



**FY 2026: Cycle 26-05 EIAF Tier I/Tier II Funding Application**

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**Application Overview**



You are **required** to work with your [Regional Manager](#) prior to completing your application. **The DOLA Grants Portal will only be opened for your community to apply upon approval from your Regional Manager.**

The Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Fund (EIAF) program was created to assist political subdivisions that are socially and/or economically impacted by the development, processing, or energy conversion of minerals and mineral fuels. Funds come from the state severance tax on energy and mineral production and from a portion of the states share of royalties paid to the federal government for mining and drilling of minerals and mineral fuels on federally-owned land. The creation of the fund is outlined in C.R.S. 34-63-102 (Federal Mineral Lease) and C.R.S. 39-29-110 (Severance). Grant dollars are to be awarded for the planning, design, construction, maintenance of public facilities, and for the provision of public services by political subdivisions.

Requests in this Cycle 26-05 may be for:

EIAF Tier I: up to \$200,000 with a 1:1 match

EIAF Tier II: over \$200,001 and up to \$1,000,000 with a 1:1 match

Tier I award notifications are anticipated in late April 2026. All other application presentations are scheduled for early May 2026, with funding decisions anticipated late May 2026. More information and additional documentation on the EIAF program can be found on the [EIAF website](#).

**A. APPLICANT/CONTACT INFORMATION**



1. **Local Government/Organization:** [Fremont County](#)

In the case of a multi-jurisdictional application, select the other participating eligible organizations:

2. **Principal Representative:**

(In the case of a multi-jurisdictional application, principal representative of the lead organization.)

**Honorific:** [Commissioner Chair](#)  
**First Name:** [Debbie](#)  
**Middle Name:**  
**Last Name:** [Bell](#)  
**Suffix:**  
**Role:** [Chief Elected](#)  
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**City:** [Canon City](#)  
**State:** [CO](#)  
**Zip Code:** [81212](#)  
**Phone #:** [719-276-7300](#)  
**Email Address:** [debbie.bell@fremontcountyco.gov](mailto:debbie.bell@fremontcountyco.gov)

3. **Responsible Administrator (will receive all mailings) for the Application:**

**Honorific:** [Grants Administrator](#)  
**First Name:** [Rachel](#)  
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**B. CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL INFORMATION**



Please provide contact information for the chief elected official.

**a. Name**

In the case of a multi-jurisdictional application, chief elected official of the "lead" political subdivision.

[Debbie Bell](#)

**b. Title**

[Commissioner Chair](#)

**c. Street Address**

[615 Macon Ave](#)

**d. City**

[Canon City](#)

**e. State**

Please use the two-letter abbreviation

[Co](#)

**f. Zip**

[81212](#)

**g. Phone**

Use xxx-xxx-xxxx format

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**h. Email Address**

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**C. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**



**a. Project title**

Begin the project name with your community name. Example: "Monte Vista Project Name", "Lincoln County Project Name". (60 character limit)

[Fremont County Phantom Canyon Tunnel Rehabilitation](#)

**b. Project address**

What is the physical address at which the project will be located?

[Fremont County Road 67](#)

**b.1. County of project**

What is the County in which the project will be located?

Fremont County

**c. Amount requested**

\* The amount requested should equal the Grant Request Total line in the project budget attached in Section M.

208,650

**d. Matching funds**

208,650

**e. Total amount of all costs for the project described in this application**

NOTE: If this application is part of a larger, phased project, then the total amount should reflect the phase being applied for in this application. The total amount should equal the Total line in the project budget attached in Section M.

