



AGENDA

Thursday, March 23, 2023

IN PERSON AT NWCCOG SILVERTHORNE/ OR ZOOM

NWCCOG (NLF) 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

EDD 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

VIDEO & PHONE CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Video: Join Zoom Meeting

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NWCCOG COUNCIL MEETING

10:00a.m.		Roll Call – Vice-Chair – Patti Clapper, Roll Call and Determination of Quorum	
	1.	Call to Order –Northwest Loan Fund Board	
		UPDATE: Anita Cameron, Director - Move NLF money from FirstBank to new banks	
	2.	Adjourn NLF Board and Reconvene as NWCCOG Council Meeting	
	*3.	ACTION: Minutes of January 2023 Council Meeting	Pgs. 3-5
	4.	UPDATE: NLF Reports - Documents are for review, not approval - Northwest Loan Fund – Risk Ratings - Northwest Loan Fund – Portfolio Summary - Loan Policy Excerpt as reference for Risk Ratings	Pgs. 6-13
10:05	5.	PRESENTATION: Data from 2023 Member Manager Calls - Jon PPT (presented at meeting) - Discuss use of data - Proposal from Insights Collective – Next Steps (TBD Jon)	Pg. 14
	6.	UPDATE: Programs in Transition, Jon and Becky - Health Care Coalition – Clinical Advisor and CDPHE - NWAHEMR (Letter from Chair Chris Bornholdt GarCO Sheriff's office) - Emergency Managers no longer wish to pursue grants - Pending Direction from State on Fiscal Agent and closeout of Grants - Is there a Handoff	Pg. 15
	7.	NOTICE: 2023 Member Handbook (Is Updated and On-Line) - Primary update are 2023 Officers and Member Representatives - The 2023 Budget can be found here: https://www.nwccog.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2023-FINAL-Draft-Budget-and-2022-Revised-Budget.pdf - Other information under Council Resources -- review	Website
	8.	REMINDER: 2023 EDD Summit - Draft Agenda: https://www.nwccog.org/nwccog-regional-economic-summit-2023/ - Evening Before and after event -- reservations	Link
10:20	9.	UPDATE: Elected Officials Training and Mental Health Project - Discuss feedback from jurisdictions (sent to jurisdictions in Feb) - Finalize Decision to Proceed with Retreat (with details) or Cancel	Pg. 16
10:30	10.	UPDATE: Executive Director Updates: - Assisted with Fraser Town Manager process – 25 hrs, 3 days - Assisted with Avon Council Retreat – 8 hrs - Manager Calls – Progress Report - March DOLA Round - Proposition 123 - NWCCOG Bi-Annual Member Survey -- to be posted after NWCCOG Council meeting, Results summarized at May Council Meeting	Pgs. 17-21

		- Eco Trail Profit and Loss	
	11.	DISCUSSION: Should NWCCOG issue letters of support for various federal funding requests from Members? - Could be many with IRA and IJA and related funding- we have a program now and this could now be covered under our policy of program level support. - Authorize ED or Chair to sign LOS?	Pgs. 22-23
	12.	Program UPDATE: - Regional Grants Navigator, Jonathan Godes Share progress, information and lessons from first month - Summary document in the packet - If you have any questions for our programs that may benefit the whole group, please ask for further detail at this time.	Pgs. 24-28
11:00	13.	Vintage UPDATE: Erin Fisher, Director	Pgs. 29-52
11:10	14.	Congressional and Legislative Updates: - SHRED Act - 2023 Farm Bill and Flexible Partnership Act - Post Offices - USFS Partnership - Broadband – SB23-183 - Should NWCCOG Take positions on any of these?	Pgs. 53-72
11:35	16.	Member Updates: 3 minutes per jurisdiction if time permits	
12:00 p.m.	*17.	Adjourn NWCCOG Meeting, Lunch provided for in person guest, EDD Meeting starts at 12:30	

NEXT NWCCOG MEETING:

Thursday, May 25, 2023 Conference Call from 10am – 12pm

NWCCOG Officers: NWCCOG Council Chair – Alyssa Shenk, NWCCOG Council Vice-Chair – Patti Clapper, NWCCOG Council Secretary-Treasurer – Carolyn Skowrya

NWCCOG Executive Committee: Region XII County members –Josh Blanchard, Patti Clapper, Tim Redmond, Jeanne McQueeney and Randal George. Municipal members – Alyssa Shenk, Geoff Grimmer, Glen Drummond, Kristen Brownson and Carolyn Skowrya.

NWCCOG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) BOARD

12:30 p.m.	1.	Call to Order – EDD Board Chair, DiAnn Butler	
	2.	Roll Call and Determination of Quorum	
	*3.	ACTION: Minutes of January 2023 EDD Board Meeting	Pgs. 73-74
	*4.	ACTION: Approve Amended EDD Bylaws	Pgs. 74-81
	5.	GUEST SPEAKER: Trent Thompson, Economic Development Rep for CO., EDA Denver Regional Office – EDA Programs and Funding Opportunities	
	6.	GUEST SPEAKER: Margie Joy, Community Relationship Manager, Western Slope Colorado, Colorado Housing & Finance Authority (CHFA) – CHFA Programs	
1:30 p.m.	7.	UPDATE: Workforce Update, CDLE Team	
2:00 p.m.	*8.	Adjourn NWCCOG Meeting	

NEXT EDD BOARD MEETING:

Thursday, May 25, 2023 Conference Call from 12:30pm – 2:30pm

EDD Officers: EDD Chair – DiAnn Butler, EDD Vice-Chair – Patti Clapper, EDD Secretary-Treasurer – Ashley Macdonald

* requires a vote

Please notify office@nwccog.org 5 days in advance if you require any accommodations to attend this meeting.



Northwest Colorado Council of Governments

NWCCOG Council Meeting

January 26, 2022

Conference Call Only ("Present" means on the call")

Council & EDD Board Members Present:

Alyssa Shenk, Town of Snowmass Village
Jeanne McQueeney, Eagle County
Skippy Mesirow, City of Aspen
Tim Redmond, Routt County
Josh Blanchard, Summit County
Kristen Brownson, Town of Breckenridge
Michelle Eddy, Town of Blue River
Toby Babich, Town of Blue River
John Crone, Town of Grand Lake
Sara Nadolny, Town of Basalt
Patti Clapper, Pitkin County
Ingrid Wussow, City of Glenwood Springs
Randy George, Grand County
DiAnne Butler, Grand County Economic Dev
Lewis Gregory, Town of Fraser
Glen Drummond, Basalt
Geoff Grimmer, Town of Eagle
Josh Blanchard, Summit County
Melissa Mathews, Town of Red Cliff
Ashely Macdonald, Town of Kremmling

Others Present:

Carolyn Tucker, Northwest Colorado Work
Christina Oxley, CDLE
Janeth Stangle, Sen. Bennet's Office

NWCCOG Staff:

Jon Stavney
Anita Cameron
Becky Walter
Doug Jones
Rachel Tuyn
Erin Fisher
Talai Shirey
Nate Walowitz
Jonathan Godes

Call to Order

Alyssa Shenk, NWCCOG Council Chair, called the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments (NWCCOG) meeting to order at 10:30am. Roundtable introductions were completed, and a quorum was present for the group.

2023 NWCCOG Council Member Introductions

Round table introductions

Approval of December 2022 Council Meeting Minutes

M/S: Kristen Brownson/Glen Drummond to approve the December 2022 Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

Passed: Yes

Approval of 2021 NWCCOG Preliminary End of the Year Financials

Jon reviewed the financials and explained the fiscal responsibilities for new council members. Instructions on how to read a bill schedule are provided on the NWCCOG Council Resources page.

M/S: Kristen Brownson/Ashley Macdonald to approve the Preliminary End of Year financials for NWCCOG as presented.

Passed: Yes

Jackson County

Jackson County has decided to not pay NWCCOG member dues after it was confirmed that NWCCOG Vintage, Energy, EDD will continue to serve the Jackson County. They are not making an official request from the state to be removed from the NWCCOG Region. NWCCOG will take this as a temporary loss to Council and will leave the Council Members as vacant for the time being.

Election of NWCCOG Officers, Municipal Members to the Executive Committee

NWCCOG Officers are voted in every two years. Alyssa Shenk confirmed that the 2021/2022 Officers agreed to continue as NWCCOG Officers.

M/S: Jeanne McQueeney/Skippy Mesirow to renew current NWCCOG Officers to two-year term serving 2023/2024.

A conversation was had to fill vacant Municipal Members of the Executive Committee which serve a one-year term. Representatives from counties are automatically elected to Executive Committee. The following five NWCCOG Council members agreed to fill as Executive Committee municipal members: Kristen Brownson, Glen Drummond, Geoff Grimmer, Carolyn Skowyra and Alyssa Shenk

M/S: Patti Clapper/Tim Redmond to elect Kristen Brownson, Glen Drummond, Geoff Grimmer, Carolyn Skowyra and Alyssa Shenk as the five members to the 2023 Executive Committee

Designate County Health Pool (CHP) Representative for 2023

There was a discussion regarding the responsibilities as CHP Representative and it was recommended that Talai Shirey and Jon Stavney be re-elected as CHP 2023 representatives.

M/S: Geoff Grimmer/Ashley Macdonald to appoint Talai Shirey and Jon Stavney as CHP representative for 2023

Passed: Yes

Introduction of Jonathan Godes NWCCOG Regional Grants Navigator

Jonathan Godes was recently contracted by NWCCOG as the Regional Grants Navigator. He was introduced by Jon and by himself at this meeting.

The funds are appropriated annually through legislature via OEDIT and may be authorized to renew for five years. Once OEDIT finalizes the contract with NWCCOG, Jon and Jonathan will complete his Contract and he will be ready to take on the position. There was some concern regarding potential conflict of interest which Alyssa shared with Jon before the meeting. Jon checked with the NWCCOG attorney who confirmed there is not an issue employing an elected official from a member jurisdiction either in state law or in NWCCOG by-laws. Following discussion, it was agreed that NWCCOG should put some side boards in Jonathan's contract and consider a policy (that would have the ED check-in with attorney and Council Chair first) regarding hiring elected officials from a Member Jurisdiction for a NWCCOG contracted/employee position. NWCCOG attorney in the email noted that NWCCOG policy should also be updated to state clearly that all hires and contracting for positions is the purview of the Executive Director, not the Council (removing conflict of interest by Council members in the selection of employees or contractors).

There was a request for a list of funds available through the IRA and IJA bills., Jonathan Godes committed send out the list and recommended one on one conversations as soon as he has officially taken on the role.

Elected Officials Training and Mental Health Project

This matter was continued from the previous meeting in which it was requested that ELC and Jon put together a flyer and agenda for Elected Official's Mental Health retreat to be circulated among the members to gauge interest in such a workshop. Those documents were in the packet for review and an OK to distribute. Skippy discussed with the Aspen attorney who recommended that there would be a conflict of interest perhaps with the City of Aspen or NWCCOG in having NWCCOG pay a sitting NWCCOG representative for facilitating a retreat. General consensus in the discussion among the members at this meeting agreed. Patti Clapper had several concerns with regards to NWCCOG partnering with the Elected Leaders Collective under any terms, questioning the facilitator's credentials with regard to mental health counseling. One change from the prior meeting to the flyer presented in this meeting is for there to be a charge per attendee that would cover most of the lodging, but no proceeds would go toward paying the facilitator. Skippy and Jamie agreed to provide services at no cost and collaborated with Jon to create a new cost and schedule. The current proposal is that NWCCOG front the cost for the conference lodging and food and charge dues/person. If there was enough interest, much of NWCCOG's front cost could be recovered through attendee fees. It was clarified that input from member jurisdictions would be considered at the March meeting in which the Council would decide to move forward with the retreat, modify the terms or not move forward with the retreat.

Multi-Agency Energy Resilience Goal Collaborations

At the request of Council from late 2022, Kara Silbernagel and Bryan Hannegan presented the Roaring Fork AABC Integrated Clean Energy project, A DOLA Funded Collaboration between Holy Cross Energy, RFTA, the Aspen/Pitkin

County Airport and Pitkin County. There was much discussion and interest in similar projects are being discussed in Eagle County among other places. PPT with detailed information about the project is on the Council Resources website.

Legislative Update

Matthew Kireker, Sen. Bennet's Office applauds everything Holy Cross is working on with the Multi-Agency Energy Resilience. The Energy and Natural Resource Committee will be marking up the SHRED Act which means that it needs to be formally re-introduced. Sen. Bennet's office may request a letter of support from NWCCOG. He also noted to be prepared in early February to think about priorities for congressionally directed funding. The Republicans in House felt there may be \$178M across 65-70 projects. There will be a briefing coming up in February.

Program Updates

Program updates are provided in each packet for review. Instead of reading through each update, members can review and contact Jon with questions.

Insight Collective

The meeting ran out of time, so Jon suggested that he speak with Alyssa regarding some partial funding for project development with the IC. He will be making calls to Managers and would like IC to do similar input collecting from other parties with partial funding so that NWCCOG could make a better DOLA grant request in March.

New Business

An updated Elected Officials List was provided in packet, please let us know if your jurisdiction has any edits. Jon mentioned that NWCCOG plans to update this regularly and send introductory emails to newly elected officials (and any appointed since) following each election. The list was requested by QQ so they can begin doing the same. Housing Colorado Summary in packet.

Adjournment

M/S: Kristen Brownson/Ashley Macdonald adjourned the NWCCOG Council meeting at 12:13 p.m.

Passed: Yes

Alyssa Shenk, NWCCOG Council Chair

Date

Risk Ratings Report through 02/28/2023
By Funding Source, For All Funds
Grouped by Risk Rating > Fund

LoanID	Borrower	Fund	Subfund	Loan Amount	Principal Balance	30d	30d +	60d +	90d +	120d +	150d +	180d +	Risk Rating	Rating Date	Reserve Percentage	Reserve Amount
Risk Rating: B. Watch, Fund: CDBG																
2014-0313		CDBG	CDBG-13-589	20,000.00	4,564.45	90.00							B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	456.45
2017-0914		CDBG	CDBG-16-602	250,000.00	164,976.29								B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	16,497.63
2018-0305		CDBG	CDBG-16-602	280,000.00	193,878.05	4,400.00	4,400.00	4,400.00					B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	19,387.81
2018-0510		CDBG	CDBG-16-602	25,000.00	12,834.29								B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	1,283.43
2018-0913		CDBG	CDBG-16-602	98,000.00	17,261.11								B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	1,726.11
2019-0516-1		CDBG	CDBG-16-602	95,000.00	80,401.42	1,130.00	1,130.00	1,130.00	1,130.00	1,130.00			B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	8,040.14
2019-0516-2		CDBG	CDBG-16-602	50,000.00	18,409.12								B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	1,840.91
2019-1010		CDBG	CDBG-16-602	100,000.00	95,554.66								B. Watch	08/04/2022	10.00%	9,555.47
2020-0213		CDBG	CDBG-16-602	100,000.00	63,838.78								B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	6,383.88
2020-0326		CDBG	CDBG-16-602	51,000.00	24,454.13								B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	2,445.41
2020-0514 CDBG		CDBG	CDBG-20-630	60,000.00	50,851.18								B. Watch	07/28/2021	10.00%	5,085.12
2021-0610-3		CDBG	CDBG-20-630-Covid	75,000.00	39,214.14	0.68							B. Watch	07/28/2021	10.00%	3,921.41
2021-0708-1		CDBG	CDBG-20-630-Covid	210,000.00	181,324.98								B. Watch	01/31/2022	10.00%	18,132.50

