A COAL MINE OR COAL POWER GENERATING STATION.

12 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-29-110, **amend**
13 (1)(b) as follows:

14 **39-29-110. Local government severance tax fund - creation -**

15 **administration - definitions - repeal.** (1) (b) (I) FOR STATE FISCAL
16 YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, seventy percent of the
17 ~~funds from~~ MONEY IN the local government severance tax fund shall be
18 ~~distributed to those political subdivisions socially or economically~~
19 ~~impacted by the development, processing, or energy conversion of~~
20 ~~minerals and mineral fuels subject to taxation under this article and used~~
21 ~~for the planning, construction, and maintenance of public facilities and~~
22 ~~for the provision of public services. Such funds shall also be distributed~~
23 ANNUALLY AS FOLLOWS:

24 (A) FIRST, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE LEAST OF FIFTEEN MILLION
25 DOLLARS, THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY AVAILABLE, OR THE TOTAL
26 AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION APPLIED FOR to political subdivisions to
27 compensate them for loss of property tax revenue resulting from the

1 deduction of severance taxes paid in the determination of the valuation
2 for assessment of producing mines AND TO COAL TRANSITION
3 COMMUNITIES TO COMPENSATE THEM FOR THE LOSS OF PROPERTY TAX
4 REVENUE RESULTING FROM THE CLOSURE OF COAL-FIRED POWER PLANTS.
5 The executive director of the department of local affairs shall consider the
6 economic needs of a political subdivision AND SHALL NOT REQUIRE A
7 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, INCLUDING A COAL TRANSITION COMMUNITY, TO
8 PROVIDE ANY MATCHING MONEY TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION for purposes
9 of making distributions pursuant to this ~~subparagraph (1)(b)(F)~~
10 SUBSECTION (1)(b)(I)(A);

11 (B) FROM THE MONEY REMAINING AFTER COMPENSATION IS PAID
12 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(b)(I)(A) OF THIS SECTION, THROUGH THREE
13 GRANT CYCLES PER YEAR, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE LEAST OF
14 SEVENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS, THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF REMAINING
15 MONEY AVAILABLE, AND THE AMOUNT OF GRANTS APPLIED FOR PURSUANT
16 TO THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b)(I)(B) TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS SOCIALLY
17 OR ECONOMICALLY IMPACTED BY THE DEVELOPMENT, PROCESSING, OR
18 ENERGY CONVERSION OF MINERALS AND MINERAL FUELS SUBJECT TO
19 TAXATION UNDER THIS ARTICLE 29 AND USED FOR THE PLANNING,
20 CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FOR THE
21 PROVISION OF PUBLIC SERVICES; AND

22 (C) ANY MONEY REMAINING AFTER MAKING THE DISTRIBUTIONS
23 REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (1)(b)(I)(A) AND (1)(b)(I)(B) OF THIS SECTION
24 SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT
25 OF LOCAL AFFAIRS TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS IMPACTED BY THE CLOSURE
26 OF COAL MINES OR COAL POWER GENERATING STATIONS BASED UPON
27 COMMUNITY NEED AND FOR THE DISTRIBUTIONS PROVIDED FOR BY

1 SUBSECTIONS (1)(b)(II), (1)(b)(III), (1)(b)(IV), AND (1)(b)(V) OF THIS
2 SECTION, BOTH AS DETERMINED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COLORADO
3 MUNICIPAL LEAGUE, COLORADO COUNTIES, INC., AND THE SPECIAL
4 DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF COLORADO.

5 (II) (A) ~~In addition to the distribution of moneys authorized under~~
6 ~~subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (b),~~ The executive director may
7 distribute ~~moneys~~ MONEY or make loans, or any combination thereof,
8 USING MONEY REMAINING AFTER MAKING THE DISTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED
9 BY SUBSECTIONS (1)(b)(I)(A) AND (1)(b)(I)(B) OF THIS SECTION, to ~~such~~
10 THE political subdivisions for the planning, design, construction, erection,
11 building, acquisition, alteration, modernization, reconstruction,
12 improvement, or expansion of domestic wastewater treatment works or
13 potable water treatment facilities. Any loan made by the executive
14 director under the authority of this section shall only be made under such
15 terms as will insure repayment of the loan with interest assessed and
16 collected at an interest rate of not less than five percent.