417,300

**f. Describe the problem, opportunity or challenge that resulted in the request**

(1,000 character limit)

In July of 2025, Fremont County received an inspection report recommending that FRCO 67-318 be repaired within 90 days. The report stated that tunnel 318 exhibited unstable and loose rock, which was a particular concern since the tunnel is over a usable roadway surface. FRCO 67-318 is located on County Road 67 (Phantom Canyon Road) and is utilized to travel from Fremont County to the Victor/Cripple Creek area located in Teller County. The road provides access to Teller County mines which employ many Fremont County residents. It also provides access to a granite pit that Fremont County DOT utilizes for road base. The road is a popular tourist attraction and is part of the Gold Belt Scenic Byway. Rehabilitating the tunnel will provide the community continued safe access to Phantom Canyon, which is a significant community asset.

**g. Describe the project scope of work**

Describe the various services and work tasks involved in the project including specific data such as quantities, mileage, square feet, linear ft. etc., as well as specific project location within the city and/or county etc. Please be specific to this phase of the project for which you are seeking funding. (1,000 character limit)

FRCO 67-318 is an unlined rock tunnel approximately 250-ft long by 19-ft tall located on Fremont County Road 67 (Phantom Canyon Road), 16 miles northeast of Canon City. This project will rehabilitate tunnel 318 by installing a permanent, engineered shotcrete lining system. Fremont County has already hired an engineering firm and contracted \$28,000 to complete the design. Currently, a preliminary design plan set is complete, and the final plan set will be ready by May 2026 to ensure this tunnel is ready for lining. The County has already completed the initial scaling and rock removal phase. This grant request is specifically for the construction phase: installing fiber-reinforced shotcrete lining along with strip drains/weep drains where required, including the portal/portal brow. Final quality control testing will be performed to ensure structural compliance prior to reopening the road for full community use.

**h. Will the project be undertaken in a wetlands or flood hazard area?**

No

**h.1 List flood plain maps/studies reviewed. Describe alternatives considered.**

(500 character limit)

**i. Local priority**

If more than one application is being submitted from the same local government, please select the priority of this project. (1 of 2, 2 of 2, etc.)

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**j. Supporting documents**

Upload any supporting documents (studies, plans, preliminary reports, schedules, letters of support, etc.) as a single PDF document.



Phantom Canyon Tunnel 318 Grant App Docs.pdf

**D. DEMONSTRATION OF NEED**



The statutory purpose of the Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance program is to provide financial assistance to political subdivisions socially or economically impacted by the development, processing or energy conversion of minerals and mineral fuels.

**a. Demonstration of need**

Why is the project needed at this time? (1,000 character limit)

Without rehabilitation, it is possible that rockfall from the tunnel will make it too dangerous to travel on Phantom Canyon Road and the road will have to be closed until necessary repairs can be completed. The inspection report stated that the repairs were needed as soon as possible. There is potential for rockfall to cause significant road closures, and potential for injury. Phantom Canyon is utilized by Fremont County citizens as well as tourists who come to the area to experience the beauty of Southern Colorado. The tunnel was constructed in 1894 as part of the Florence and Cripple Creek Railroad and has historical significance to our community. Rehabilitating the tunnel will not only make Phantom Canyon Road safer to travel but will preserve this history.

**b. Does this project address the stated need?**

Does this project, as identified in this application, **completely** address the stated need? If not, please describe additional work or phases and the estimated timeframe. Do you anticipate requesting Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance funds for future phases? (1,000 character limit)

Yes. The project will reduce the structural instability and rockfall hazard identified through recent National Tunnel Standards finding and Essential Repair items, and to preserve safe access on this corridor. The proposed solution directly address the need by installing shotcrete lining on the tunnel to stabilize loose/variable rock and reduce the likelihood of rockfall. This approach was demonstrative in 2018 when the county performed a similar rehabilitation project on FRCO 67-317. That project has proven the long term maintenance benefits of the shotcrete lining. There has been no maintenance required and no rockfall at the tunnel since the 2018 lining was installed. This is the only other tunnel on Phantom Canyon Rd.

**c. What are the consequences if the project is not awarded funds?**

(500 character limit)

If the project is not awarded funds Fremont County will not be able to move forward with the rehabilitation until it is fiscally possible for our community. If this project is not completed it is possible that rock fall from the tunnel could result in injury and or the untimely closure of Phantom Canyon Rd.