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2021-0708-2		CDBG	CDBG-20-630-Covid	80,000.00	71,249.32								B. Watch	08/10/2021	10.00%	7,124.93
2022-0113		CDBG	CDBG-20-630-Covid	80,000.00	67,569.60								B. Watch	03/01/2022	10.00%	6,756.96
2022-0113-2		CDBG	CDBG-20-630	250,000.00	231,458.39								B. Watch	02/16/2022	10.00%	23,145.84
2022-0714 CDBG		CDBG	CDBG-20-630	60,000.00	56,879.47								B. Watch	08/04/2022	10.00%	5,687.95
2023-0206		CDBG	CDBG-20-630	18,700.00	18,000.00								B. Watch	02/23/2023	10.00%	1,800.00
B. Watch - CDBG: 18 loans				1,902,700.00	1,392,719.38											139,271.95
Risk Rating: B. Watch, Fund: Energize Loans																
2021-0311-E		Energize Loans	Energize Loans	20,000.00	9,168.74								B. Watch	06/02/2021	10.00%	916.87
2021-0311-E2		Energize Loans	Energize Loans	20,000.00	9,781.07								B. Watch	06/02/2021	10.00%	978.11
2021-0408E		Energize Loans	Energize Loans	20,000.00	9,920.45	617.94	31.84						B. Watch	05/10/2021	10.00%	992.05
B. Watch - Energize Loans: 3 loans				60,000.00	28,870.26											2,887.03
Risk Rating: B. Watch, Fund: Forest Service Loan Fund																
2022-0714 FSLF		Forest Service Loan Fund	Forest Service Loan Fund	132,650.00	125,695.39								B. Watch	08/04/2022	10.00%	12,569.54
B. Watch - Forest Service Loan Fund: 1 loans				132,650.00	125,695.39											12,569.54
Risk Rating: B. Watch, Fund: Revolved																
2019-0516-1R		Revolved	Revolved	295,000.00	250,698.59	3,618.00	3,618.00	3,618.00	3,618.00	3,618.00			B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	25,069.86
2019-0925		Revolved	Revolved	13,580.00	2,022.65								B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	202.27

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2019-1216		Revolved	Revolved	50,000.00	37,910.39								B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	3,791.04
2020-0213R		Revolved	Revolved	100,000.00	104.12								B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	10.41
2020-0330		Revolved	Revolved	100,000.00	38,049.66								B. Watch	03/31/2020	10.00%	3,804.97
2020-0514 R		Revolved	Revolved	110,000.00	92,792.34								B. Watch	07/28/2021	10.00%	9,279.23
2021-0610- 2		Revolved	Revolved	54,000.00	27,881.98	0.02							B. Watch	01/10/2022	10.00%	2,788.20
2021-1014- 2		Revolved	Revolved	56,000.00	51,349.50	120.60							B. Watch	11/08/2021	10.00%	5,134.95
2022-0113- R9		Revolved	Revolved	50,000.00	43,814.38								B. Watch	02/28/2023	10.00%	4,381.44
2022-0714 R		Revolved	Revolved	40,000.00	37,902.80								B. Watch	08/04/2022	10.00%	3,790.28
B. Watch - Revolved: 10 loans				868,580.00	582,526.41											58,252.65
B. Watch: 32 loans				2,963,930.00	2,129,811.44											212,981.17
Risk Rating: L. Probable Loss, Fund: CDBG																
2020-0331		CDBG	CDBG-16-602	60,000.00	54,000.00	606.00	606.00	606.00	606.00	606.00	606.00	4,302.00	L. Probable Loss	01/10/2022	100.00%	54,000.00
L. Probable Loss - CDBG: 1 loans				60,000.00	54,000.00											54,000.00
L. Probable Loss: 1 loans				60,000.00	54,000.00											54,000.00
Risk Rating: A. Satisfactory , Fund: CDBG																
2020-0910a		CDBG	CDBG-20-630	60,000.00	30,643.69								A. Satisfactory	10/15/2020	1.00%	306.44

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2021-0311		CDBG	CDBG-20-630-Covid	40,000.00	15,135.85								A. Satisfactory	04/21/2021	1.00%	151.36
2021-0408-2		CDBG	CDBG-20-630	200,000.00	175,366.58								A. Satisfactory	07/19/2021	1.00%	1,753.67
2021-0610-1		CDBG	CDBG-20-630-Covid	93,000.00	80,054.28								A. Satisfactory	06/24/2021	1.00%	800.54
2022-0811-1		CDBG	CDBG-20-630-Covid	400,000.00	65.18								A. Satisfactory	09/02/2022	1.00%	0.65
A. Satisfactory - CDBG: 5 loans				793,000.00	301,265.58											3,012.66
Risk Rating: A. Satisfactory , Fund: Revolved																
2021-1014-1		Revolved	Revolved	243,000.00	224,817.31	2,608.00	901.60						A. Satisfactory	11/09/2021	1.00%	2,248.17
2021-1116		Revolved	Revolved	40,000.00	30,978.66								A. Satisfactory	01/10/2022	1.00%	309.79
A. Satisfactory - Revolved: 2 loans				283,000.00	255,795.97											2,557.96
Risk Rating: A. Satisfactory , Fund: State OEDIT																
2020-0910b		State OEDIT	OEDIT-2017	30,000.00	15,322.09								A. Satisfactory	10/15/2020	1.00%	153.22
A. Satisfactory - State OEDIT: 1 loans				30,000.00	15,322.09											153.22
A. Satisfactory : 8 loans				1,106,000.00	572,383.64											5,723.84
Risk Rating: F. Foreclosure, Fund: Revolved																
2019-0910		Revolved	Revolved	79,500.00	71,098.27	855.00	855.00	855.00	855.00	855.00	855.00		F. Foreclosure	01/10/2022	80.00%	56,878.62
F. Foreclosure - Revolved: 1 loans				79,500.00	71,098.27											56,878.62
F. Foreclosure: 1 loans				79,500.00	71,098.27											56,878.62
Report total: 42 loans				4,209,430.00	2,827,293.35											329,583.63

Portfolio Summary Report for All Funds -- ACTIVE ACCOUNTS
By Funding Source
(All transactions)

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					Cumulative Pmts		Latest Pmts		Periods Past Due							
LoanID	Borrower	Close Date	Loan Amount	Principal Balance	Principal	Interest	Amount	Date	30d	30d +	60d +	90d +	120d +	150d +	180d +	Days Past
Fund: CDBG, Subfund: CDBG-13-589																
2014-0313		05/05/2014	20,000 00	4,564.45	15,435 55	5,577 81	125 34	02/16/2023	90 00							< 30
CDBG - CDBG-13-589: 1 loans			20,000 00	4,564.45	15,435 55	5,577 81	125 34		90 00							
Fund: CDBG, Subfund: CDBG-16-602																
2020-0331		04/04/2020	60,000 00	54,000 00	6,000 00		6,000 00	02/15/2023	606 00	606 00	606 00	606 00	606 00	606 00	4,302 00	180 +
2018-0510		03/20/2020	25,000 00	12,834 29	12,165.71	1,657 29	460 00	01/09/2023								< 30
2018-0305		06/18/2018	280,000 00	193,878 05	86,121 95	46,578 05	4,400 00	10/07/2022	4,400 00	4,400 00	4,400 00					60 +
2019-0516-1		05/20/2019	95,000 00	80,401.42	14,598 58	12,521.42	1,130 00	06/05/2022	1,130 00	1,130 00	1,130 00	1,130 00	1,130 00			120 +
2017-0914		08/04/2018	250,000 00	164,976 29	85,023.49	44,463 61	2,818 00	02/03/2023								< 30
2018-0913		09/24/2018	98,000 00	17,261.11	80,738 89	13,629.11	1,966 00	02/03/2023								< 30
2019-0516-2		05/29/2019	50,000 00	18,409.12	31,590 88	6,409.12	1,000 00	02/20/2023								< 30
2020-0326		03/30/2020	51,000 00	24,454.13	26,545 87	3,454.13	1,000 00	02/20/2023								< 30
2019-1010		11/07/2019	100,000 00	95,554 66	4,445 34	9,050 66	500 00	01/28/2023								< 30
2020-0213		02/20/2020	100,000 00	63,838.78	36,161 22	9,395 20	1,501 50	01/28/2023								< 30
CDBG - CDBG-16-602: 10 loans			1,109,000 00	725,607 85	383,391 93	147,158 59	20,775 50		6,136 00	6,136 00	6,136 00	1,736 00	1,736 00	606 00	4,302 00	
Fund: CDBG, Subfund: CDBG-20-630																
2022-0113-2		02/16/2022	250,000 00	231,458 39	18,541 61	13,006 39	2,868 00	02/23/2023								< 30
2023-0206		02/23/2023	18,700 00	18,000 00			360 00	02/28/2023								< 30
2022-0714 CDBG		07/28/2022	60,000 00	56,879.47	3,120 53	1,954.47	1,015 00	01/28/2023								< 30
2020-0514 CDBG		05/18/2020	60,000 00	50,851.18	9,148 82	7,953 63	603.75	02/07/2023								< 30
2021-0408-2		07/19/2021	200,000 00	175,366 58	24,633.42	12,244 08	2,048.75	02/03/2023								< 30
2020-0910a		10/15/2020	60,000 00	30,643 69	29,356 31	5,150 61	1,144 67	02/03/2023								< 30
CDBG - CDBG-20-630: 6 loans			648,700 00	563,199 31	84,800 69	40,309.18	8,040.17									
Fund: CDBG, Subfund: CDBG-20-630-Covid																
2022-0113		01/20/2022	80,000 00	67,569 60	12,430.40	3,311 55	1,520 00	02/17/2023								< 30
2021-0708-1		01/31/2022	210,000 00	181,324 98	28,675 02	10,324 98	2,600 00	02/02/2023								< 30

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LoanID	Borrower	Close Date	Loan Amount	Principal Balance	Cumulative Pmts		Latest Pmts		Periods Past Due							Days Past
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2022-0811-1		09/02/2022	400,000 00	65.18	399,934 82	12,492 57	352,437 39	02/22/2023								< 30
2021-0708-2		08/10/2021	80,000 00	71,249 32	8,750 68	5,840 93	944.17	01/24/2023								< 30
2021-0610-3		07/28/2021	75,000 00	39,214.14	35,785 86	4,825 96	2,594 00	02/13/2023	0 68							< 30
2021-0610-1		06/24/2021	93,000 00	80,054 28	12,945.72	6,706 32	2,022.74	02/03/2023								< 30
2021-0311		04/21/2021	40,000 00	15,135 85	24,864.15	2,826.11	1,600 00	02/03/2023								< 30
CDBG - CDBG-20-630-Covid: 7 loans			978,000 00	454,613 35	523,386 65	46,328.42	363,718 30		0 68							
CDBG: 24 loans			2,755,700 00	1,747,984 96	1,007,014 82	239,374 00	392,659 31		6,226 68	6,136 00	6,136 00	1,736 00	1,736 00	606 00	4,302 00	
Fund: Energize Loans, Subfund: Energize Loans																
2021-0311-E2		06/02/2021	20,000 00	9,781 07	10,218 93	369 57	704 00	02/03/2023								< 30
2021-0408E		05/10/2021	20,000 00	9,920.45	10,079 55	393 59	617 94	02/17/2023	617 94	31 84						30 +
2021-0311-E		06/02/2021	20,000 00	9,168.74	10,831 26	369 69	700 00	02/03/2023								< 30
Energize Loans - Energize Loans: 3 loans			60,000 00	28,870 26	31,129.74	1,132 85	2,021 94		617 94	31 84						
Energize Loans: 3 loans			60,000 00	28,870 26	31,129.74	1,132 85	2,021 94		617 94	31 84						
Fund: Forest Service Loan Fund, Subfund: Forest Service Loan Fund																
2022-0714 FSLF		07/28/2022	132,650 00	125,695 39	6,954 61	4,320 39	2,255 00	01/28/2023								< 30
Forest Service Loan Fund - Forest Service Loan Fund: 1 loans			132,650 00	125,695 39	6,954 61	4,320 39	2,255 00									
Forest Service Loan Fund: 1 loans			132,650 00	125,695 39	6,954 61	4,320 39	2,255 00									
Fund: Revolved, Subfund: Revolved																
2019-0910		10/09/2019	79,500 00	71,098 27	8,401.73	10,159 27	4,275 00	09/06/2022	855 00	855 00	855 00	855 00	855 00	855 00		150 +
2021-1116		11/18/2021	40,000 00	30,978 66	9,021 34	2,378 66	760 00	02/23/2023								< 30
2019-0516-1R		05/20/2019	295,000 00	250,698 59	44,301.41	38,912 59	3,618 00	06/05/2022	3,618 00	3,618 00	3,618 00	3,618 00	3,618 00			120 +
2019-1216		12/19/2019	50,000 00	37,910 39	12,089 61	5,551 89	570 00	02/03/2023								< 30
2020-0330		04/02/2020	100,000 00	38,049 66	11,950 34	3,580 56	502 00	02/03/2023								< 30
2021-1014-2		11/08/2021	56,000 00	51,349 50	4,650 50	3,670 90	603 00	02/27/2023	120 60							< 30
2021-1014-1		11/09/2021	243,000 00	224,817 31	18,182 69	14,819.71	2,738.40	01/24/2023	2,608 00	901 60						30 +

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LoanID	Borrower	Close Date	Loan Amount	Principal Balance	Principal	Interest	Amount	Date	30d	30d +	60d +	90d +	120d +	150d +	180d +	Days Past
2022-0714 R		07/28/2022	40,000 00	37,902 80	2,097 20	1,302 80	680 00	01/28/2023								< 30
2022-0113-R9		01/25/2022	50,000 00	43,814 38	6,185 62	2,483 61	2,890.47	02/27/2023								< 30
2020-0514 R		05/18/2020	110,000 00	92,792 34	17,207 66	14,554 02	1,121 25	02/07/2023								< 30
2021-0610-2		06/21/2021	54,000 00	27,881 98	12,831 82	2,546.76	1,179 00	02/07/2023	0 02							< 30
2020-0213R		02/20/2020	100,000 00	104.12	40,433 38	2,120 05	1,501 50	01/28/2023								< 30
2019-0925		10/15/2019	13,580 00	2,022 65	11,557 35	899 00	333 00	02/07/2023								< 30
Revolved - Revolved: 13 loans			1,231,080 00	909,420 65	198,910 65	102,979 82	20,771 62		7,201 62	5,374 60	4,473 00	4,473 00	4,473 00	855 00		
Revolved: 13 loans			1,231,080 00	909,420 65	198,910 65	102,979 82	20,771 62		7,201 62	5,374 60	4,473 00	4,473 00	4,473 00	855 00		
Fund: State OEDIT, Subfund: OEDIT-2017																
2020-0910b		10/15/2020	30,000 00	15,322 09	14,677 91	2,575 32	572 33	02/03/2023								< 30
State OEDIT - OEDIT-2017: 1 loans			30,000 00	15,322 09	14,677 91	2,575 32	572 33									
State OEDIT: 1 loans			30,000 00	15,322 09	14,677 91	2,575 32	572 33									
Report total: 42 loans			4,209,430 00	2,827,293 35	1,258,687.73	350,382 38	418,280 20		14,046 24	11,542.44	10,609 00	6,209 00	6,209 00	1,461 00	4,302 00	



2022 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%

From: Chris Cares (RRC) <chris@rrcassociates.com>

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 1:53 PM

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Cc: Ralf Garrison <ralf@ralfgarrison.com>

Subject: FW: Bullet points

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Hi Jon,

Hoping this is what you had in mind. Our plan is to expand this outline into a more traditional proposal for your review early next week and your use at mtg. on 3/23. Feel free to edit and change to fit the tone of what you are sending out. The small headlines could be used, with rest of text deleted, if that is best for your agenda.

For Jon and his agenda going out COB today:

Ongoing discussions with Insights Collective team are resulting in a proposal that will be discussed on 3/23. The understanding is that the proposal will address the evolving changes in public policy related to tourism and economic development that are resulting in a potential need for new Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and expanded attention to community management needs. Deliverables from IC team will include at a minimum:

- IC team conducts selected additional interviews. Assessment of results from my (Jon's) interviews, and the IC team will then conduct additional in-depth interviews with selected representatives from communities to broaden understanding of current situation and evolving challenges and needs. Written documentation of the IC interview findings will be provided.
- IC drafts proposed survey questions. Based on findings to date, IC team will develop a Quantitative Survey to be used to more precisely measure and fully understand tourism and community economic trends as experienced by NWCCOG members and allied organizations such as DMOs. Draft survey will be available for internal use prior to Economic Forum.
- Conduct a facilitated presentation at the Economic Forum on May 4th with interactive feedback and input from attendees. IC team will present thought-provoking discussion of information gathered to date. The team will present initial ideas on a new foundation for considering tourism in mountain communities and will introduce discussion around some of the associated new KPIs. In-person participation at the forum is anticipated with three or more IC team members present lead by Ralf Garrison.
- Refining and fielding the Quantitative Survey. IC will tabulate and analyze survey results and present findings in an action-oriented overview report. The survey will follow and build on the input to date including the Economic Forum.
- Developing an Action Plan of next steps for NWCCOG as an organization, and for members. IC will present a brief written report based on overall investigation, to include discussion of status of Proof of Concept related to new KPIs and a different foundation for considering tourism and economic trends in the context of West Slope communities.