17 (B) As used in this ~~subparagraph (H),~~ SUBSECTION (1)(b)(II),
18 "domestic wastewater treatment works" means a system or facility of a
19 political subdivision for treating, neutralizing, stabilizing, collecting, or
20 disposing of domestic wastewater, which system or facility has a designed
21 capacity to receive more than two thousand gallons of domestic
22 wastewater per day, and "domestic wastewater treatment works" includes
23 appurtenances to such system or facility, such as outfall sewers, pumping
24 stations, and collection and interceptor lines, and the equipment related
25 to such appurtenances.

26 (C) As used in this ~~subparagraph (H)~~ SUBSECTION (1)(b)(II),
27 "potable water treatment facilities" means a system or facility of a

1 political subdivision for treating water to be supplied to the public for
2 domestic use, and "potable water treatment facilities" includes water
3 treatment plants, treated water storage facilities, water mains, water
4 distribution lines, pumps, and appurtenances.

5 (III) In addition to the distribution of ~~moneys~~ MONEY authorized
6 under ~~subparagraphs (I) and (II) of this paragraph (b)~~ SUBSECTION
7 (1)(b)(II) OF THIS SECTION, the executive director shall distribute MONEY
8 REMAINING AFTER MAKING THE DISTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED BY
9 SUBSECTIONS (1)(b)(I)(A) AND (1)(b)(I)(B) OF THIS SECTION AS FOLLOWS:

10 (A) ~~Moneys~~ MONEY to the uranium mill tailings remedial action
11 program fund in accordance with the provisions of section 39-29-116 (3);

12 (B) ~~Moneys~~ MONEY to the department of public health and
13 environment for any direct and indirect costs associated with the
14 monitoring, notification, and handling of designated uranium mill tailings
15 that are authorized in section 25-11-303, ~~C.R.S.~~, and the amount of the
16 distribution made pursuant to this ~~sub-subparagraph (B)~~ SUBSECTION
17 (1)(b)(III)(B) shall be equal to the amount appropriated to the department
18 of public health and environment by the general assembly for such direct
19 and indirect costs; and

20 (C) Up to fifty thousand dollars each state fiscal year to political
21 subdivisions that include mill sites designated for cleanup pursuant to
22 federal Public Law 95-604 for reimbursement of actual, documented costs
23 related to the cleanup of uranium mill tailings.

24 (IV) In addition to the distribution of ~~moneys~~ MONEY authorized
25 under ~~subparagraphs (I), (II), and (III) of this paragraph (b)~~ SUBSECTIONS
26 (1)(b)(II) AND (1)(b)(III) OF THIS SECTION, the executive director may
27 distribute ~~moneys~~ MONEY REMAINING AFTER MAKING THE DISTRIBUTIONS

1 REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (1)(b)(I)(A) AND (1)(b)(I)(B) OF THIS SECTION
2 to those privately organized volunteer fire departments serving areas
3 socially or economically impacted by the development, processing, or
4 energy conversion of minerals and mineral fuels subject to taxation under
5 this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 29, for the purpose of purchasing equipment to fight
6 fires.

7 (V) In addition to the distribution of ~~moneys~~ MONEY authorized
8 under ~~subparagraphs (I), (II), (III), and (IV) of this paragraph (b)~~
9 SUBSECTIONS (1)(b)(II), (1)(b)(III), AND (1)(b)(IV) OF THIS SECTION, the
10 executive director of the department of local affairs may distribute
11 ~~moneys~~ MONEY REMAINING AFTER MAKING THE DISTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED
12 BY SUBSECTIONS (1)(b)(I)(A) AND (1)(b)(I)(B) OF THIS SECTION for
13 planning, analyses, public engagement, and coordination and
14 collaboration with federal land managers and stakeholders, or for similar
15 or related local government processes needed by local governments for
16 engagement in federal land management decision-making.

17 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
18 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
19 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
20 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
21 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
22 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
23 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
24 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
25 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.



PROGRAM UPDATES

To: NWCCOG Council
From: NWCCOG Staff
Date: January 23, 2025
Re: Program Updates

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

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

Welcome to the Wild Ride of 2025!

Much of December was spent completing Personnel Evaluations for my direct reports and discussing/reviewing evaluations from other Directors, signing off on end of year paperwork. A big thanks to many around the office and Talai from Idaho who assisted while Moira was with her Mother back east from Dec 7th through January 8th! We have a tremendous staff. Thanks to our Wellness Committee for a fine Holiday Event and for EIP for inviting me to theirs also. Many of our programs took a full two weeks off for the holidays, specially EIP (no one wants to see an inspector over Christmas) and Energy (no one wants work being done on their homes during family days).