**E. MEASURABLE OUTCOMES****a. Describe the expected measurable outcomes**

How will the project enhance the livability\* of your region, county, city, town or community? Examples would include constructing a new water plant to eliminate an unsafe drinking water system and provide safe and reliable drinking water; the construction of a new community center that would provide expanded community services, or projects achieving goals regarding energy conservation, community heritage, economic development/diversification, traffic congestion, etc.

**\*(Livability means increasing the value and/or benefit in the areas that are commonly linked in community development such as jobs, housing, transportation, education, hazard mitigation, health and environment)**

(1,000 character limit)

Rehabilitating FRCO 67-318 will eliminate the potential of rock fall from the tunnel and will enhance community safety. Phantom Canyon road is a popular tourist attraction and is utilized by the community for transportation to and from Teller County. Citizens utilize it to travel to jobs between the communities. Rock fall from the tunnel poses a hazard to the community and shotcrete lining will eliminate that problem. The tunnel is regularly inspected so Fremont County DOT will be able to monitor the success of the project. Phantom Canyon is very special since it has historical significance, is extremely beautiful (especially in the fall), and is a means of transportation between Fremont and Teller County. The project will contribute to the overall safety of the tunnel and will help to maintain the economic advantages that Phantom Canyon Road brings to Fremont County.

**F. ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY**

Applications will be reviewed on the project's potential to transform both the state and local community's energy portfolio, including considerations of additional renewable energy capacity and/or project type, the energy makeup of the local utility, and historic renewable energy adoption.

**a. Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**

Will this project directly implement improved energy efficiencies or develop a strategy that could result in a reduction of the community carbon footprint and increased conservation of energy? Does the project capitalize on renewable energy technology?

No

**a.1 If yes, please describe.**  
(500 character limit)

**a.2 If no, please explain.**  
(500 characters)

**b. Renewable and energy efficiency planning and implementation projects**

Applications must assess the current needs of the community and help move the community or region towards 100% renewable energy and/or increased climate resilience. Renewable energy projects should be part of a community climate action and/or sustainability plan that transitions the current dependence on fossil fuels toward renewable, clean energy sources.

If there is a renewable energy component to your project, please answer the questions below. Projects should advance the 100 percent renewable energy by 2040 goal utilizing specific, measurable outcomes including: energy reduction over baseline (energy efficiency), energy offset over baseline (renewable energy generation) and greenhouse gas reduction over baseline.

What type of technology does the project include? (Select all that apply)

**b.1 If other is selected above, please describe.**

What is the annual generation in kWh, therms or other metric?  
(150 character limit)

**b.2 What electric utility serves the project area? Example: Platte River Power Authority.**  
(100 character limit)

**b.3 How much is the project estimated to save per year in utility costs?**  
(Enter dollar amount)

**b.4 What is the estimated avoided GHG emissions/year in metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent?**  
(Enter amount)

**b.5 For solar projects only**

**b.5.i How many kW of generation capacity will be added from your project?**  
(Enter amount)

**b.5.ii How many kWh of electricity will the project generate per year?**  
(Enter amount)

**b.5.iii Is the solar rooftop or ground-mounted?**

**b.6 For hydro-electric projects only**

**b.6.i How many kW of generation capacity will be added from your project?**  
(Enter amount)

**b.6.ii How many kWh of electricity will the project generate per year?**  
(Enter amount)

**b.7 For geothermal and geoexchange projects only**

**b.7.i Is the geothermal project an electrical generation project?**

No

**b.7.ii How much will the project save per year in kWh as compared to a typical electric system?**  
(Enter amount)

**b.7.iii How much will the project reduce natural gas use per year in therms?**  
(Enter amount)

**b.8 For energy efficiency and building electrification projects only**

**b.8.i How much will the project reduce electricity demand per year in kWh?**  
(Enter amount)

**b.8.ii How much will the project reduce natural gas use per year in therms?**  
(Enter amount)

## G. POPULATION & LOCAL EFFORT

### a. Current population

Current/most recent conservation trust fund/lottery distribution estimate, [Colorado State Demographer](#) estimate, or a [projection](#) based on the communities percentage of overall county population is acceptable.