NORTHWEST ALL-HAZARD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REGION

28th February 2023

NWAHEMR's Future,

The NWR will no longer be applying for Homeland Security grants as a region. Individual agencies within the NWR may apply for the grant as long as they are willing to be the fiscal agent for the entire grant period. No more than two agencies can apply in a single year. We will no longer be using NWCCOG as our fiscal agent for any future grants. Once the current grants fiscal responsibilities are completed with the state NWCCOG's services will be terminated. The NWAHEMR will meet as part of the NWR ESF5 meeting to discuss any business as it may arise. The NWAHEMR Chair will coordinate all grant monitoring with the ten Emergency Manager's and will remain the contact for all future correspondence.

As a ten county region we all agree to the statements above.

Chris Bornholdt

NWAHEMR Chair



Elected Officials Mental Health Survey Results

Jurisdiction	Respondent	Interested	Comment
Town of Breckenridge	V. Peyton Rogers	No	Rcvd. Response from 1/6 Council members not to participate
Town of Red Cliff	Melissa Matthews	No	Our municipality is not in favor of this, as they do not see the value in it, personally.
City of Aspen	Sara Ott	No	At this time my elected officials, sans Skippy, have expressed no interest in this event and have been satisfied with the other services offered in this area. There is not staff interest either.
Eagle County	Jeanne McQueeney	No	We feel that we have access to a good number of training and support programs through the organizations we currently work with. We realize we have resources through Eagle Valley Behavioral Health that other communities may not have access to so we consider ourselves quite lucky.
Town of Hayden	Sharon Johnson	Yes	The Town of Hayden has an elected official, Erin Wallace, Councilmember requesting to attend the retreat

From: McIntire - DOLA, Kate <kate.mcintire@state.co.us>

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 8:51 PM

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Cc: Talai Shirey <tshirey@nwccog.org>

Subject: Re: FW: Reminder - Prop 123 Local Government Commitment Workshop on 3/15

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Hi Jon and Talai -

Here is what I have on Prop 123 from a recent presentation. Also, I think they recorded the webinar from earlier today and will try to find the link to the recording and send that too so that you can forward along to folks who are interested in learning more.

Please let me know what else I can provide! Thanks, Kate

What's coming with Proposition 123 programs:

- Approx. \$145M in 2023 and \$290M in 2024
- DOLA programs to include:
 - Homelessness response and prevention (DOH)
 - Homeownership opportunities (DOH)
 - Lending and equity investments in affordable rental housing
 - Manufactured, modular and innovative housing financing support
 - Local planning capacity program (DLG)
- DLG will manage the local planning capacity grants to support municipalities and counties in adopting and staffing their Fast Track processes.
- OEDIT and CHFA programs
 - Lending and equity investments in affordable rental housing
 - Manufactured, modular and innovative housing financing support

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From: Prop123 - DOLA, DOLA <dola_prop123@state.co.us>

Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 3:18 PM

Subject: Reminder - Prop 123 Local Government Commitment Workshop on 3/15

Good afternoon, local government officials, administrators, and other interested parties.

If you have not already done so, you may [register and participate via Zoom](#) for our workshop scheduled for tomorrow. This virtual stakeholder engagement workshop will take place from **12 noon to 2:00 p.m. (mountain) on Wednesday, March 15, 2023**. Please note that we have a full agenda and will start the meeting on time. The planned agenda is as follows:

12:00 - 12:05 p.m. - meeting format

12:05 - 12:15 p.m. - high level overview of Prop 123

12:15 - 12:45 p.m. - review of “affordable housing” definition and baseline calculations

12:45 - 1:15 p.m. - discuss baseline designation/petition and commitment process

1:15 - 1:25 p.m. - walkthrough of interactive website

1:25 - 1:40 p.m. - what does compliance look like, and fast-track process

1:40 - 1:55 p.m. - high-level overview of funding programs, including timing of funds

1:55 - 2:00 p.m. - next steps

The top question we have been receiving since we shared this information three weeks ago is how did you arrive at these numbers? Below is the methodology we utilized for calculating the [baseline reference data table](#). We plan to go over this information in more detail starting at 12:15 p.m.

- This information was tabulated by the Division of Housing to assist local governments in understanding how an affordable housing baseline and annual goal can differ based on the income limit used to calculate that baseline. Local governments (municipality, or county for unincorporated areas) are responsible for setting their own baseline. This information is a starting point and may be used as reference materials to assist in the development of baselines and to inform the design of other resources as localities work towards determining their own baselines. To further assist with this decision-

making, below is the methodology we deployed to make these calculations for consideration by local governments.

- The data used to create the baseline references are sourced from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy. These sources are used to determine the estimated number of rental units at a given gross rent range, ownership units at given value ranges, in addition to the portion of rental or ownership stock that may be available as suggested by recent movers over the past four years.
- Estimates for municipalities are provided by the Census Bureau without the need for further analysis; municipalities are already included in Census Bureau datasets that contain places (though these do include Census Designated Places that are unincorporated). Conversely, we calculated estimates for unincorporated areas of counties by subtracting the estimates of municipalities from the county or counties that they lie within.
- Data from the American Community Survey was collected from the period of 2017 to 2021 and may be considered as roughly from 2019 while data from the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy was collected from 2015 through 2019 and may be considered as roughly from 2017. Income limits are provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the form of Area Median Incomes for Federal Fiscal Year 2022, and from the American Community Survey 2021 for the state median household income.
- The proposition allows for baselines to be calculated using the income limit of an adjacent jurisdiction. Adjacency is determined based on a county adjacency file from the National Bureau of Economic Research. This also includes neighboring state counties for our border jurisdictions. For these references, income limits are displayed for counties that may not necessarily border municipalities yet do border the county or counties that the municipality lies within. This is done to provide more options for municipalities compared to determining adjacency based on actual shared boundaries for municipalities which would be more restrictive. A good example is Littleton, which is able to draw from data for counties bordering Arapahoe, Douglas, or Jefferson counties.
- Furthermore, the home value, gross rent, and recent mover estimate data provided by HUD and the ACS is joined with income limit data to determine the portion of units that are affordable within each range for homes (for example, from \$400,000 to \$499,999) and rental units (for example, from \$1,000 to \$1,249) based on each income limit (for example, the area median income of the jurisdiction's own county). The resulting dataset illustrates how the amount of housing that is considered as affordable within a jurisdiction differs based on the income limit that drives the affordability calculation.
- Rental units are affordable if the gross rent of the unit is affordable at 60% of the selected income limit, while home ownership units are affordable if the value of the home is equal to or less than the income limit multiplied by 3.5 (to calculate the home value to income ratio). The home value to income ratio was derived from mortgages originated for home purchase in Colorado in 2019, made available through the Home

Mortgage Disclosure Act Dataset published by the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau.

- The estimated baseline amount is further adjusted to consider the amount of housing that is not just affordable, but also available, by prorating the estimated amount of affordable housing by the portion of recent movers within that type of stock (owned or rented) for each jurisdiction. This affordable housing stock not only accounts for subsidized and restricted housing stock (e.g. deed and covenant), but also naturally occurring affordable market rate units as intended by the proposition. The end result of these aggregations gives localities a potential baseline to consider and a starting point in which to build its annual commitment estimates outlined by Proposition 123.

For those that cannot make it to tomorrow's meeting or may end up missing part of it, it will be recorded and posted on our [webpage](#).

Keep an eye out another email from us towards the end of this week and early next week inviting you to participate in our next workshop where we will focus a discussion on the Proposition 123 funded programs that will be administered by the Division of Housing and its partners:

- an affordable home ownership program
- a program serving persons experiencing homelessness
- a local planning capacity development program

It is scheduled to take place virtually on Friday, 3/24 from 2-4 p.m. Details on how to join this meeting will be included in our next communication.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Maulid Miskell
Deputy Division Director

NWCCOG Foundation Inc.
Profit & Loss
January 2020 through February 2023

	Jan '20 - Feb 23
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4250 · Reimbursed Expenses	718.96
4600 · Contributions Income	68,850.33
4800 · Program Income	
4865 · EcoTrails Fee Income	4,410.95
Total 4800 · Program Income	4,410.95
Total Income	73,980.24
Expense	
6186 · Fundraising Expense	718.96
7320 · Pass Through Funds	68,850.33
Total Expense	69,569.29
Net Ordinary Income	4,410.95
Net Income	4,410.95

From: Charles McCarthy <CMcCarthy@wpgov.com>
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Subject: Letter of support for electric vehicle grant

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Good afternoon Jon,

Hope all is well at the COG. I'm currently submitting the draft application for the 5339c Grant which will help the Town of Winter Park with the purchasing of a new electric bus and charging infrastructure. A new electric vehicle will help not only Winter Park's sustainability goals, but also the transportation and energy efficiency goals set forth by the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments.

Attached you'll find a template for a draft letter of support for the purchase of an electric bus and charging infrastructure. Feel free to edit the letter as much as you see fit.

I sincerely appreciate your time.



Charles McCarthy
Transit Manager | Town of Winter Park, CO
50 Vasquez Rd. | P.O. Box 3327
Winter Park, CO 80482
970.726.8081 x210

FTA Office of Program Management
Federal Transit Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Ms. Nuria Fernandez,

Northwest Colorado Council of Governments is thrilled to write in support of the Bus and Bus Facilities grant being submitted by the Town of Winter Park for our local transit system, The Lift. As our community grows and develops it is imperative that our local transit infrastructure modernizes with current technology that supports maintaining our pristine alpine environment.

Speak to any two or three points in the agency's own voice: Feel free to add any talking points on how this project could benefit your agency's goals going forward.

- Electrification of the fleet means less carbon emissions being output into the fragile alpine environment that our mountain economy relies heavily on.
- This project would help achieve regional and state goals as set forth in the Colorado Statewide Transit Plan 2045.
- Vehicle electrification helps to offset costly maintenance projects.
- Electrifying the bus fleet helps to generate indirect economic benefits.
- This project would help to meet the governor's goal of 940,000 zero emission vehicles on the road by 2030.

We are delighted to support the Town of Winter Park's application to obtain funding to procure new electric vehicles that will help to support the workers and visitors of the Fraser Valley. If you have any questions regarding our support for this project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

(Signature)



PROGRAM UPDATES

To: NWCCOG Council
From: NWCCOG Staff
Date: March 2023
Re: Program Updates

The following are events of note occurring since the August 2022 NWCCOG Council meeting.

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

Much of what I've been doing as ED will be reported out during the meeting, including 60 minute (average) calls with each of the 30 Member Jurisdiction managers to gather data and raw material for further NWCCOG work such as reports and newsletters. The calls have been a good way to prove truth of concept for a number of issues.

The transitions of the HCC program coordinating with CDPHE and the closeout of the NWAHEMR program have mostly been Becky's work though we communicate regularly with the state agencies and each other on these.

I've been honored to facilitate an Avon Town Council Retreat, they are also having me back to interview direct reports for the Town Manager review again this year for the third year in a row. I assisted the Town of Fraser with their Manager search and interview process which led to the hiring of ATM Michael Brack. Congrats to him.

Both the ELC retreat and then the Insights Collective project have absorbed time.

Further updates to be provided during meeting.

Economic Development District (EDD) – *Rachel Lunney, Director Program*

NWCCOG Regional Economic Summit – registration is open for the 2023 event to be held on Thursday, May 4 from 9 am – 4 pm at the Silverthorne Pavilion. Registration page with draft agenda can be found here:

<https://www.nwccog.org/nwccog-regional-economic-summit-2023/>

Planning Partnership Grant: grant application for next 3-year EDA Planning Partnership grant in the amount of \$210,000 was submitted on 1/31/23. The Annual Progress Report for current grant ending 3.31.23 was submitted on 1.30.23. Touch-base calls with EDA Denver Region staff on 2.6.23 and 3.6.23.

Vintage – *Erin Fisher, Director*

Big congratulations to our friend, Pitkin County senior center director, provider, and Colorado Commission on Aging Chair, Chad Federwitz for winning a national American Society on Aging award! We're thankful to be able to partner with him and Pitkin County to bring great aging services to the area and we're fortunate to have his vision and passion for gerontology and our aging population.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT SERIES 2023

Discover local resources and discuss the challenges and rewards of caregiving presented by professionals and other family caregivers in this interactive & virtual series

Join the Virtual Series with Zoom link:
www.us02web.zoom.us/j/81443098355
 Questions? 970-456-2295

Join us for the final event in the series - in person with Thanatologist Kim Mooney on June 15th. More details soon!

Virtual Series



The Unwritten Rules of a Caregiver: A Panel Discussion
 March 16th @ 10-11am



Caregiver Role Transitions
 Dr. Clair Rummel
 April 13th @ 10-11am



Death By Paperwork: Nitty Gritty Details of Death & Dying
 Amanda Rens-Moon & Becca Arthur
 May 18th @ 10-11am

In Person Event



Kim Mooney
The Most Important Things in My Life
 June 15th @ 9am-12pm

In-person event at the Glenwood Springs Community Center. How to RSVP & more details soon!








FRESH CONVERSATIONS

Fresh Conversations is a free opportunity to connect with other older adults for a friendly discussion focused on nutrition and physical activity education. Join us right from the comfort of your home for a fun conversation that will help you learn how to maintain your health and independence during one of these sessions this month.

Register for one or all topics in the series through Zoom @:
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 Or email Patti
pattimurphyrd@gmail.com for more information/assistance

Nutrition Education Online Series

Join Registered Dietitian Patti Murphy and learn:

Spring 2023

April 19: 1pm - 2pm
 Eggs are Good for You-
 Breaking Down the Research

May 17: 1pm - 2pm
 How Much is Too Much?
 A Discussion on Alcohol

June 21: 1pm - 2pm
 Macular Degeneration-
 A Discussion on Supplements
 & Food that May Help

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Elevator Inspection Program (EIP) – David Harris – Director

I joined the EIP staff for a staff dinner in Dillon recently. They continue to train staff and gain ground on their busy schedule of inspections. No major changes to the program.

Northwest Loan Fund (NLF) – Anita Cameron, Director

Two new loans were approved and closed in February.

This process includes a written recommendation, spreadsheet analysis of debt service coverage, site visits to meet the prospect and see the business, and then a meeting where Loan Committee members ask questions and vote. After approval, Anita makes another trip for the loan closing.

A third application was received, analyzed and is being recommended for approval at the March 9 Loan Committee meeting.

Marshall Forestry, a 2022 loan, was featured in the February E-News. They do important fire mitigation work and offer other forest solutions.

Northwest Region Healthcare Coalition (NWRHCC) – Carmen Flores, Readiness and Response Coordinator

Grant progress: Since the last grant update, the NWRHCC has completed a variety of grant deliverables. In November, we completed our Capability Assessment, which is an opportunity for our coalition to reflect on what we are capable of as a region, what gaps we have, and what are some of our priority areas moving forward. We also conducted a Jurisdictional Risk Assessment, which helps us identify what our most likely hazards are throughout the region and how prepared we are for those risks; this also helps us identify what hazards we should be planning for in the future. We have successfully submitted a draft budget and work plan for the next budget period, which is going through a review process right now. Looking forward, we are due to update our Preparedness Plan and our Radiation Response Annex by March 31st.

HCC Program Sustainability: In February 2023, a Strategic Plan was drafted. This plan is pending Steering Committee review and intended to guide HCC leadership actions and priorities now through the end of the grant cycle (June 2024). We also have added a new position to our staff: Assistant Readiness & Response Coordinator.

Response(s): November and December 2022 marked a significant planning period for the NWRHCC, as a surge of Pediatric illness was causing strain on the healthcare system in Colorado. In the Northwest Region, there are zero Pediatric Care Units and only a small number of Neonatal Care Units, meaning that surge plans needed to be put into

place in case the number of pediatric patients needing care exceeded our regional capacity. Although we almost reached capacity twice, the hospitals in the region were able to sustain care and only transfer out a few patients to other care facilities in Colorado and Utah. The HCC helped by sharing information and data, and also facilitated a call with hospital facilities to share ideas and barriers, and ask questions. An After-Action Report is currently being drafted so that we can identify how our system can improve similar responses in the future.

