



COLORADO
Department of Local Affairs
Division of Local Government

Local Match 2024 Application

Local Government/Organization: Fremont County
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Application Overview

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) in collaboration with the Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) and the Governor’s Office have created the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Local Match grant program to be used for local governments to support a local government’s non federal match requirement when they are applying directly to the federal government for a federal IIJA Program.

Eligible entities include counties, municipalities, special districts and federally recognized tribes who have or intend to apply for a federal IIJA program that requires a non federal match.

Link to IIJA Local Match Funds: [Scoring matrix](#)

PLEASE NOTE: The Principal Representative and Responsible Administrator in Section A MUST be a different person and MUST have different email addresses in order for the application to be accepted.

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
Mailing Address: 615 Macon Ave
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State: CO
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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.

Name

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Title

County Commissioner Chair

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C. LOCAL MATCH AMOUNT REQUESTED



1. Amount of IJA local match grant funds requested.

There is a *minimum* amount of **\$250,000** that may be requested in local matching funds.
(numbers field only)

155,822

2. Less than full funding.

Can this project move forward with an amount less than requested? What are the consequences of less than full matching funds?

It will be difficult for the county to move forward with the project without the full request of funding. The county is applying for an SS4A grant which requires a 20% non federal match. Without matching funds the project will be delayed significantly and it could impact our ability to go under contract for the federal award.

3. Exception for minimum request amount.

\$250,000 minimum match request is required. If your federal IIJA program application requires a match of less than \$250,000, please provide a detailed narrative clearly demonstrating the validity, importance and value of a smaller local project. *This option is intended for smaller, rural, and/or historically underserved communities.*
(Respond with "N/A" if you are not requesting an exception to the minimum request amount.)

Fremont County is a rural community that does not operate on a large budget. The requested amount of funding is a significant amount of match for us. The availability of grant funds is the only reason we are able to complete the project we are requesting funding for.

D. FEDERAL IIJA PROGRAM **1. What is the name of the federal IIJA program you have or will be applying for?**

Safe Streets and Roads for All. Fremont County is applying for a Planning and Demonstration Grant under this program.

2. What is the grant application deadline for the federal IIJA Program?

May 26, 2026

3. What is the total amount of federal IIJA funds applied for or expected?

623,289

4. What is the match requirement for the federal IIJA program?

Copy language from the federal agency or statute.

155,822

5. What is the Nationwide total to be distributed?

Link to GFOA's [Funding Tracker](#)

\$305,678,320 is available for Planning and Demonstration Grants under FY26 Safe Streets and Roads for All.

6. Is the program competitive or formulaic?

Competitive

7. What is the expected date of the federal award decision?

The NOFO states that signed agreements will be within 12 months of the award announcement.

E. GOVERNOR'S POLICY PRIORITIES

The following questions align with the "Alignment with Governor's Policy Priorities" section of the scoring matrix.

1. Collaboration.

Have you collaborated with and secured other local, nonprofit, and/or private sector partners on project planning? Please describe.

Fremont County has reached out to the Upper Area Arkansas Council of Government and the City of Canon City who have provided support for this project.

2. Governor's Policy Priorities.

How does this proposed project align with the Governor's policy priorities as detailed in the [IIJA Priority document](#)?

The project will improve transportation which is listed as a priority.

F. JUSTIFICATION OF NEED

The following questions align with the "Justification of Need" section of the scoring matrix.

1. Other funding sources.

If any other funding sources will be leveraged for this project, please list the funding source type, amount, and if these funds have been committed to the project.

No other funding sources will be leveraged for this project.

2. Additional Funding.

Why can this match requirement not be met by other funding sources/reallocation of existing budgets?

Strongest application has justified clearly why other funds cannot be leveraged or reallocated for this purpose, including at least 2 examples.

With a lack of state and federal funding that the county anticipates receiving in upcoming years we do not anticipate being able to offset these expenses in our budget.

3. Project budget.

Please attach your proposed budget for the federal grant application, which should include planned uses for all funds for this project (federal, state match, any other funds.) If you do not have this documentation prepared as part of the federal application, please provide a high-level project budget. The budget must specify the proposed use for IJJA State Matching funds.

(Upload document)

[Download](#) Budget.docx

G. EQUITABLE & LONG-TERM COMMUNITY IMPACTS

The following questions align with the “Projected Equitable Impacts” and “Long-term Community Impact Depth” sections of the scoring matrix.

1. Intended Use.

Please briefly describe the intended use of funds and relationship to state or agency key strategic goals. Strongest applications will specify how the project will have a permanent impact on health and safety of the community and a wide-reaching impact across the state.

The funds will be utilized to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan that will examine transportation safety issues for all road users in unincorporated Fremont County. The goal of the Safe Streets and Roads for All Program is to develop a plan that will inform policy changes and implement needed road safety projects that will lead to eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries in the county. The project will improve the lives of Fremont County road users and will assist the county in eliminating dangerous roadway issues. The project aligns with DOLA and the State of Colorado's dedication to maintaining the health a safety all Colorado citizens.

2. Disproportionately Impacted Communities.

What percentage of total project funding will be invested in disproportionately impacted communities? Strongest applications will align with or exceed 40% threshold per federal [Justice40 initiative](#)

The project will look at road safety in Fremont County. It will look at safety issues that impact all road users including pedestrians and bicyclists. The Safe Streets and Roads for all program requires a comprehensive and robust community engagement process to insure everyone in the community has a voice and that individuals in disproportionately impacted communities are not overlooked.