50,071

### b. Five year population projection

49,215

### c. Relationship to community goals

Please describe if the project is identified in the applicants organizational budget or a jurisdictionally approved plan (e.g. capital improvement plan, equipment replacement plan, comprehensive plan, utility plan, road maintenance and improvement plan or other local or regional strategic management or planning document). (500 character limit)

Fremont County Department of Transportation has identified this project as a priority. The Fremont County Commissioners have also determined it as a priority and are committed to moving forward with the project and including the project in the County's budget. The project supports Fremont County's community goals by protecting a critical transportation and recreations asset that serves residents, emergency response needs, and tourism.

### d. Why can't this project be funded locally?

(500 character limit)

Fremont County Department of Transportation funds multiple projects that are necessary for the community. This project, although a priority, will require the County to hire an experienced professional contractor which will require a significant commitment from the County. Without grant funding, the County will have to delay the project in order to budget for the cost of the contractor.

### e. Has this project been deferred because of lack of local funding? If so, how long?

(500 character limit)

Yes. The project was identified in 2017 but due to limited funding and multiple other projects it had to be delayed. After more severe safety hazards identified in 2025 this project became a high priority for the County.

### f. Explain the origin and status of your local cash match

(Note: Whenever possible, local government cash match is on a dollar for dollar match to the award amount.).

Are the local matching funds committed or pending? Committed funds are either already received or formally secured. If funds are pending, when will the status of those funds shift from pending to committed? If funding is awarded and in-kind contributions are included in the project budget, detailed tracking of in-kind will be required. (500 character limit)

The Fremont County Commissioners have prioritized this project and fully budgeted the required cash match. Additionally, the County has demonstrated recent financial commitment by spending \$17,490 for contractor scaling and \$2,351 in equipment rental. Additionally Brierley Associates is under contract for \$28,000 to complete the design. This represents a total of \$47,841 already invested in the project's success.

### g. Community partners

What other community entities, organizations, or stakeholders recognize the value of this project and are collaborating with you to achieve increased livability of the community? Please describe how you and your partners are addressing problems across multiple sectors (community, economic, housing, natural resources, etc.) through this project. (1,000 character limit)

Preserving safe access through Tunnel 318 is a priority for a diverse coalition of stakeholders. We collaborate with the Gold Belt Tour Scenic & Historic Byway and Fremont County Tourism Office to sustain heritage tourism, while Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining relies on the route for workforce connectivity. Crucially, outdoor advocacy groups like Fremont Adventure Recreation (FAR) and SOCO Crags are key beneficiaries, as their members utilize the canyon for premier gravel biking and rock climbing. We also coordinate with the BLM and Teller County to ensure regional continuity. By stabilizing the tunnel, this project addresses cross-sector challenges: it protects a vital economic artery for mining and tourism while simultaneously securing safe access for the outdoor recreation that drives our community's health and livability.

#### g.1 Community outreach

Describe efforts such as inclusive community outreach used by your jurisdiction to serve and engage underrepresented groups. (500 character limit)

Fremont County will coordinate and communicate planned closures and detours through the County website/social channels. The County will provide a minimum two-week advance notice of the closure window and will coordinate messaging to reduce impact during tourist season. During construction the County will post closure signage at key decision points and provide updates through County and partner communication channels.

**h. Tax rate, usage charges, or fees**

Have tax rates, user charges or fees been reviewed recently to address funding for the proposed project?

No

**h.1 Tax rate or usage charge modifications**

If the tax rate, user charges or fees were modified, what was the modification and when did this change occur? (500 character limit)

**H. READINESS**



**a. If awarded funds, when can the project begin? (Months)**

Tier I awards are made in April 2026 with contracts expected in July 2026.  
Tier II awards are made in May 2026 with contracts expected in August 2026.