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 Talai or Torie know so they can add you to the list.

Broadband Program – *Nate Walowitz, Regional Broadband Coordinator*

Broadband Highlights – January 2023

Our local broadband efforts continue in communities across the NWCCOG region as well as statewide on behalf of DOLA to provide technical assistance in support of local broadband efforts. The latest requests for support are coming from the northeast plains.

Community meetings of note:

Fiber IRU with Holy Cross Energy to support Roaring Fork Broadband fiber project (Pitkin County, Aspen, Snowmass Village) meetings and conversations with Holy Cross Energy have finalized the terms of fiber lease from Glenwood Springs to Aspen to support communities along the fiber path. This agreement will be fully executed by the end of March. Next step is to wait for the snow to melt so communities can complete their fiber builds to interconnect to the Holy Cross Energy Fiber.

Holy Cross Energy has also agreed to host the Glenwood Springs network node at their data center. This gives NWCCOG the ability to expand our Project THOR network services in the Roaring Fork Valley and also support our fiber bridges between CDOT and leased fiber from other providers to support the network's northern communities.

Town of Eagle's new Meet Me Center at Public Works is operational. Eagle now has 4 broadband providers connected and serving their community and the surrounding area.

Conversations with Eagle County about improving broadband in Dotsero. Working with HR Green, their broadband consultant, about both area information, potential providers, and Project THOR availability. Conversation extended to discussions with ISPs who reached out to NWCCOG to inquire about the availability of Project THOR in Dotsero.

Clear Creek County meetings about their numerous fiber to the premise projects and support for wireless broadband in Idaho Springs, Georgetown, Evergreen, and St Mary's. This work includes program review, fiber, broadband services and wireless tower leasing advisory.

Both Clear Creek and Summit Counties have met with the FCC to discuss how they can appeal the FCC broadband coverage maps. The bottom line is the FCC is not making it easy and it involves getting residents directly engaged and asking for the service from a provider. If the provider denies that they can provide service at that address, then the consumer, not local governments, can file an appeal. At that point, the FCC MAY consider it for future incorporation into their national broadband map. This process is very flawed and I hope that State of Colorado will take a different approach. More information on this will be coming on April 19th and 20th at the CBO broadband conference in Westminster, CO.

communities between Glenwood Springs and Aspen and Snowmass Village. This project is awaiting final fiber work to complete final connectivity.

Outreach activities include ISPs who have expressed interest in Project THOR and coordination with local communities to access Project THOR to deliver Denver transport resilience and competitive pricing with Lumen.

Other Meetings:

Work with the Colorado Broadband Office interviewing and orienting some of their key new hire employees, advising on local efforts, regional needs, and implementation strategies.

The Colorado Broadband Office has issued their 5 year Broadband Roadmap. This provides details on strategies they have developed to achieve their goal of deploying broadband to 99% of Colorado households.

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Conversations with Estes Park's ISP, Trailblazer, related to backing up their front range transport connections to Denver leveraging Project THOR with reciprocal benefits to Project THOR through their network. March - October 2023 their

forward connection will be down for replacement, so their connection to Project THOR will be pressed into service as needed.

Project THOR

DOLA Grant - NWCCOG continues to leverage our no-match DOLA grant, signing the final purchase orders for new network equipment with Ekinops. When complete, this equipment will replace our existing Ciena equipment resulting in a significant expansion of network capabilities by 200%, greater reliability, US based 24x7 support for 40% lower cost, and no need to replace equipment for 10 years. The CDOT (7 year) and Zayo (10 year) IRUs that were needed are now fully executed. This lowers costs to our network participants. The new network equipment will be delivered and installed in April 2023.

Nate continues conversations with Strata Networks to gain affordable access to a reliable network backup path to Salt Lake City. If the network loses Denver, all network traffic will still be able to connect to the internet in Salt Lake City. This is an item that is of growing importance to our Project THOR Stakeholders and ISPs.

Energy Program – Nate Speerstra, Manager

Update to be provided during meeting.

Please see “Thank You” letter below:

Talai Shirey

Subject: FW: Thank you

From: Steve Vasilakis <slvasilakis@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2023 10:52 PM

To: Dan Mayberry <dmayberry@nwccog.org>

Subject: Thank you

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I just want to express my gratitude to everyone involved in the recent energy savings work that was done last fall in my home in New Castle. I was skeptical when I was “recruited” to submit an application to your program. I was skeptical of the bureaucracy usually associated with such programs. I was even more skeptical of the effectiveness of the projects proposed by Tyler Treganza after his audit. I was so wrong.

Tyler is extremely knowledgeable and took the time to educate me on the benefits of what he said needed to be done. His heart is in his work and it is contagious. He honored my special needs, even though it made his job harder. He and his crew of Tony and Angel were polite, friendly, took time to answer my questions, and were conscientious and hard working. The results of his ideas and his three man crew’s efforts far exceeded my expectations. All those “little” things, combined with the storm windows, sealing, and insulation all added up to a huge benefit of money and energy savings as well as a better quality of life. I no longer risk serious injury from all the ladder work needed in the past putting plastic on my windows, a dangerous and time consuming project. And I can now open the blinds and be able to enjoy the beauty of the seasons without interpreting the view through a layer of plastic, and I can now sit without feeling a constant draft.

From the nice person at the New Castle Library that helped me get involved, to all the people who handled the phone calls and paperwork from Carbondale to Silverthorne to Bonita (wherever she is), to Tyler and crew in New Castle, and to all others including those at the State Government. Everyone with whom I had contact was polite, friendly, informative, and very helpful. Any worries about “government bureaucratic” shortcomings were swept aside by everyone’s professionalism. Thank you all very much! This project has energized me to be more motivated to do more to further the saving of more of our precious resources of energy, cleaner air, and water. I wish you all the best.

Vintage Updates

CASOA Results & Four Year Area Plan





INFORMATION | RESOURCES | ADVOCACY

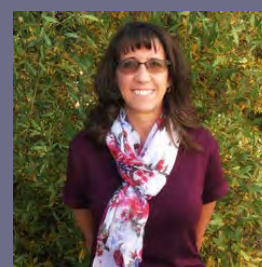
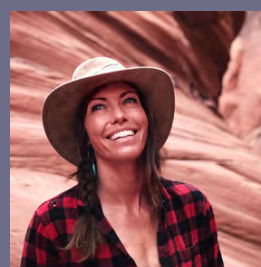
- Area Agency on Aging
- Serve people 60+ & caregivers
- Internal & subcontracted servcies

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LISTEN TO THE DATA

03

THE NEXT FOUR YEARS



True or False



01

Colorado is the 3rd fastest aging state in the nation

02

The economic contribution of older adults in the NWCCOG region was almost \$1B a year

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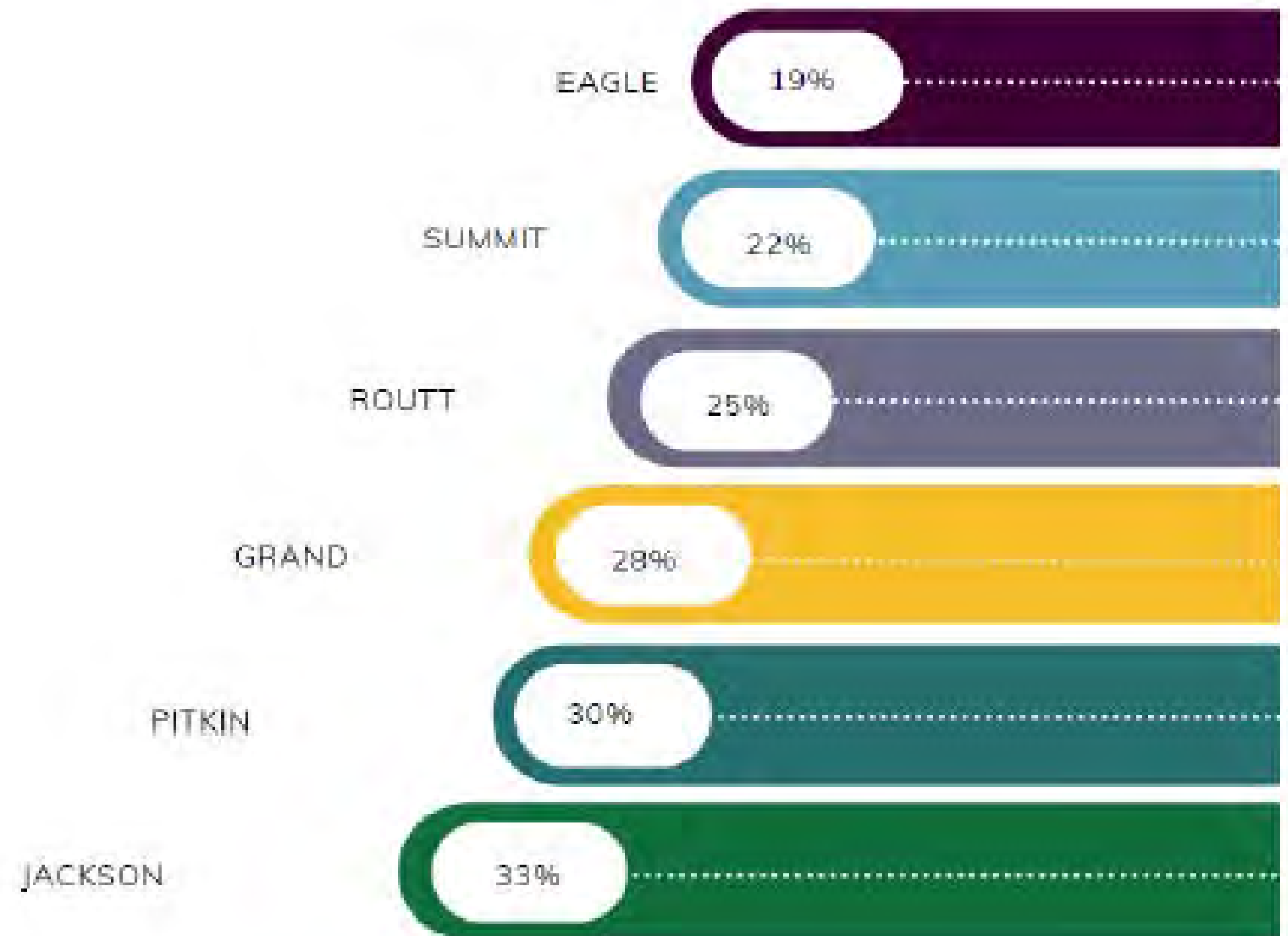
93% of people 60+ voted in the most recent local election

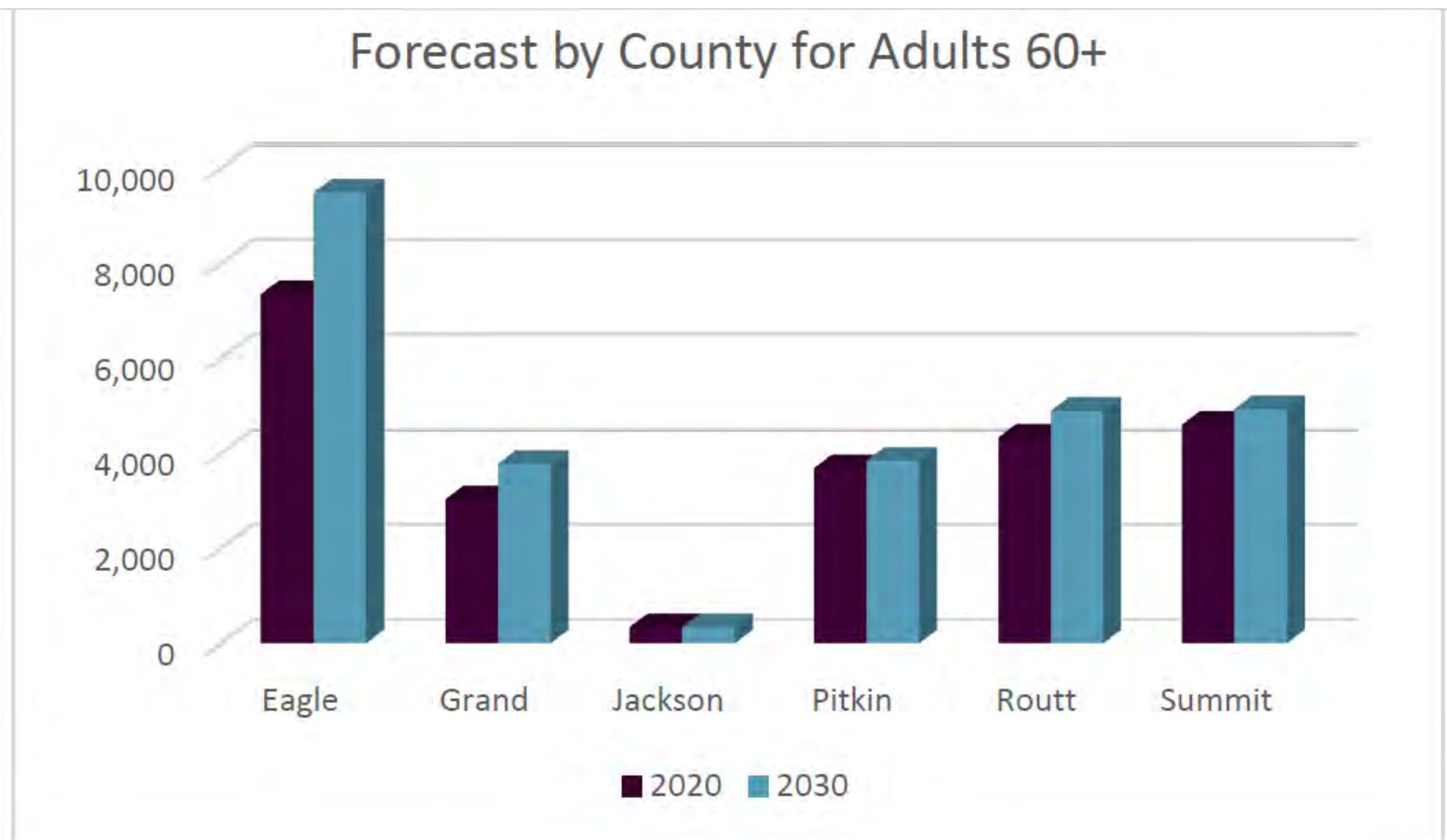
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Every 10 people who are 65+ in Colorado create one job in health services

RESIDENTS 60+ POPULATION OF TOTAL IN 2020

What do the demographics
look like now?