I am finishing and will shortly publish an updated Employee Handbook, and have begun reorganizing and rewriting many “policies” into “guidelines” per direction from our legal team and consultants last year. We had a first brainstorming session with regard to modifying Onboarding which I will be implementing – mostly sorting Guidelines in another file by which employees need to know, and having a master list so employees less familiar with the shared drive can find all policies without having to understand our current filing system (by type and who approves). This is the beginning of the review of HR management and Onboarding that Jon committed to with Directors and with the Executive Committee.

Thanks again to the Member entities which requested a visit from me in 2024 during budget season to share what we do. For those visits staff compiled Value Memos. We have decided to do this annually for all members.

Broadband Program – *Nate Walowitz, Regional Broadband Director (Jon Stavney)*

Project THOR continues to make significant strides in expanding broadband access to Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and community anchor institutions across our region. Below are the latest updates and developments within the program:

1. New Meet Me Center in Fraser/Winter Park

- In late February 2025, Project THOR will open a new Meet Me Center in Fraser/Winter Park, in partnership with Grand County and Middle Park Health. This center will serve as a key infrastructure point for broadband connectivity to support both Middle Park Health’s new service location and the surrounding communities in the area.

2. Frisco Broadband Support

- Nate Walowitz and Summit County are continuing to collaborate with the Town of Frisco and their broadband engineering partner to assist in expanding broadband access. This includes providing a quote for Project THOR middle-mile access, services, and connections to the existing Meet Me Center in Frisco.

3. Ekinops Product Challenges

- As previously noted, the Ekinops product line currently in use within our network has experienced performance issues. Ekinops has decided to end-of-life this product due to these challenges. In response, they have offered a full refund for the affected product and will cover the cost of transitioning to a new product from a different manufacturer to restore optimal functionality. The Ekinops engineering team is working closely with NWCCOG and our network operator to finalize the product specifications and selection. More details will be shared in the coming month with our stakeholders.

4. Collaboration with CBO and State Agencies

- Jon and Nate have been actively working with CBO's Brandy Reiter and Jonas Durham to deepen their understanding of the middle-mile broadband space. They are exploring potential strategies for leveraging existing state-owned middle-mile assets to enhance broadband services for state agencies. Additionally, Nate is managing a project to connect a state park to CDOT fiber, further expanding the reach of broadband services to vital public infrastructure.
- Nate is also in conversation with State of Colorado Judicial Branch responding to their questions about Project THOR and how our network can meet their connectivity needs.

Looking Ahead:

- The upcoming expansion of Meet Me Centers, continued collaboration with key stakeholders, and resolution of equipment challenges will enhance the overall capabilities of Project THOR and ensure that the region's broadband infrastructure remains robust and reliable. This will be discussed in a February 2025 Project THOR Stakeholders meeting. Stay tuned for further updates and developments as we work together to improve broadband access for our communities.

Nate has emerged from two months of cancer treatment, ringing the bell as the new year began, and is gaining focus and strength again. Becky and I were able to cover whatever he couldn't. We've contracted with Talai who is helping Nate write the "Operating Manual for Project THOR" as she did for Anita and NLF a year ago. This is critical path resilience work, made more urgent by his situation these past weeks.

On Project THOR, the state has not yet published its RFP for Middle Mile operations which is frustrating both to us and to Brandy at the CBO. We will be monitoring that closely and involved in providing information to the consultant. Ekinops, our equipment provider for the enhancement project will be "rip and replacing" all the new equipment because of a design flaw. This will be on their dime and should be begun and finished in Q1. The inconvenience of doing this again is unfortunate for our stakeholders, but we will have 2 years' newer state of the art equipment with even greater capabilities when complete. (Jon)

RTCC –Mobility Manger – Dana Wood, Mobility Manager

IMTPR:

-The January 17th quarterly meeting will decide priority projects for the 2050 statewide plan. The IMTPR received 7 requests for letters of support for projects that are submitting federal RAISE grant applications. Only 2 Multimodal (MMOF) applications were submitted, so the group decided to open up the application again to solicit more from the group.

RTTC:

-First 2025 meeting is on February 5th virtually. We will be electing a new Chair! Treadshare and CASTA will be presenting at the meeting about a new carpooling app and transportation funding/legislation for 2025, along with RTCC project updates from project leads.