6-9 months

**b. What is the time frame for project completion?**

9-12 months

**c. If design or engineering is a component of this project, select the percentage of completion.**

Select the percentage of completion as of the date of this application.

50% - 74% complete

**d. How were project cost estimates determined?**

How did the applicant develop project cost estimates? (500 character limit)

Probable cost is based on preliminary design and engineering estimation prepared by Brierley Associates; the final estimate will be updated once the design for the project is complete and prior to bidding. The Fremont County Engineer added a 20% contingency to the estimate prepared by Brierley Associates to represent a standard 10% construction contingency which is especially important due to possible geotechnical variances and an additional 10% for design evolution.

**d.1 Is the project supported by bids, professional estimates or other credible information?**

Yes

**d.1.i Bids/estimates**

Please attach a copy of any supporting documents. (PDF Document)



Prob Cost FRCO 67 Tunnel 318\_letter of OPCC\_01\_16\_26.pdf

**e. Are any Local, State or Federal permits required before the project can proceed?**

If yes, please describe and note the status of permit acquisition. (500 character limit)

No state or federal permits are anticipated for this scope of work. Only a Fremont County Department of Transportation Right of Way Closure will be required.

**f. State or National historic registry designation**

Is the project on a State or National registered historic building, structure, site, or in a district?

No

**f.1 State or National historic registry number**

If the project is on the State or National registry, please provide the registry number. DOLA may need to seek a determination of effect from History Colorado and the State Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. (100 character limit)

**f.2 Historical, archaeological, or cultural significance.**

Please describe how the project will affect historical, archaeological, or cultural significance of the building, structure, site or district. (500 character limit)

The project will preserve access to the historic Gold Belt Tour Scenic Byway. While the tunnel's appearance will be altered by covering raw rock with shotcrete, this modification is strictly necessary to mitigate critical rockfall hazards. Prioritizing structural stability ensures this historic railroad route remains safe and open to the public.

### f.3 Attach supporting documents (if applicable)

If on a State or National Register, please upload color photos of the project work areas and a detailed written description of work proposed. The photos and description should include details beyond the general scope of work described above. (Upload photos and description as a single combined PDF document)

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## I. ENERGY & MINERAL RELATIONSHIP

### a. Community energy and/or mineral impact

Describe how the community is, has been, or will be impacted by the development, production, or conversion of energy and mineral resources. **For example:** Heavy truck traffic directly related to energy development is impacting County Road X, or there are X number of oil and gas wells, storage facilities, transfer stations, etc. in the municipal or county boundaries, or a legacy of energy extraction has resulted in environmental issues in the area, or finally, the closure of energy production facilities is impacting the community. (500 character limit)

Fremont County has had a long history with energy and mineral resources. When our community was founded in the 1800s coal mining was prominent throughout the area. Phantom Canyon road connects Fremont County to the Cripple Creek/Victor area which are historic mining communities. Cripple Creek and Victor have working mines that provide employment to Fremont County citizens who are able to commute for their jobs utilizing the road. Fremont County DOT also uses the road to access a granite pit.

## J. RESILIENCY CRITERIA

The Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Program is required to integrate resilience criteria into the program. By bringing resiliency considerations into project planning and implementation, projects should be better poised to benefit a number of sectors (economy, health, infrastructure, etc.), minimize long-term risks, and anticipate or be better prepared to respond to changing conditions faced by Colorado communities.

For clarification or further guidance on how the Resiliency Criteria can be incorporated into projects, visit the [Resiliency Prioritization Criteria](#) section of the [Colorado Resiliency Playbook](#). The [Colorado Resiliency Framework](#) site can also be used to develop a focused approach to incorporate these measures into all, or most projects. Below, please select Yes/No for all of the criteria that can be considered to apply to your project. Project scoring for these criteria is based on whether or not the project proposes to incorporate these long-term resiliency measures into the planning, development and implementation of the project.