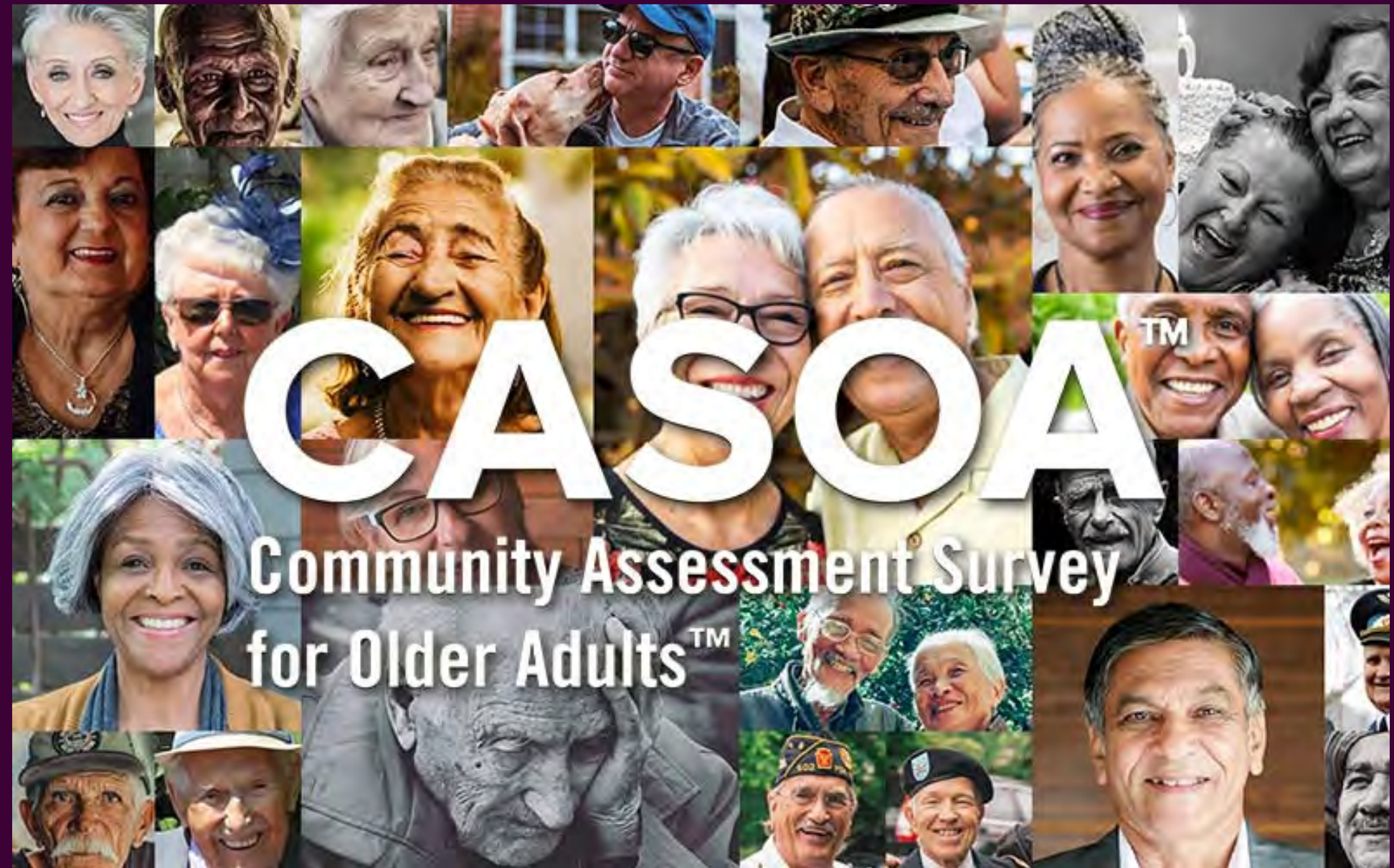




2020-2030	Eagle	Grand	Jackson	Pitkin	Routt	Summit
Pop Change	2,137	746	1	160	558	328
% Change	23%	20%	0.3%	4%	11%	7%

Community Dimensions:

- Overall Community Quality
- Community Design
- Employment and Finances
- Equity and Inclusivity
- Health and Wellness
- Information and Assistance
- Productive Activities





Overall Community Quality

About 88% of older residents living in the region rated their overall quality of life as excellent or good.

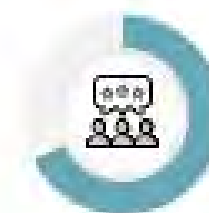
About 62% said it was a good place to retire

Overall Community Quality



Place to Live and Retire

83 / 100



Recommend and Remain in
Community

67 / 100



Community Design

7% reported excellent/good availability of affordable, quality housing

About half of respondents said it was a problem:

- Doing heavy housework
- Maintaining their home & yard



Community Design



Housing
7 / 100



Land Use
55 / 100



Mobility
72 / 100



Employment & Finances

About 76% of older residents rated the overall economic health of their communities positively

The cost of living was rated as excellent or good by only 9%.

Employment and Finances



Employment

39 / 100

37 of 81



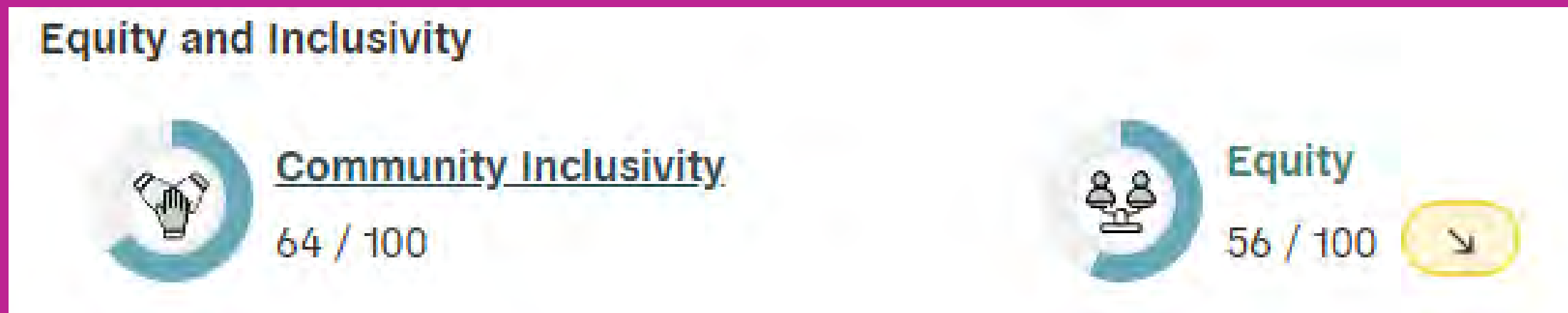
Finances

42 / 100

Equity & Inclusion

Overall, about 69% of older residents rated the sense of community as excellent or good

About 61% of the respondents positively rated their community's openness and acceptance toward older residents of diverse backgrounds





Health & Wellness

89% - Overall physically health excellent/good

92% - Overall mental health excellent/good

Only 13% scored long term care options positively

Health and Wellness



Health Care

55 / 100 →



Independent Living

12 / 100 →



Mental Health

29 / 100 →



Physical Health

73 / 100



Safety

92 / 100 →

Information & Assistance

About 70% of survey respondents reported being somewhat informed or very informed about services and activities available to older adults.

About 33% of older adults were found to have information access challenges in the region.

Information and Assistance



Information on Available
Older Adult Services

37 / 100



Quality of Older Adult
Services

59 / 100





Productive Activities

About 81% of older adults surveyed felt they had excellent or good opportunities to volunteer

The caregiving contribution of older adults was substantial in the region.

Productive Activities



Caregiving

Scoring not applicable



Civic Engagement

73 / 100



Social Engagement

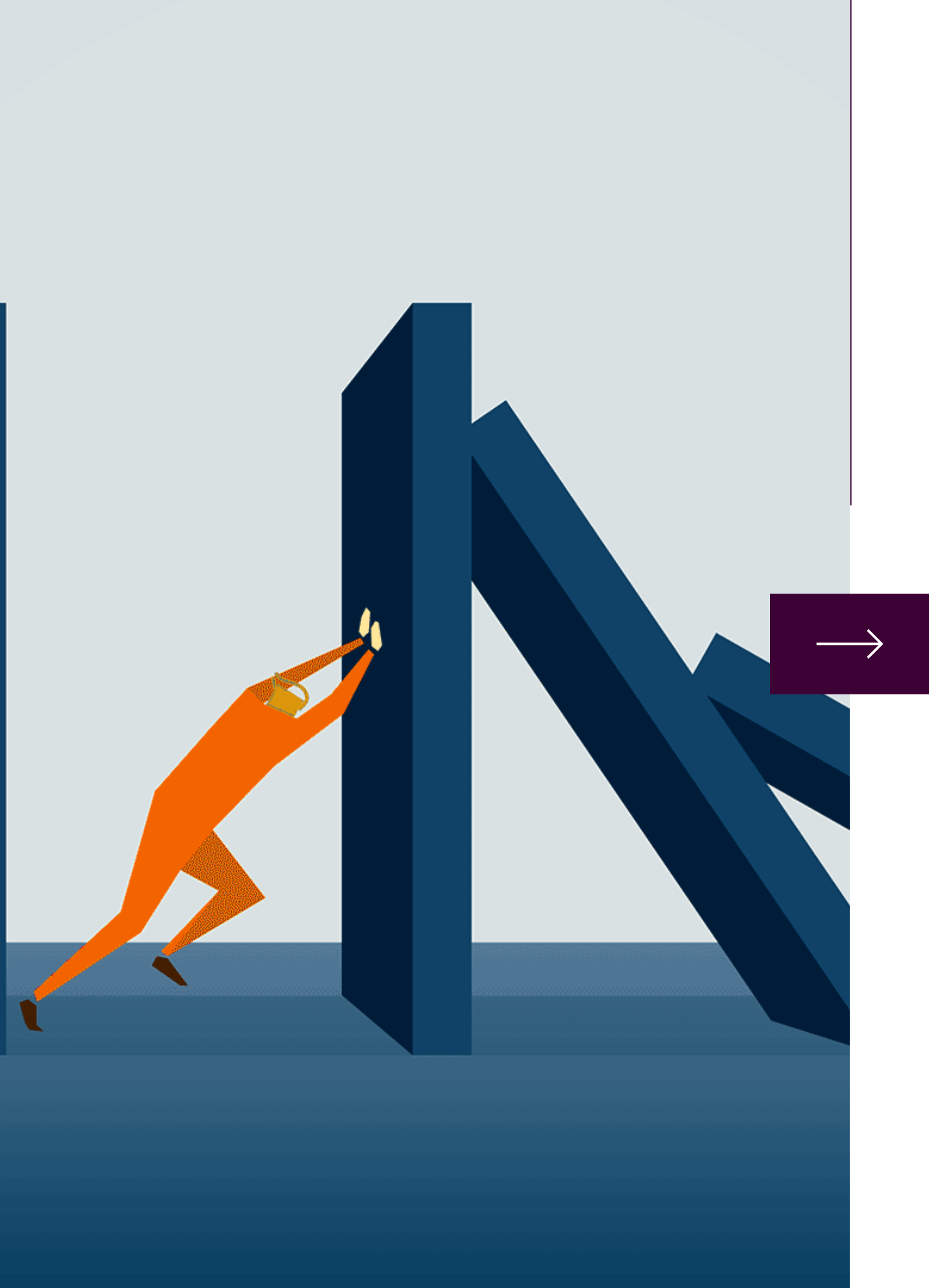
73 / 100

Decline in quality ratings from 2018

- Affordable quality food
- Recreation opportunities
- Fitness opportunities
- Opportunities to volunteer
- Opportunities to attend social events or activities
- Valuing older residents in your community



Challenges that increased in 2022:

- 
- Having enough money to pay your property taxes
 - Having housing to suit your needs
 - Doing heavy or intense housework
 - Maintaining your home & yard
 - Having safe and affordable transportation available
 - No longer being able to drive
 - Finding work in retirement
 - **Building skills** for paid or unpaid work
 - Having adequate information or dealing with public programs such as Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid
 - Not knowing what services are available to older adults in your community
 - Getting the oral health care you need
 - Getting the vision care you need
 - Having enough food to eat
 - Dealing with the loss of a close family member or friend
 - Being a victim of fraud or a scam



Categories with Highest Need

Health Care - 40%

Housing - 36%



Information on Available Older Adult Services - 33%



Populations at Higher Risk

Health Care

- Female
- 60-64 years old
- Not white
- Hispanic
- Less than \$25,000
- Rent
- Lives alone





Populations at Higher Risk

Housing

- Female
- 75+
- Not white
- Hispanic
- Less than \$25,000
- Rent
- Lives alone



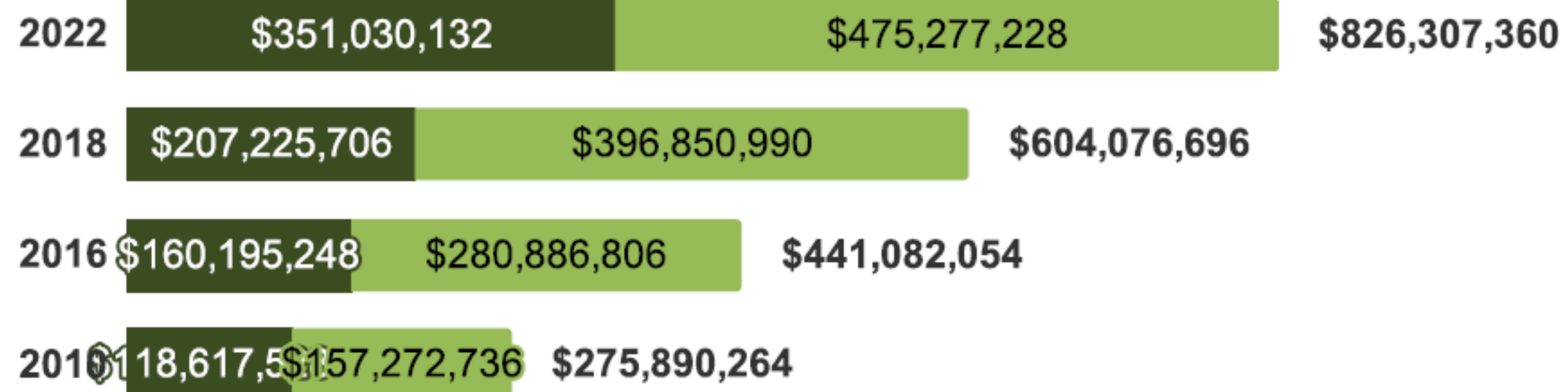
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Economic Contribution by Year

■ Unpaid ■ Paid



A man with a long beard and a black t-shirt is shown in profile, holding a clear plastic cup. A thin, wavy string is attached to the cup and extends across the frame. The background is a solid yellow color.

Community Conversations



Handyperson services - biggest request

We need to be in the community more

Support programs & partners

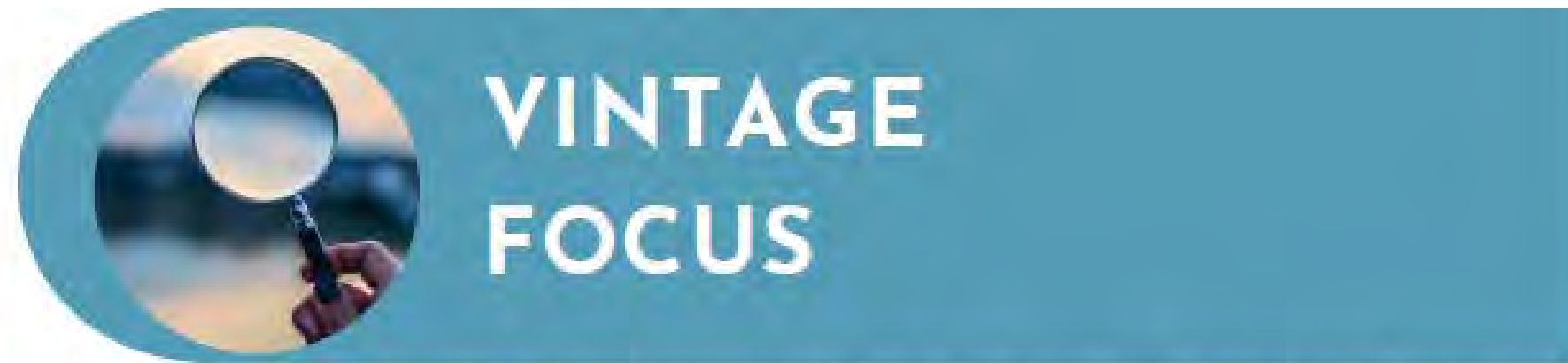
Debriefing the Results



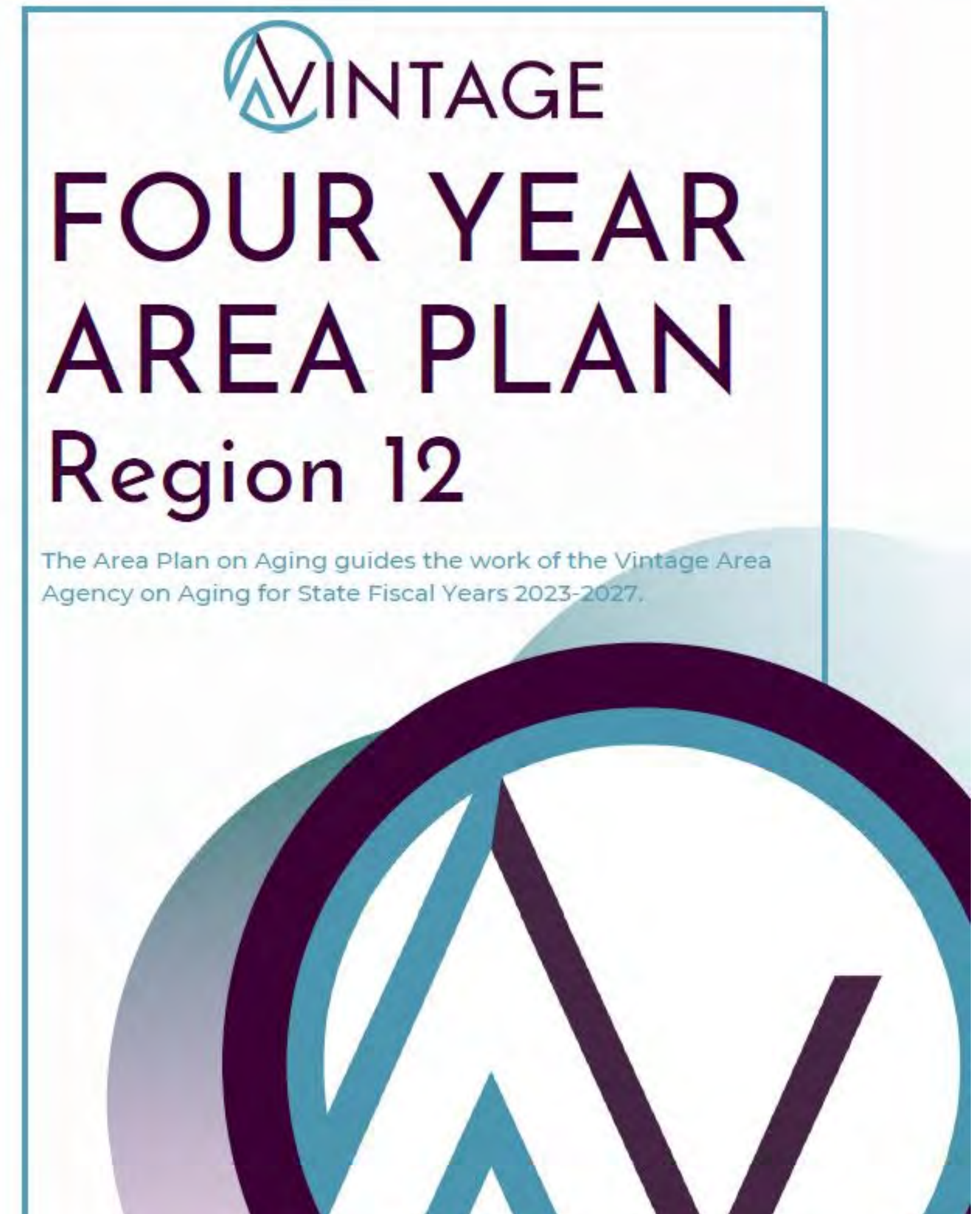
What findings did you expect?