3. Prioritization.

How will your project implementation identify and prioritize benefiting disproportionately impacted communities or communities most harmed by legacy infrastructure?

The project will look at roadways in unincorporated Fremont County. The geography of unincorporated Fremont County can make safety improvements difficult and since these areas are less populated than municipalities it is easy to overlook them during planning efforts. This project relies heavily on community engagement and there will be many outreach opportunities that will enable disproportionately impacted members of our community to be involved in planning efforts.

4. Counties Impacted.

List the county(ies) that will be impacted by this proposed project.

The project will look at roadways in unincorporated Fremont County, but will have an impact on surrounding Colorado communities that utilize our roadways.

H. IMPACTS ON WORKFORCE/JOB CREATION

The following questions align with the “Impact on Workforce/Job Creation” section of the scoring matrix.

1. How many new jobs is this project expected to create?

If unknown at this stage of planning, briefly describe whether and how the project will create new jobs or workforce demand.

The project will be put out to bid. This will create an opportunity for a consultant to sustain their business and allow them to have work for their employees. The goal of this project is to recommend needed safety project which will provide the opportunity to create future construction job opportunities.

2. What workforce plan(s) are in place to meet the workforce needs related to this project?

The project will be put out to bid. Fremont county will ensure that the consultant chosen will follow all federal regulations and pay their employees a fair price and that they have the necessary employees to ensure that the project is completed accurately.

I. SHOVEL-READY STATUS

The following questions align with the "Shovel-Ready Status" section of the scoring matrix.

1. Project Phases.

Briefly describe if this is an annual project, multi-year but single-phase project, or multi-phase project.

(NOTE: Funds will be provided on an annual basis and any funding awarded for one year/phase of a federal grant does not guarantee additional match funding for future phases/years of project.)

The project will first go through a Request for Proposal Process and will not begin until a qualified consultant has been chosen. Once a consultant is hired the project is anticipated to take two years to complete. No construction will be completed for this project.

2. Project Timeline.

Please briefly describe the project implementation timeline for the project.

The project is anticipated to begin in 2027 and to last for two years.

3. Project Sites.

Have project sites been secured for the proposed project? Please describe.

The project is for a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and will examine unincorporated Fremont County Roadways.

4. Relevant State Agencies.

Have the relevant state agencies been included and/or informed of the proposed project? If so, please list the State agencies.

Fremont County notified CDOT that we would be applying to create a Safety Action Plan under the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant opportunity.

5. Projected Start Date of Encumbrances.

What is the projected start date of encumbrances for the project?

1/1/2027

6. Projected End Date of Encumbrances.

What is the projected end date of expenses for the project?

12/31/2028

7. Additional Information.

Is there any other information you would like to provide about this project?

This is the last year that funding is guaranteed for this project. Fremont County does not currently have a countywide Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

J. APPLICANT AFFIRMATIONS/AGREEMENT WITH TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Affirmation of Advance Request

Awarded IJJA Local Match projects will not receive funding until they can demonstrate they have been awarded the federal IJJA program for which they applied. Grantees must submit, if awarded, an advance request form accompanied by the federal IJJA award or allocation letter through the DLG grants portal. The advance request form is included as part of the award agreement.

Confirm/Agree to Comply.

2. Affirmation of Use of Funds

Grant funds can ONLY be used for costs associated with the non-federal match requirement of an awarded federal IJJA program. Grantees who spend funds outside of this intended purpose understand that any such funds must be returned to DOLA and agree to do so within 30 days of identification of improper fund use.

[Confirm/Agree to Comply.](#)

3. Affirmation of Interim Report.

Grantees must provide DOLA with a minimum of one itemized interim report, as well as any other financial reports as requested by the Governor's Office through DOLA. Reports will include supporting documentation (invoices and proof of payment) on how the advanced funds were used. The report form is included as part of the award agreement.

[Confirm/Agree to Comply.](#)

4. Affirmation of Final Report

Grantees must provide a final itemized report, to include supporting documentation, at the conclusion of the award agreement accompanied by the federal close-out letter on how grant funds were used. The report form is included as part of the award agreement.

[Confirm/Agree to Comply.](#)

5. Affirmation of Return of IIJA Local Match Grant Funds.

Grantees acknowledge that all unspent grant funds at the end of the award agreement must be returned to the Department of Local Affairs within 30 days of the expiration of the award agreement.

[Confirm/Agree to Comply.](#)

K. BOARD ACTION/TABOR COMPLIANCE



1. Official Board Action

Assurance of community priority. Applications cannot be submitted unless approved by the entity's Board, Council or Trustees. Provide the date official action was taken authorizing this application.

[6/9/2026](#)

2. TABOR Compliance.

The applicant jurisdiction understands TABOR spending limitations related to receiving and expending state grants.

[Confirm/Agree to Comply.](#)

L. STATE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION



Confirmation

The State, upon acceptance and favorable review of an Application submitted through the DOLA online grants portal system, agrees to provide financial assistance from the IIJA Local Match Program to the Applicant. The notification of award of financial assistance (Grant Award) indicates that Applicant has met all of the requirements to qualify for IIJA Local Match program grant monies with such amount to be determined exclusively by the State and has affirmed and confirmed agreement with the stated terms and conditions associated with use of those grant funds.

[Confirm I Have Read the Above Statement](#)