### a. Adaptive capacity

Yes

#### a.1 Adaptive capacity

Briefly describe how this project includes flexible and adaptable measures that consider future unknowns of changing climate, economic, or social conditions. (500 character limit)

Environmental factors such as precipitation and freeze- thaw events play a part in creating loosening rocks in the tunnel. As weather becomes more extreme it is important that the County keep up with necessary maintenance on our roads and tunnels. The rehabilitation project will improve tunnel safety and make maintenance more sustainable moving forward.

### b. Co-benefits

Yes

#### b.1 Co-benefits

Briefly describe how this project provides solutions that address problems across multiple sectors including the community, economic, health and social, housing, infrastructure, and watersheds and natural resources sectors to create maximum benefit. (500 character limit)

Rehabilitating the tunnel at Phantom Canyon road will improve community safety by improving road conditions and will also enable Phantom Canyon to continue to contribute to the economic sustainability of the area. Phantom Canyon connects Fremont and Teller County which allows residents to commute for employment and also to access recreation and events in other communities. It is also a tourist attraction and can encourage people to travel between the two counties.

**c. Risk reduction**

Yes

**c.1 Risk reduction**

Briefly describe how this project reduces risk and vulnerability to people, infrastructure, and natural systems. (500 character limit)

Tunnel 318 has documented instability and essential repair needs identified in recent inspections; without intervention, deterioration and rockfall risk can increase over time, raising the likelihood of emergency closures, damage to vehicles, or injury to road users. This investment improves long-term serviceability and helps prevent unplanned closures and costly emergency response.

**d. Long-term and sustainable**

Yes

**d.1 Long-term and sustainable**

Briefly describe how this project will be able to be maintained by the community over its lifetime, reduces environmental impacts and is an investment that will last for generations. The project looks to the future and creates long-term gains for the community. (500 character limit)

The tunnel is regularly inspected and maintenance. Similar project in the past have proven effective. FRCO 67-317 was rehabilitated in 2018. That project installed shotcrete lining with dowels and strip drains. Tunnel 317 has required no maintenance and there has been no rockfall since the installation of lining in 2018.

**e. Mitigates climate change**

No

**e.1 Mitigates climate change**

Briefly describe how the project includes renewable energy components and other solutions to mitigate the effects of climate change as much as possible and move the community or region towards 100% renewable energy. (500 character limit)

This project does not mitigate climate change.

**f. Socially equitable**

Yes

**f.1 Socially equitable**

Briefly describe how this project solution is inclusive of and addresses the needs of populations and community groups that have been or are disproportionately and negatively impacted by disasters, including social and economic shocks and stressors. The project addresses inequities, removes barriers, and benefits these populations by equitably distributing project-related benefits and providing access or meeting functional needs.\* (500 character limit)

According to 2023 US census data the median household income for a Fremont County resident is \$61,027 while the median household income for a Colorado citizen is \$97,113. We are a rural community and often have less opportunities than larger communities or resort communities. Phantom Canyon road not only offers a connection between Teller and Fremont County, it is part of the legacy of what makes Fremont County so unique and beautiful. We have a responsibility to preserve this for our citizens.

**K. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND LAND USE REGULATION PROJECTS ONLY**

For comprehensive plan and land use regulation projects only. **If your project is not a comprehensive plan or a land use regulation project, proceed to Section L.**

**a. Affirm required elements for Comprehensive Plan**

The State of Colorado requires local governments to adopt Comprehensive (Master) Plans per C.R.S. 30-28-106 (for counties) and C.R.S 31-23-206 (for municipalities). When funding comprehensive plans, DOLA **requires** that the following project components be included in the scope of work:

- A community-driven [engagement plan](#) to ensure participation from all relevant stakeholders and community members, including underrepresented groups.
- The plan must assess and address housing needs of current and future residents at all levels of affordability. It must include locally-appropriate goals, strategies, and actions to promote affordable housing development. This work must use the best available data (e.g., State Demography Office data or a recent housing needs assessment). Those jurisdictions subject to the requirement for housing needs assessments and action plans will consider these documents in the master/comprehensive plan.