What findings were surprising?

Are there areas where we need to dig deeper?



- Support programs and partners that help older adults age in place
- Grow our community presence through information and referral, marketing, partnerships, and collaboration with local providers, non-profits, and faith based organizations
- Assist existing programs and partners to increase access to food and nutrition services
- Promote equity, combat racism and other systemic inequalities, and foster inclusion in our services and in our staff
- Continue to promote the value of older adults, fight ageism, empower older adults, and provide a platform for social good





Thank you!

Ski Hill Resources for Economic Development (SHRED) Act - Estimated Retained Ski Area Fees by Forest (November 18, 2021 bill version)	RETENTION RATE	CO	CO	CO only	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO
		White River National Forest	Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests	Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests*	Grand Mesa Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest	San Juan National Forest	Rio Grande National Forest	Pike and San Isabel National Forests	Total CO
Total Estimated Fees to be Retained		20,367,000	2,601,000	2,069,000	1,212,000	311,000	299,000	299,000	27,158,000
80% retained on Forests (4.A.i)	80%	16,293,600	2,080,800	1,655,200	969,600	248,800	239,200	239,200	21,726,400
20% retained for discretion of Secretary (4.B)	20%	4,073,400	520,200	413,800	242,400	62,200	59,800	59,800	5,431,600
75% of the retained 80% is for ski area mgmt (4.A.ii.I)	75%	12,220,200	1,560,600	1,241,400	727,200	186,600	179,400	179,400	16,294,800
25% of the retained 80% is for recreation mgmt (4.A.ii.II)	25%	4,073,400	520,200	413,800	242,400	62,200	59,800	59,800	5,431,600

Average retained fees 2016-2020; note 2020 was reduced due to COVID-19 pandemic closures

* The totals for MBRTB include approximately \$50,000 from Snowy Range ski area in WY

1 Title: To amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide for
2 the establishment of a Ski Area Fee Retention Account, and for other purposes.
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5 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in
6 Congress assembled,

7 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

8 This Act may be cited as the “Ski Hill Resources for Economic Development Act of 2023”.

9 SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF SKI AREA FEE RETENTION 10 ACCOUNT.

11 (a) In General.—Section 701 of division I of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands
12 Management Act of 1996 (16 U.S.C. 497c) is amended by adding at the end the following:

13 “(k) Ski Area Fee Retention Account.—

14 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

15 “(A) ACCOUNT.—The term ‘Account’ means the Ski Area Fee Retention Account
16 established under paragraph (2).

17 “(B) COVERED UNIT.—The term ‘covered unit’ means the unit of the National Forest
18 System that collects the ski area permit rental charge under this section.

19 “(C) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Agriculture.

20 “(2) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall establish a special account in
21 the Treasury, to be known as the ‘Ski Area Fee Retention Account’.

22 “(3) DEPOSITS.—Subject to paragraphs (4) and (5), a ski area permit rental charge
23 collected by the Secretary under this section shall—

24 “(A) be deposited in the Account;

25 “(B) be available to the Secretary for use, without further appropriation; and

26 “(C) remain available for the period of 4 fiscal years beginning with the first fiscal
27 year after the fiscal year in which the ski area permit rental charge is deposited in the
28 Account under subparagraph (A).

29 “(4) DISTRIBUTION OF AMOUNTS IN THE ACCOUNT.—

30 “(A) LOCAL DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—

31 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (C), the Secretary shall
32 expend 80 percent of the ski area permit rental charges deposited in the Account
33 from a covered unit at the covered unit in accordance with clause (ii).

34 “(ii) DISTRIBUTION.—Of the amounts made available for expenditure under
35 clause (i)—

36 “(I) 75 percent shall be used at the covered unit for activities described in

1 paragraph (5)(A); and

2 “(II) 25 percent shall be used for activities at the covered unit described in

3 paragraph (5)(B).

4 “(B) AGENCY-WIDE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—The Secretary shall expend 20

5 percent of the ski area permit rental charges deposited in the Account from a covered

6 unit at any unit of the National Forest System for an activity described in subparagraph

7 (A) or (B) of paragraph (5).

8 “(C) REDUCTION OF PERCENTAGE.—

9 “(i) REDUCTION.—The Secretary shall reduce the percentage otherwise

10 applicable under subparagraph (A)(i) to not less than 60 percent if the Secretary

11 determines that the amount otherwise made available under that subparagraph

12 exceeds the reasonable needs of the covered unit for which expenditures may be

13 made in the applicable fiscal year.

14 “(ii) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—The balance of the ski area permit rental

15 charges that are collected at a covered unit, deposited into the Account, and not

16 distributed in accordance with subparagraph (A) or (B) shall be available to the

17 Secretary for expenditure at any other unit of the National Forest System in

18 accordance with the following:

19 “(I) 75 percent shall be used for activities described in paragraph (5)(A).

20 “(II) 25 percent shall be used for activities described in paragraph (5)(B).

21 “(5) EXPENDITURES.—Amounts available to the Secretary for expenditure from the

22 Account shall be only used for—

23 “(A)(i) the administration of the Forest Service ski area program, including—

24 “(I) the processing of an application for a new ski area or a ski area

25 improvement project, including staffing and contracting for the processing; and

26 “(II) administering a ski area permit described in subsection (a);

27 “(ii) staff training for—

28 “(I) the processing of an application for—

29 “(aa) a new ski area;

30 “(bb) a ski area improvement project; or

31 “(cc) a special use permit; or

32 “(II) administering—

33 “(aa) a ski area permit described in subsection (a); or

34 “(bb) a special use permit;

35 “(iii) an interpretation activity, National Forest System visitor information, a visitor

36 service, or signage;

37 “(iv) direct costs associated with collecting a ski area permit rental charge or other

1 fee collected by the Secretary related to recreation;

2 “(v) planning for, or coordinating to respond to, a wildfire in or adjacent to a
3 recreation site, particularly a ski area; or

4 “(vi) reducing the likelihood of a wildfire starting, or the risks posed by a wildfire,
5 in or adjacent to a recreation site, particularly a ski area, except through hazardous
6 fuels reduction activities; or

7 “(B)(i) the repair, maintenance, or enhancement of a Forest Service-owned facility, road,
8 or trail directly related to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, or visitor health or safety;

9 “(ii) habitat restoration directly related to recreation;

10 “(iii) law enforcement related to public use and recreation;

11 “(iv) the construction or expansion of parking areas;

12 “(v) the processing or administering of a recreation special use permit;

13 “(vi) avalanche information and education activities carried out by the Secretary or
14 nonprofit partners;

15 “(vii) search and rescue activities carried out by the Secretary, a local government, or a
16 nonprofit partner; or

17 “(viii) the administration of leases under—

18 “(I) the Forest Service Facility Realignment and Enhancement Act of 2005 (16
19 U.S.C. 580d note; Public Law 109–54); and

20 “(II) section 8623 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (16 U.S.C. 580d
21 note; Public Law 115–334).

22 “(6) LIMITATION.—Amounts in the Account may not be used for—

23 “(A) the conduct of wildfire suppression; or

24 “(B) the acquisition of land for inclusion in the National Forest System.

25 “(7) EFFECT.—

26 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this subsection affects the applicability of section 7
27 of the Act of April 24, 1950 (commonly known as the ‘Granger-Thye Act’) (16 U.S.C.
28 580d), to ski areas on National Forest System land.

29 “(B) SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING.—Rental charges retained and expended under this
30 subsection shall supplement (and not supplant) appropriated funding for the operation
31 and maintenance of each covered unit.

32 “(C) COST RECOVERY.—Nothing in this subsection affects any cost recovery under
33 any provision of law (including regulations) for processing an application for or
34 monitoring compliance with a ski area permit or other recreation special use permit.”.

35 (b) Effective Date.—This section (including the amendments made by this section) shall take
36 effect on the date that is 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 8623. AUTHORIZATION FOR LEASE OF FOREST SERVICE SITES.

(a) Definitions.--In this section:

(1) Administrative site.--

(A) In general.--The term ``administrative site'' means--

(i) any facility or improvement, including curtilage, that was acquired or is used specifically for purposes of administration of the National Forest System;

(ii) any Federal land that--

(I) is associated with a facility or improvement described in clause (i) that was acquired or is used specifically for purposes of administration of Forest Service activities; and

(II) underlies or abuts the facility or improvement; and

(iii) for each fiscal year, not more than 10 isolated, undeveloped parcels of not more than 40 acres each.

(B) Exclusions.--The term ``administrative site'' does not include--

(i) any land within a unit of the National Forest System that is exclusively designated for natural area or recreational purposes;

(ii) any land within--

(I) a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System;

(II) a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; or

(III) a National Monument; or

(iii) any Federal land that the Secretary determines--

(I) is needed for resource management purposes or to provide access to other land or water; or

(II) would be in the public interest not to lease.

(2) Facility or improvement.--The term ``facility or improvement'' includes--

(A) a forest headquarters;

(B) a ranger station;

(C) a research station or laboratory;

(D) a dwelling;

(E) a warehouse;

(F) a scaling station;

(G) a fire-retardant mixing station;

(H) a fire-lookout station;

(I) a guard station;

(J) a storage facility;

(K) a telecommunication facility; and

(L) any other administrative installation for conducting Forest Service activities.

(3) Market analysis.--The term ``market analysis'' means the identification and study of the market for a particular economic

good or service.

(b) Authorization.--The Secretary may lease an administrative site that is under the jurisdiction of the Secretary in accordance with this section.

(c) Identification of Eligible Sites.--A regional forester, in consultation with forest supervisors in the region, may submit to the Secretary a recommendation for administrative sites in the region that the regional forester considers eligible for leasing under this section.

(d) Consultation With Local Government and Public Notice.--Before making an administrative site available for lease under this section, the Secretary shall--

- (1) consult with government officials of the community and of the State in which the administrative site is located; and
- (2) provide public notice of the proposed lease.

(e) Lease Requirements.--

(1) Size.--An administrative site or compound of administrative sites under a single lease under this section may not exceed 40 acres.

(2) Configuration of administrative sites.--

(A) In general.--To facilitate the lease of an administrative site under this section, the Secretary may configure the administrative site--

(i) to maximize the marketability of the administrative site; and

(ii) to achieve management objectives.

(B) Separate treatment of facility or improvement.--A facility or improvement on an administrative site to be leased under this section may be severed from the land and leased under a separate lease under this section.

(3) Consideration.--

(A) In general.--A person to which a lease of an administrative site is made under this section shall provide to the Secretary consideration described in subparagraph (B) in an amount that is not less than the market value of the administrative site, as determined in accordance with subparagraph (C).

(B) Form of consideration.--The consideration referred to in subparagraph (A) may be--

(i) cash;

(ii) in-kind, including--

(I) the construction of new facilities or improvements, the title to which shall be transferred by the lessee to the Secretary;

(II) the maintenance, repair, improvement, or restoration of existing facilities or improvements; and

(III) other services relating to activities that occur on the administrative site, as determined by the Secretary; or

(iii) any combination of the consideration described in clauses (i) and (ii).

(C) Determination of market value.--

(i) In general.--The Secretary shall determine the market value of an administrative site to be leased under this section--

(I) by conducting an appraisal in accordance with--

(aa) the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions established in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4601 et seq.); and

(bb) the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice; or

(II) by competitive lease.

(ii) In-kind consideration.--The Secretary shall determine the market value of any in-kind consideration under subparagraph (B) (ii).

(4) Conditions.--The lease of an administrative site under this section shall be subject to such conditions, including bonding, as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

(5) Right of first refusal.--Subject to terms and conditions that the Secretary determines to be necessary, the Secretary shall offer to lease an administrative site to the municipality or county in which the administrative site is located before seeking to lease the administrative site to any other person.

(f) Relation to Other Laws.--

(1) Federal property disposal.--Chapter 5 of title 40, United States Code, shall not apply to the lease of an administrative site under this section.

(2) Lead-based paint and asbestos abatement.--

(A) In general.--Notwithstanding any provision of law relating to the mitigation or abatement of lead-based paint or asbestos-containing building materials, the Secretary shall not be required to mitigate or abate lead-based paint or asbestos-containing building materials with respect to an administrative site to be leased under this section.

(B) Procedures.--With respect to an administrative site to be leased under this section that has lead-based paint or asbestos-containing building materials, the Secretary shall--

(i) provide notice to the person to which the administrative site will be leased of the presence of the lead-based paint or asbestos-containing building material; and

(ii) obtain written assurance from that person that the person will comply with applicable Federal, State, and local laws relating to the management of lead-based paint and asbestos-containing building materials.

(3) Environmental review.--The National Environmental Policy

Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) shall apply to the lease of an administrative site under this section, except that, in any environmental review or analysis required under that Act for the lease of an administrative site under this section, the Secretary shall be required only--

(A) to analyze the most reasonably foreseeable use of the administrative site, as determined through a market analysis;

(B) to determine whether to include any conditions under subsection (e) (4); and

(C) to evaluate the alternative of not leasing the administrative site in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

(4) Compliance with local laws.--A person that leases an administrative site under this section shall comply with all applicable State and local zoning laws, building codes, and permit requirements for any construction activities that occur on the administrative site.

(g) Prohibition.--No agency of the Federal Government shall make any cash payments to a leaseholder relating to the use or occupancy of any administrative site or facility that has been improved under this section.

(h) Congressional Notifications.--

(1) Anticipated use of authority.--As part of the annual budget justification documents provided to the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, the Secretary shall include--

(A) a list of the anticipated leases to be made, including the anticipated revenue that may be obtained, under this section;

(B) a description of the intended use of any revenue obtained under a lease under this section, including a list of any projects that cost more than \$500,000; and

(C) a description of accomplishments during previous years using the authority of the Secretary under this section.

(2) Changes to lease list.--If the Secretary desires to lease an administrative site under this section that is not included on a list provided under paragraph (1) (A), the Secretary shall submit to the congressional committees described in paragraph (3) a notice of the proposed lease, including the anticipated revenue that may be obtained from the lease.