Economic Development District (EDD) – Rachel Lunney, Director

2025 NWCCOG Regional Economic Summit – May 1, 2025 at the Silverthorne Pavilion. SAVE THE DATE! The day will kick off with a presentation by Greg Totten, Economist, State Demographer Office. We will have a robust agenda with economic development topics of interest including housing and childcare initiatives in the region, future trends in the ski industry, and efforts in the region to diversity our economy. Stay tuned for more details.

EDA Denver Regional Conference – April 15-17 in Denver. The conference is designed for Economic Development Districts, Revolving Loan Funds, and others engaged in economic development across the region. The NADO

Research Foundation is planning the event with support from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) Denver Regional Office. The EDA Denver Region covers a 10-state footprint (CO, IA, KS, MO, MT, ND, NE, SD, UT, and WY). All NWCCOG EDD board members and stakeholders are invited and encouraged to attend. Details here: <https://www.nado.org/2025edadenver/?tab=1>.

Elevator Inspection Program (EIP) – *David Harris, Director*

After coordination issues with SIPA and their new database vendor CivicServe to integrate the pay port (which SIPA provides for free), the system should be up and running in January. This will greatly improve upon a legacy, single-proprietor supported database we had used for more than a decade, and will integrate scheduling, billing, notices and all data management into one platform backed by a large software provider. Even preparing for the change has allowed the Admin to manage with two what was being managed with three employees.

Kudos for Bryanne and Nichole for all their extra hours in the fall of 2024, making up considerable time lost during an employee transition. Their efforts brought the EIP program from a projected \$150,000 deficit from the budget to exceeding the original projections for 2024. Kudos to David and the family consultants who scanned decades of paper records, eliminating 7 4-drawer file cabinets! This data will go into the new software also. (Jon)

Energy Program – *Doug Jones, Director*

The Energy program brought on-line the training center approved by Council. It was within the anticipated budget range. The framing lead was contracted, but the labor was NWCCOG Energy employees who learned about construction while doing the work.

The program is still in a “Hiring and Hiring and Hiring and Training and Training” mode seeking technicians in all three locations to meet even greater funding in 2025. (Jon)

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

Seven new loans were approved and closed in 2024. Every four years, the NLF applies for a new CDBG Grant and asks the nine counties to sign on. November and December, Anita traveled to Eagle, Garfield, Grand, Jackson, Moffat and Pitkin Counties to meet with County Commissioners. These six have approved to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement and several attachments to the Grant Application. Before March, Anita will visit Rio Blanco, Routt and Summit County Commissioners. While in each county, Anita meets with clients, prospects and bankers.

Northwest Region Healthcare Coalition (NWRHCC) – *Steve Hilley, Readiness and Response Coordinator*

Steve presented on the program at the December Council meeting.

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

Torie provides summaries after each QQ meeting. If you don't receive these but would like to, let Moira or Torie know so they can add you to the list. QQ would like to congratulate outgoing Chair Kathy Chandler-Henry who has served out her maximum allowable term as Eagle County Commissioner.



Vintage – *Erin Fisher, Director*

Vintage Program Update

SB24-040 Report: Adequacy of the State Funding for Senior Services Appropriation

SB24-040 directed the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS), the Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSP), and representatives from Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) to review the adequacy of the appropriation for State Funding for Senior Services (SFSS) for the prior three fiscal years to address the needs of older adults who request services. The full report can be found here <https://bit.ly/SB24-40>

Colorado is home to over 1.2 million individuals over the age of 60, and that number is growing. During the next four-year period, that number is projected to increase by nearly 13%.

Home and community-based services, like those offered through AAAs, are a fraction of the cost of institutional care like nursing and assisted living facilities. Bringing services to people where they live helps save individual and government resources, making this a more sensible approach from both a fiscal and human perspective. Older adults who receive multiple OAA services are more likely to remain in their homes and communities longer than clients receiving one service. In Colorado, 23.6% of AAA clients received two or more registered services in both SFY23 and SFY24.

Findings & Recommendations from the SB24-040 Report

- Develop options for consideration that seek to eliminate the current AAA waiting list.
- Explore a funding model that projects anticipated demands with key factors like inflation, 60+ population growth, percent of adults 75+ living at 125% federal poverty level.
- Explore diversification of funding, including maximizing the drawdown of federal resources & evaluating examples & opportunities for a statewide or local mill levy or special tax.
- Continue to support infrastructure development so AAAs can physically serve increasing numbers of older adults.
- Collaborating with AAAs, CDHS will explore potential changes to the Interstate Funding Formula to ensure that funds are being distributed to the areas with the highest need moving forward.