- The plan must address risks of natural and human-caused hazards to life, property, and public resources, and consider their impact on vulnerable communities. Include goals, strategies, and/or actions to address and mitigate these hazards (i.e., addressing with more specificity all potential hazards as described in the county's Hazard Mitigation Plan). Communities may find DOLAs [Planning for Hazards](#) guide helpful in this work.
- The plan must address the community's water supply and water quality goals. Per [C.R.S. 31-23-206\(1\)\(d\)](#) and [C.R.S. 30-28-106\(3\)\(a\)\(IV\)](#), the community must:
  1. Consult and coordinate with local water provider(s),
  2. Include water conservation policies, and
  3. Estimate a range of water supplies and facilities needed to support the potential public and private development described in the comprehensive plan.

Within the first six months of receiving the grant, awardees must submit a self-assessment, such as the [Colorado Growing Water Smart: Community Self-Assessment](#), to include water supply and demand status and trends, existing water conservation and efficiency goals and policies. Consult the DOLA Land Use and Water Planner before or immediately following award for free technical assistance.

- The plan will include a Strategic Growth element (unless the jurisdiction is otherwise [exempted](#) by statute).
- The plan must include an action plan that prioritizes actions necessary to implement the plan, creates a timeline for implementation, and assigns responsibility for actions.
- And, *for municipalities only*, a plan for three miles outside municipal boundaries, also known as the three mile plan, per [C.R.S. 31-12-105\(1\)\(e\)\(I\)](#).

The department **strongly encourages** the following:

- Land use code updates: Because the land use code implements a comprehensive plan, a land use code update is strongly recommended to immediately follow a comprehensive plan update.
- Policies and strategies in the comprehensive plan and land use code to plan for the community's aging demographic.
- Policies and strategies to address energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and increase the use of renewable energy sources where applicable.
- Intergovernmental agreement(s) (IGA) with neighboring jurisdiction(s) to cooperatively plan for areas of mutual interest (e.g., three-mile areas). In addition, the IGA will address how infrastructure will be provided or upgraded and maintained in areas of mutual interest and engage major service providers/special districts, as applicable.

**b. We agree to include the Department of Local Affairs required elements for Comprehensive (Master) Plans as identified above in addition to C.R.S. 30-28-106 (for counties) and C.R.S. 31-23-206 (for municipalities) in the project scope of work.**

No

**b.1 If no, explain why the required elements will not be included in your project scope of work.**

For example, recently completed tasks or plans listed above would be incorporated into the comprehensive plan by reference. (500 character limit)

## L. FACILITY PROJECTS ONLY - HIGH PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (HPCP) COMPLIANCE



**For new facilities, additions and renovation projects only. If your project is not applicable, proceed to Section M.**

NOTE: If your project will use 25% or more in state funds, then some form of HPCP compliance most likely applies to your project.

Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S. 24-30-1305.5) requires all new facilities, additions, and renovation projects that meet all of the following criteria to conform with the High Performance Certification Program (HPCP) adopted by the Office of the State Architect if:

- The project receives 25% or more of state funds (from any/all state funding sources and in aggregate across all project phases, if applicable); and
- The new facility, addition, or renovation project contains 5,000 or more gross square feet (NOTE: this includes all phases of project work, e.g., if one phase covers 3,000 square feet and another covers 2,000 square feet then each phase must comply, however, square footage not conditioned for human occupancy, such as an equipment shed, is excluded); and
- The building includes or will include an HVAC system; and
- Only in the case of a renovation project, the cost of the renovation exceeds 25% of the current value of the property.

Projects that meet the above criteria are required to complete and submit the [DOLA checklist](#). Please visit DOLA's HPCP web page at [High Performance Certification](#) or contact your DOLA Regional Manager.