(3) Use of authority.--Not less frequently than once each year, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, the Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report describing each lease made by the Secretary under this section during the period covered by the report.

(i) Expiration of Authority.--

(1) In general.--The authority of the Secretary to make a

lease of an administrative site under this section expires on October 1, 2023.

(2) Effect on lease agreement.--Paragraph (1) shall not affect the authority of the Secretary to carry out this section in the case of any lease agreement that was entered into by the Secretary before October 1, 2023.

Forest Service Flexible Partnerships Act of 2017

Purpose: Allow the Forest Service to partner with local entities to develop sites in rural communities while simultaneously addressing Forest Service management and facility needs.

What: This bill would authorize the Forest Service to lease underutilized properties and accept in kind considerations (such as maintenance, employee housing, repair, or restoration) as payment. This authority would allow for the creation of public-private or federal-local partnerships to help meet needs in rural communities and allow the Forest Service to better address management needs across different regions.

Why: The Forest Service Facilities Realignment and Enhancement Act of 2005 (FSFREA), which expired at the end of 2016, provided the authority to convey administrative sites, but not the authority to receive in-kind consideration for leases. This has limited the Forest Service's ability to work with towns, counties, and states to make the best use of under-used facilities and land.

Benefit: This new authority would:

- Build new partnerships to solve housing and other needs in communities with limited available land.
- Help keep Forest Service regional offices open in the face of compounding maintenance costs and decreased budgets.
- Repurpose and improve underutilized property, while providing opportunities for construction or renovation of Forest Service properties to reduce the existing deferred maintenance backlog.
- Support local jobs in construction and service industries, and provide foundation for economic growth in rural communities through affordable housing and new business opportunities.

1 Title: To amend the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 to reauthorize Forest Service flexible
2 partnerships.
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5 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in
6 Congress assembled,

7 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

8 This Act may be cited as the “Forest Service Flexible Partnerships Reauthorization Act of
9 2023”.

10 SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR LEASE OF FOREST 11 SERVICE SITES.

12 Section 8623 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (16 U.S.C. 580d note; Public Law
13 115–334) is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (e)—

15 (A) in paragraph (3)(B)(ii)—

16 (i) in subclause (II), by striking “and” at the end;

17 (ii) in subclause (III), by striking “or” at the end and inserting “and”; and

18 (iii) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(IV) services occurring off of the administrative site—

20 “(aa) that—

21 “(AA) occur on the unit of the National Forest System in which the
22 administrative site is located; or

23 “(BB) benefit the National Forest System; and

24 “(bb) that support activities occurring within the unit of the National
25 Forest System in which the administrative site is located; or”; and

26 (B) by adding at the end the following:

27 “(6) LEASE TERM.—

28 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term of a lease of an administrative site under this section
29 shall be up to 100 years.

30 “(B) RENEWAL.—A lease of an administrative site under this section shall include a
31 provision for renewal of the lease if the use of the administrative site, at the time of
32 renewal, is in accordance with this section.”; and

33 (2) in subsection (i), by striking “2023” each place it appears and inserting “2028”.

From: [Whitney, John \(Bennet\)](#)
To: [Whitney, John \(Bennet\)](#)
Cc: [Kireker, Matthew \(Bennet\)](#); [Henry, Hilary \(Bennet\)](#)
Subject: Flexible Partnership Act Draft legislation
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 11:06:02 AM
Attachments: [Final One Pager - USFS Partnerships 2017.docx](#)
[Draft Forest Service Flexible Partnerships Reauthorization Act of 2023.docx](#)
[Section 8623 of 2018-Farm Bill Flexible Partnership Act.docx](#)

I am reaching out as I know you have expressed interest in the housing provisions provided for communities under the Flexible Partnership Act authority. This was a bill that Senator Bennet authored, [introduced](#) and passed as part of the last Farm Bill. Attached is the summary of the original bill from 2017 that explains how this authority works. I have also attached the section of the enacted 2018 Farm Bill legislation that made this provision law, for your reference to better understand the context of the proposed changes.

As Farm Bills expire every five years we need to re-authorize this authority by passing a new bill, so attached is the draft bill for the Forest Service Flexible Partnerships Reauthorization Act of 2023 that will extend and revise the Flexible Partnership Act.

Based on our review of this law and feedback we have heard from local governments and other partners we believe the attached draft bill will make important changes in order to implement the authority in a more effective matter. The main changes this draft would make to the Flexible Partnership Authority is:

- Extend the authority for five more years to 2028.
- Allow the value of services a local government (or other project leader) does on Forest Service property off site of the flexible partnership project to count towards the in kind contribution for the housing project.
- The term of a lease shall be up to 100 years and allow renewal of the lease if it still meets the purposes of the bill.

We appreciate any input you may have on these changes as well as any other ideas you may have on how we could improve this authority. If you wish to discuss this bill further, please don't hesitate to reach out.

John Whitney | Western Slope Regional Director
U.S. Senator Michael F. Bennet | 970-903-4467 cell

From: [Kireker, Matthew \(Bennet\)](#)
To: [Kireker, Matthew \(Bennet\)](#)
Subject: Bennet, Hickenlooper Invite Postmaster DeJoy to Colorado
Date: Thursday, February 23, 2023 1:40:30 PM

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Regional, County and Local leaders, I wanted to call to your attention an invitation from Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper to Postmaster General Louis DeJoy to visit Colorado to see first hand our ever-worsening postal service and delivery issues impacting all corners of our state.

We continue to work diligently with the Colorado/Wyoming District Office for the Postal Service to address constituent and community concerns as they come in. However, the Senators and our offices recognize that the District is not receiving the resources and necessary leadership from Washington to truly make meaningful changes that improve staffing, delivery and infrastructure.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions. Best regards, Matt

Matthew Kireker

| U.S. Senator Michael F. Bennet | 303-883-3119

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, February 23, 2023

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Bennet, Hickenlooper Invite Postmaster Louis DeJoy to Tour USPS Facility in Colorado, Urge Him To Address Mail Service Issues Across the State

Denver — Today, Colorado U.S. Senators Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper invited U.S. Postal Service (USPS) Postmaster Louis DeJoy to join them on a tour of a USPS facility in Colorado to see firsthand the ongoing service and delivery challenges that Coloradans face. “Our office has worked closely with the Colorado-Wyoming USPS district office on these issues, and it is clear that the district is strapped for resources and attention from Washington. We’re hopeful Postmaster DeJoy and USPS leadership will come to Colorado to see the challenges their staff and our communities face firsthand,” **said Bennet.**

In their letter, Bennet and Hickenlooper highlight numerous ongoing issues that local communities and USPS staff identified as obstacles to USPS’ ability to deliver quality mail service in Colorado. The senators urge DeJoy to address USPS staffing shortages by streamlining their hiring process, to partner with communities to identify affordable housing for staff, and to invest in the physical infrastructure of USPS facilities to accommodate greater package volumes. The senators also request that USPS provide regular updates to the Congressional delegation so offices can jointly hear the comprehensive steps USPS leadership

are taking to address constituent and community concerns.

“For over two years, our offices have received a sharp rise in complaints from Coloradans about longer delays in mail delivery and gaps in other USPS services,” **said the senators in the letter.** “These communities report that Post Offices in Colorado have had limited hours; hour-long lines to pick up mail and packages; and poor facility maintenance.”

“Colorado and the country rely on USPS’ universal service mandate to receive essential documents and services,” **concluded the senators.** “Poor and inconsistent USPS service not only falls short of community expectations; it violates their trust in USPS.”

Bennet and Hickenlooper understand that Coloradans rely on USPS to receive vital benefits and prescriptions, stay connected to family, and cast their ballots, and remain committed to improving the reliability and service of the USPS. Last February, Bennet [urged](#) Leader Schumer to bring the bipartisan Postal Service Reform Act to the floor as soon as possible, and after the bill passed the Senate, Bennet [applauded](#) its potential to provide USPS with the financial stability to support more reliable delivery and service. In October, Bennet [urged](#) USPS officials to seize the opportunity provided by cost savings from the bill to improve on-time deliveries, service, and operations in Colorado. Bennet, Hickenlooper, and their staff have worked consistently with USPS to elevate the unique issues facing each community.

The text of the letter is available [HERE](#) and below.

Dear Postmaster General DeJoy and Mr. Colin,

We write to request your urgent attention to the U.S. Postal Service’s (USPS) ongoing service and delivery issues in Colorado, and we invite you to visit one of our Post Offices to see these challenges firsthand. As you know, Colorado’s mountain and rural communities, as well as those on Front Range, rely on USPS to send and receive election ballots, Social Security checks, passports, prescription medicines, and other essential, time-sensitive mail.

For over two years, our offices have received a sharp rise in complaints from Coloradans about longer delays in mail delivery and gaps in other USPS services. These communities report that Post Offices in Colorado have had limited hours; hour-long lines to pick up mail and packages; and poor facility maintenance. To restore quality service, we strongly encourage you to address the following issues identified by local communities and USPS staff:

- **Resolve staffing shortages:** It is evident that USPS in Colorado struggles to recruit and retain full-time staff, particularly in small mountain towns. The resulting staffing shortages are the primary cause of service and delivery issues. Long delays in the hiring process, often without communication from USPS, have pushed applicants to take other jobs at comparable wages within days, not weeks. We encourage USPS to streamline the hiring process to enable the Colorado-Wyoming district to attract and retain staff.
- **Partner with towns to identify affordable housing for USPS staff:** The Colorado-Wyoming district staff have identified the lack of affordable housing in mountain towns

as a significant barrier to staff retention. USPS must develop partnerships within communities to identify affordable housing and ensure that staff qualify for housing requirements.

- **Revamp physical infrastructure, particularly for packages:** Many of the facilities currently in use are too small for effective organization, storage, and distribution of packages and parcels. USPS must invest in facilities to ensure adequate space. This may include replacing existing facilities.
- **Reinstate regular updates to the Congressional delegation:** Last year, Colorado-Wyoming district staff indicated that it would resume quarterly calls with the Congressional delegation. These calls allow congressional offices to raise constituent concerns; they are also an opportunity for USPS to describe efforts to resolve ongoing staffing and delivery issues. We urge you to reinstate these calls immediately.

Colorado and the country rely on USPS' universal service mandate to receive essential documents and services. Poor and inconsistent USPS service not only falls short of community expectations; it violates their trust in USPS.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. We look forward to you accepting our invitation to visit a Colorado Post Office this spring as well as your prompt implementation of solutions to ensure that all Coloradans have accessible and timely mail delivery.

Sincerely,

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From: [Whitney, John \(Bennet\)](#)
To: [Whitney, John \(Bennet\)](#)
Subject: Bennet, Neguse Call on USDA Secretary Vilsack to Delay Uinta Basin Railway Authorization Until Supplemental Review of Project is Conducted
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:56:59 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Please see below for an update and press release on Senator Bennet's work with Representative Neguse on the proposed oil train shipments from Utah up the Colorado River and over the Continental Divide into the Denver metro area.

Also here is some of the recent press coverage of this issue:

<https://coloradosun.com/2023/03/06/bennet-neguse-uinta-basin-railway/>

<https://www.cpr.org/2023/03/06/michael-bennet-and-joe-neguse-oppose-uinta-basin-railway-project-colorado-river/>

<https://thehill.com/homenews/senate/3885776-bennet-warns-railway-project-would-endanger-colorado-river-basin/>

<https://coloradonewsline.com/2023/03/06/colorado-suspension-utah-oil-train/>

Senator Bennet will continue to weigh in on this issue in the weeks ahead on behalf of the many Colorado local governments and residents who have raised strong objections to this proposed massive increase in the shipment of waxy crude oil through Colorado. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any thoughts, questions or concerns on this issue.

John Whitney | Western Slope Regional Director
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, March 6, 2023

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Bennet, Neguse Call on USDA Secretary Vilsack to Delay Uinta Basin Railway Authorization Until Supplemental

Review of Project is Conducted

Lawmakers Call East Palestine Disaster a “Terrible Reminder” of Potential Damage from Transporting Hazardous Materials by Rail, Urge Caution for Colorado

Washington, D.C. — Today, Colorado U.S. Senator Michael Bennet and Colorado U.S. Representative Joe Neguse called on U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack to suspend a decision on the Special Use Authorization for the Uinta Basin Railway Project until a supplemental review is conducted to fully evaluate the effects of the project on Colorado’s local communities and environment. Such a review is especially critical in light of the recent train derailment and environmental disaster in East Palestine, Ohio.

“A train derailment that spills oil in the headwaters of the River would be catastrophic not only to our state’s water supplies, wildlife habitat, and outdoor recreation assets, but also to the broader River Basin,” **write Bennet and Neguse.** “It is beyond reckless to expose these sensitive areas of our state to these additional risks.”

The proposed Uinta Basin Railway Project could ship 4.6 billion gallons of waxy crude oil per year through Utah, including the Ashley National Forest, and Colorado, including over 100 miles directly alongside the headwaters of the Colorado River – the water supply for nearly 40 million Americans, 30 Tribal nations, millions of acres of agricultural land, and a cornerstone of Colorado’s recreation and tourism economies. The rail route would also dramatically increase the amount of hazardous materials traveling through Denver.

“Although we agree it is vital to secure our domestic energy supply, we do not accept that it requires imperiling the Colorado River or the local communities that live along it,” **concluded the lawmakers.** “The disaster unfolding in East Palestine, Ohio is a terrible reminder that train derailments do occur, and that the damage from transporting hazardous materials by rail can be catastrophic. We urge you to prevent this dangerous project from moving forward until a robust supplemental review can be completed.”

In July, Bennet and Neguse [called on](#) the Biden Administration to undertake an additional comprehensive review to determine whether the environmental and risk analysis conducted to date fully considers the effects of the Uinta Basin Railway Project on Colorado’s communities, watersheds, and forests.

The text of the letter is available [HERE](#) and below.

Dear Secretary Vilsack:

We write to share our ongoing concerns about the risks to Colorado's communities, water, land, air, and climate from the Uinta Basin Railway Project.

The U.S. Forest Service has yet to issue the Special Use Authorization for construction of a railway that would run through the Ashley National Forest. We urge you to formally suspend any decision on that authorization until a supplemental review is conducted to fully evaluate the effects of this project on Colorado's local communities and environment. This review is especially critical in light of the recent train derailment and environmental disaster in East Palestine, Ohio, which has laid bare the threat of moving hazardous materials by rail. Until a robust, supplemental review is completed, we urge you to prevent this project from moving forward.

The Uinta Basin Railway Project would enable the shipment of up to 4.6 billion gallons of waxy crude oil per year from Utah through Colorado to the Gulf Coast on as many as five, two-mile-long trains per day. These trains would run for over 100 miles directly alongside the headwaters of the Colorado River (the River) – a vital water supply for nearly 40 million Americans, 30 Tribal nations, millions of acres of agricultural land, and a main driver of our state's recreation and tourism economies. The River is already in crisis, unable to provide the water needed to meet demand.

A train derailment that spills oil in the headwaters of the River would be catastrophic not only to our state's water supplies, wildlife habitat, and outdoor recreation assets, but also to the broader River Basin. In addition, an accident on the train line further increases wildfire risk at a time when the West already faces severe drought. Many Colorado communities along the proposed railway are still recovering from extreme wildfires, other disasters like severe flash flooding and mudslides, and managing water levels at unprecedented lows. It is beyond reckless to expose these sensitive areas of our state to these additional risks. Nor should we endanger the residents of Denver, where the project is estimated to quadruple the number of rail cars carrying hazardous materials through the city.

The Forest Service previously advanced the project based on a deeply flawed environmental and risk analysis that understated its potential dangers. But even that flawed analysis concluded that the risk of a derailment in Colorado would double due to the Uinta project, and that our state should expect an oil spill roughly every four years.

We urge you to work with other relevant federal agencies to undertake a supplemental review to ensure the federal government has sufficiently accounted for all possible adverse effects of this project in Colorado, including the risk of fires and oil spills along the River.

We have heard grave concerns from an array of local governments, water districts, and other stakeholders along the proposed rail line.

Although we agree it is vital to secure our domestic energy supply, we do not accept that it requires imperiling the Colorado River or the local communities that live along it. The disaster unfolding in East Palestine, Ohio is a terrible reminder that train derailments do occur, and that the damage from transporting hazardous materials by rail can be catastrophic.

We urge you to prevent this dangerous project from moving forward until a robust supplemental review can be completed.

We look forward to hearing from you on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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SB23-183, Local Government Provision Of Communications Services			
H-Spon	Rep. B. Titone & Rep. R. Weinberg	S-Spon	Sen. M. Baisley & Sen. K. Priola
Summary	<p>Joint Technology Committee. Current law regulates competition in local governments' provision of cable television service, telecommunications service, and high speed internet service, which is defined as "advanced service". As part of this regulation, a local government is prohibited from providing or operating a facility to provide cable television, telecommunications, or advanced service to subscribers unless the local government obtains voter approval for the local government's provision of such services. The bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replaces the term "advanced service" with "broadband internet service", which, as currently defined, does not reference the speed at which internet services are provided; • Eliminates the requirement that a local government hold an election before providing or before operating a facility to provide cable television, telecommunications, or broadband internet services to subscribers; • Eliminates the requirement that a local government hold an election to enter into a private partnership to allow a private provider to use local government facilities in connection with the private provider offering cable television service, telecommunications service, broadband internet service, or middle mile infrastructure. • Specifies that a local government may provide middle mile infrastructure, which is broadband infrastructure that does not connect directly to an end-user location; and • Modifies the definition of "broadband internet service" as currently defined in the law concerning intrastate telecommunications services 		
Status	Introduced in Senate – Assigned to Local Government & Housing		
Position	Pending		

Legislation for Reference/ No Anticipated Action

<u>HB23-1051</u>, Support for Rural Telecommunications Providers			
H-Spon	Rep. R. Holtorf, Rep. M. Lukens, & Rep. R. Bockenfeld	S-Spon	Sen. R. Pelton & Sen. D. Roberts
Summary	<p>The high cost support mechanism provides high cost support funding to telecommunications and broadband service providers that provide service in high-cost areas of the state. The bill continues support funding from the high cost support mechanism to 11 rural telecommunications providers in Colorado. The bill continues support funding to the 11 rural telecommunications providers until September 1, 2024. The date aligns with the department of regulatory agencies' 2023 sunset review of the high cost support mechanism and the final determination of the high cost support mechanism by the general assembly in 2024.</p>		
Status	Governor's Desk		
Position	Support		

Other Business

Adjourn



Northwest Colorado Council of Governments

Economic Development District (EDD) Board Meeting

January 26, 2023

Conference Call Only ("Present" means on the call")

Council & EDD Board Members Present:

Alyssa Shenk, Town of Snowmass Village
Corry Mihm, Summit Prosperity Initiative
DiAnn Butler, Grand County EDD
Jeanne McQueeney, Eagle County
Chris Romer, Vail Valley Partnership
Tim Redmond, Routt County
Kris Mattera, Basalt Chamber
Jon Bristol, RCEDP
Glenn Drummond, Town of Basalt
Josh Blanchard, Summit County
Melanie Leaverton, Jackson County Tourism
Ashley Macdonald, Town of Kremmling
John Bristol, Routt County EDD
Tim Redmond, Routt County

Others Present:

Christina Oxley, CDLE
Erin McCuskey, SBDC
Carolyn Tucker, Co Workforce

NWCCOG Staff:

Becky Walter
Talai Shirey
Jon Stavney
Rachel Tuyn
Nate Walowitz

Call to Order:

DiAnn Butler, EDD Chair, called the Economic Development District (EDD) Board meeting to order at 12:31 pm. Roundtable introductions were completed, and a quorum was present for the group.

Approval of October EDD Board Meeting Minutes

Corry Mihm was misspelled on October Meeting Minutes. No other concerns.

M/S: Corry Mihm/Melanie Leaverton to approve the October 2022 EDD Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

Passed: Yes

Approval of December 2022 EDD Board Meeting Minutes

No concerns. Patti Clapper to sign the December 2022 meeting minutes.

M/S: Patti Clapper/Josh Blanchard to approve the December 2022 EDD Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

Passed: Yes

Election of the Board

- Chair, DiAnn Butler agreed to a second term
- Vice Chair, Patti Clapper, agreed to a second term
- New Secretary – Ashley Macdonald, Kremmling

M/S: Glenn Drummond/Ingrid Wussow to approve the election of EDD Board

Passed: Yes

Planning Partnership Grant

NWCCOG received invitation to apply for the Partnership grant. Rachel requested board approval to submit the application of this grant for \$210K over a three-year term. Also asking Chair to grant EDD Director approval to submit grants via Grant.gov.

M/S: Corry Mihm/Ingrid Wussow move to approve application to EDA for three-year partnership grant, in conjunction; authorize Rachel to submit grants via Grant.gov

Passed: Yes

EDD Bylaw Review

EDA had specific formula of EDD Board make up. Five years ago, the EDA updated requirements requiring an economic district organization must make up with a broad pool of representative. Recommended changes in the Bylaws:

- Add Routt County, to minimize changes it was recommended to remove the i.e. so as not to require updates any time a jurisdiction changes.
- Replace teleconferencing bullet with NWCCOG Remote Meeting Attendance
- Add voting clarifications, everyone on the board receives a vote despite being from the same jurisdiction
- Replace the two last bullets with EDA's definition of membership to ensure all membership are invited as stakeholders

Rachel will rewrite the Bylaws and bring to the March EDD Board meeting for approval.

EDD Board Roster edits

Glen Drummond, Basalt
Ashley Macdonald, Kremmling
Erin McCuskey – SBDC
Routt County

Workforce Update

Carolyn Tucker and Christina Oxley, CO Workforce introduction to new members.

Unemployment rates are under 3.4% in the region. The state demographers will be updating numbers and will be ready to present in March.

PHIL (Covid Leave) Declaration expires on April 11; extending COVID leave time through May 10th.

Long Term demographic trends affecting the workforce continue (increased retirements, decreased birth rates, aging populations, slow population growth).

Workforce Update

Economic Development Admin is having a conference 4/10-12, 2023 in Denver at Curtis Hotel.

<https://www.nado.org/2023denverconference/>

Trent from EDA and Margie Joy from CHAFA will both present at the March meeting.

Please send future meeting agenda items to Rachel.

Adjournment:

M/S: Alyssa Shenk / Ingrid Wussow adjourned the EDD meeting at 2:02 pm.

Passed: Yes

DiAnn Butler, EDD Chair

Date



MEMORANDUM

To: NWCCOG Economic Development District Board of Directors
From: Rachel Tuyn, EDD Director
Date: March 23, 2023
Re: Approval of Amended EDD Bylaws

The EDD board of directors reviewed current EDD bylaws and had a discussion on suggested amendments at the January 26, 2023 EDD board meeting. Key issues discussed were how to address communities within the EDD boundary, but not members of NWCCOG; how to address communities not in the EDD boundary but dues paying members of NWCCOG; to ensure that the EDD board reflects the key economic interests of the region. After discussion and suggested edits, the amended bylaws attached provide the amended bylaws as agreed upon by the EDD board. Key elements of the amendments are as follows:

- The section on board makeup was streamlined and simplified to reflect the official language outlined by the EDA in the official legislation designated EDDs, which is as follows:

PART 304 – Economic Development Districts

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 3122; 42 U.S.C. 3171; 42 U.S.C. 3172; 42 U.S.C. 3196; Department of Commerce Organization Order 10-4. Source: 71 FR 56675, Sept. 27, 2006, § 304.1 Designation of Economic Development Districts: Regional eligibility. Language regarding EDD board makeup states:

(2) The District Organization must demonstrate that its governing body is broadly representative of the principal economic interests of the Region, which may include the private sector, public officials, community leaders, representatives of workforce development boards, institutions of higher education, minority and labor groups, and private individuals. In addition, the governing body must demonstrate the capacity to implement the EDA-approved CEDS.

- Another key element of the amendments are with regard to telephone polling. This language was amended to reflect the use of electronic means of communication which is standard today.

It is the recommendation that the EDD Board of Directors approve the amended bylaws attached to this memo.

**BYLAWS OF THE
NORTHWEST COLORADO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**ARTICLE I
Adoption and Effect**

These Bylaws shall become effective upon the adoption thereof by a majority of the voting representatives of the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments Economic Development District (hereinafter, the " District" or "EDD Board") at any regular meeting, and shall not be construed to operate in contravention of any provision of the Articles of Association, Northwest Colorado Council of Governments/Economic Development District ("Articles of Association"). Any provision herein determined to be contrary to or in violation of the Articles of Association shall be null, void, and of no effect.

**ARTICLE II
Representation, and Voting**

1. Representation

The NWCCOG Economic Development District's governing body (i.e. Board of Directors) will be broadly representative of the principal economic interests of the Region, and may include the private sector, public officials, community leaders, representatives of workforce development boards, institutions of higher education, minority and labor groups, and private individuals. In addition, the governing body will demonstrate the capacity to implement the EDA-approved CEDS.

~~The EDD Board shall consist of members that broadly represent the principal economic interests of the region.~~

~~A. The EDD Board shall comprise the following representation:~~

- ~~• One representative from each of NWCCOG's Member County Governments (Eagle, Grand, Jackson, Pitkin, Summit).~~
- ~~• At least one representative from a municipality in each of NWCCOG Member Counties.~~
- ~~• At least one representative from a municipality in one of NWCCOG's affiliated member municipalities outside Region 12 (i.e. Steamboat Springs, Carbondale, or Glenwood Springs).~~
- ~~• One Economic Development Organization (EDO) Representative from each of NWCCOG's Member Counties (could be a Chamber of Commerce, Business Association, Visitor's Bureau, DMO, etc.).~~
- ~~• One representative from Workforce.~~
- ~~• One representative from Education.~~

- ~~One representative from each of the region's key industries.~~

B. Each appointing authority may also appoint or elect one alternate for each representative it appoints or elects to the Board.

2. **EDD Board Officers.**

EDD Board officers shall be elected by majority vote of the representatives. Officers shall serve for a term of two (2) years from the date of their election.

- a. **Chairman.** The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the EDD Board and shall be the chief officer of the EDD Board .
- b. **Vice Chairman.** The Vice Chairman shall exercise the functions of the Chairman in the Chairman's absence or incapacity.
- c. **Secretary-Treasurer.** The Secretary-Treasurer shall exercise the functions of the Vice Chairman in the absence or incapacity of the Vice Chairman and shall perform such other duties as may be consistent with the office of Secretary-Treasurer or as may be required by the Chairman.

3. **Term of Representation**

Each representative shall serve a two year term unless sooner replaced by the appointing authority. Representatives shall serve on the EDD Board at the will of the appointing authority. All representatives serving on the original EDD Board shall serve from the EDD Board's inception until the second January following the EDD Board's creation.

4. **Allocation of Voting Rights**

Each representative shall be entitled to vote on any matter that requires a vote by the Board. Each representative shall have a total of one vote. Only the representatives of those appointing authorities whose dues payments are current are entitled to cast a vote at a meeting of the EDD Board.

5. **Quorum**

A quorum shall consist of no less than seven representatives or their alternates. To pass a budget or set dues, the majority of the representatives comprising the quorum shall be government representatives.

6. **Telephone Polling**

~~In order to achieve a quorum, the EDD Board may poll by telephone, not more than two representatives, with respect to a specific matter before the EDD Board on motion or resolution. Such telephone polling shall constitute the equivalent of a physical presence at the meeting of the representative(s) so polled, shall be carried out by the Chairman, and the results of the poll reported to the EDD Board by the Chairman. The minutes for the meeting shall reflect that a telephone poll was taken, the results thereof, and the representative(s) polled by telephone. Further, a memorandum of the telephone poll shall be approved and signed by the polled representative. If the representative(s) does not approve and sign the memorandum, the action upon which the vote, including the poll, was taken shall be null, void and of no effect.~~

7. **Electronic Meeting Participation and Voting**

~~With prior approval by the EDD Board, The EDD board representatives may participate in EDD board meetings, and may vote via electronic means. on subjects not related to the budget or the setting of dues.~~

ARTICLE III
Annual Dues Assessment Policies

1. **Dues Assessment and Payment**

- a. The EDD Board will receive a dues payment from the Council equal to 50% of the EDD's adopted budget minus other revenues received or budgeted to be received.
- b. The EDD Board shall adopt a voluntary dues structure that applies to private sector representation, to offset the costs of adding the private sector representatives to the EDD Board and to be applied toward matching the federal dollars.
- c. By August 31st, the EDD Board shall send notices stating the amount of the next calendar year's annual dues assessment. Confirmation of intention to pay the assessment is due to the EDD Board by October 31st. Dues assessments are due and payable on an annual basis by February 28th.

2. **Required Withdrawal from EDD Board**

In the event of non-payment of dues the EDD Board may by majority vote require that the non-paying entity withdraw its representation on the EDD Board.

ARTICLE IV
Financial Management

1. **Annual Budget**

Each year between October 1 and October 15, the Chairman shall submit, by mail, to the EDD Board an estimate of the budget required for the operation of the EDD Board during the ensuing calendar year.

2. **Funding Sources**

The EDD Board is specifically empowered to contract or otherwise participate in and to accept grants, funds, gifts or services from any Federal, State or local government or its agencies or instrumentality thereof, and from private and civic sources, and to expend funds received therefrom, under provisions as may be required of and agreed to by the EDD Board, in connection with any program or purpose for which the EDD Board exists.

3. **Accounting**

The EDD Board shall arrange for a systematic and continuous record of its financial affairs and transactions and shall obtain an annual audit of its financial transactions and expenditures.

ARTICLE V
Executive Staff

1. **Hiring and Termination**

The NWCCOG Executive Committee shall appoint professional Executive Staff who shall serve at the pleasure of the EDD Board, and may be hired and/ or terminated only by a vote of the Council pursuant to Article II Section 3 of the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments.

2. **Duties**

The Executive Staff shall serve as the general administrators of the EDD Board and shall oversee the daily affairs in a manner that carries out the will of the EDD Board, including but not limited to the following authority:

- a. The Executive Staff shall implement personnel policies, and shall hire, supervise and terminate employment for the staff of the EDD Board.
- b. The Executive Staff shall have the authority to enter into contracts for services and materials on behalf of the EDD Board provided, however, that the EDD Board has previously approved budget items encompassing such services and materials, and the contracts implement items in the Work Program approved by the EDD Board. In no event may the Executive Staff enter into contracts in excess of \$20,000. The Executive Staff shall have the authority to dispose of, by sale or exchange, property and equipment of the EDD Board up to and including a value of \$1,000 per unit or market lot, as appropriate, without prior approval

of the EDD Board. Upon approval of the EDD Board or Executive Committee, as appropriate, the Executive Staff may dispose of EDD Board property or equipment valued in excess of \$1,000.

- c. The Executive Staff shall have the authority to bind the EDD Board during the course of contract negotiations with present or future contractors with the EDD Board provided, however, that the specific contract under negotiation has previously been approved by the EDD Board. The Executive Staff shall have the authority to implement change orders and contract amendments consistent with the intent and purpose of previously approved contracts.

ARTICLE VI

Amendment

These Bylaws may be amended by resolution of the EDD Board, approved by majority vote of the EDD Board.

ARTICLE VII

Rules of Order

Except as otherwise provided in these Articles, Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail for the conduct of business of the EDD Board.

ARTICLE VIII

Meetings

The EDD Board shall hold meetings open to the public at least twice a year and shall also publish the date and agenda of such meetings sufficiently in advance to allow the public a reasonable time to prepare in order to participate effectively.

The EDD shall provide information sufficiently in advance of decisions to give the public adequate opportunity to review and react to proposals. The EDD shall communicate technical data and other material to the public so they may understand the impact of public programs, available options and alternative decisions.

The EDD shall make available to the public such audited statements, annual budgets and minutes of public meetings, as may be reasonably requested.

The EDD and its board of directors shall comply with all Federal and State financial assistance reporting requirements and the conflicts of interest provisions set forth in CFR § 302.17.

ARTICLE IX

Committees

The EDD Board may establish advisory committees as may be necessary from time to time.

ARTICLE X
Indemnification

The EDD Board shall indemnify, to the extent permitted by law, any person who is an officer, agent, fiduciary or employee of the EDD Board against any claim, liability or expense arising against or incurred by such person as a result of actions reasonably taken by him at the direction of the EDD Board. The EDD Board shall further have the authority to the full extent permitted by the law to indemnify its directors, officers, agents, fiduciaries and employees against any claim, liability or expense arising against or incurred by them in all other circumstances and to maintain insurance providing such indemnification.