### a. HPCP applicability

Is the applicant seeking 25% or more of state funds (from any/all state funding sources and in aggregate across all project phases, if applicable)?

a.1 If yes, complete the remainder of this section.

a.2 If no, the project does not meet the HPCP requirements and the DOLA checklist does not need to be completed and proceed to Section M.

**b. HVAC details**

Please select the type of HVAC system for this project.

**c. Project type**

Please select the type of construction project.

**c.1 Building square footage**

Please indicate the square footage of the building; if an addition is being added, please indicate the square footage of the addition separately. (50 character limit)

**d. For renovation projects only, does the cost exceed 25% of the current value of the property?**

No

**d.1. What is the current property value?**

Current property value is determined on the assessed or appraised value. (enter amount)

**d.2 What is the total project cost for the renovations?**

**e. Does this project meet the HPCP criteria?**

If you answered "yes" to questions a and b, then your project likely meets the HPCP applicability criteria and you **must** complete the HPCP registration form and preliminary checklist and upload below. (See the DOLA HPCP web page for registration and checklist form.)

No

**e.1 HPCP registration form and checklist**

- Upload the HPCP registration and checklist form. Save your Budget-Financials documents as an [.xls file, or in the 97-2003 version](#) of Excel, before your upload. The portal will not upload a newer version of Excel such as an .xlsx document.

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**f. Third party verification**

Have you included any costs in the budget for this grant application for third party verification to comply with the High Performance Certification Program?

No

**f.1 Third party verification cost**

If you answered yes above, please specify the estimated cost for third party verification/certification. (500 character limit)

**f.2 Third party verification resources**

Will you need assistance locating resources, third party consultants, or technical assistance for HPCP third party verification requirements, preparing cost estimates, or otherwise complying with the HPCP?

No

**f.2.i Third party verification resources required**

If you answered yes above, please describe the type of resource identification assistance you need. (500 character limit)

**M. FINANCIAL INFORMATION (CURRENT YEAR) & BUDGET**



Please download and complete an Applicant Financials & Budget Template with the lead agency information as well as any co-applicants on this application. The template is on the EIAF website under The Application Process section.

**NOTE: Local governments must be in compliance with filing annual budgets, elections, annual audited financial statements, and other statutory requirements at the time of application.**

**a. Financial information upload**

Please upload the completed Project Financials & Budget in an Excel format and name it: <Organization>Financials.xls. Example: LincolnCountyFinancials.xls. Save your Budget-Financials documents as an .xls file, or in the 97-2003 version of Excel, before your upload. The portal will not upload a newer version of Excel such as a .xlsx document.

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Budget & Financials Form Template 12.09.25.xls

## N. COMPLIANCE OF STATE LAWS, REGULATIONS AND DIRECTIVES

**a. Certify compliance**

By submitting this application, we do hereby certify that we are in compliance with all State of Colorado laws, regulations and directives.

Yes

**b. If no, please explain. (500 character limit)**

## O. TABOR COMPLIANCE

**a. Voter authorization**

Does the applicant jurisdiction have voter authorization to receive and expend state grants without regard to TABOR spending limitations?

Yes

**a.1 If yes, please explain**  
(500 character limit)

The citizens of Fremont County voted to de-Bruce in 2014.

**a.2 If no, please respond below.**

If no, would receipt of these grant funds, if awarded, result in the local government exceeding revenue limitations, prompting a refund?

No

**b. Affirm Local Government Attorney has confirmed this TABOR statement**

Yes

## P. OFFICIAL ACTION

**a. Date of official Board, Council or Commission action**

Enter the date that this application was approved for submission to DOLA by the Board, Council or Commission.

02/19/2026

## Application Footnotes

Political subdivisions of the State of Colorado (local governments) and regional Councils of Governments are eligible to apply for grants or loans through this program. Local governments must be in compliance with all laws and provisions governing their operations.