



**COLORADO**  
**Department of Local Affairs**  
 Division of Local Government

## Local Match 2022 Application

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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: [County Commissioner Chair](#)

First Name: [Kevin](#)

Middle Name:

Last Name: [Grantham](#)

Suffix:

Role: [Chief Elected](#)

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Address 2:

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State: [CO](#)

Zip Code: [81212](#)

Phone #: 719-276-7300  
Email Address: kevin.grantham@fremontco.com

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

Honorific: Grants Administrator  
First Name: Rachel  
Middle Name:  
Last Name: Miller  
Suffix:  
Role: Responsible Administrator  
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**B. CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL INFORMATION**



Please provide contact information for the chief elected official.

**Name**

Kevin Grantham

**Title**

County Commissioner Chair

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**City**

Canon City

**State**

CO

**Zip**

81212

**Phone**

7192767300

**Email Address**

kevin.grantham@fremontco.com

**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)

73,600

## 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?

The total cost of this project will be \$1,472,000 with a local of \$73,600 match. A \$73,600 match is a significant expense for Fremont County and the funds that have been budgeted for our airport. The IIJA Grant program has a quick turn around and it will not be possible for Fremont County to provide the match without assistance. If we were to wait for a future cycle the total cost of the project will go up as the cost of supplies will increase. Delaying this project will allow our airport to continue to receive flood damage during strong rain.

## 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 applying for the IIJA Federal Airplane Terminal Program FY 2024 funding opportunity. Since Fremont County is considered a nonprimary airport the Federal Share of the grant is 95% leaving Fremont County to cover the 5% match. The project is a significant expense and will cost \$1,472,000. The project is intended to stop flooding at Fremont County's Airport. The current drainage pattern causes water and debris to travel directly to the airport building that is utilized as a terminal. The drainage system also floods the runways. The project will redirect the drainage so that it goes into a detention pond. Fremont County's Airport is inside of a growing industrial park. As the industrial park is expanded flooding increases. The building receives water damage every time there is heavy rain and with extreme weather changes flooding in the area will continue to get worse. The project will help to preserve Fremont County's Airport as our world's climate continues to change. Fremont County's Airport is an important fixture for our community. The airport is utilized by local pilots and provides supplies and services that benefit our community. The airport provides fuel and parking for aircraft owners. The airport is also utilized for flight instruction and is available to the military to use for their instructors. Fremont County airport has been utilized during wildfires by helicopters for emergency response.

## D. FEDERAL IIJA PROGRAM

### 1. What is the name of the federal IIJA program you have or will be applying for?

Airport Terminal Program; FY 2024

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

October 16, 2023

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

\$1,398,400

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

Copy language from the federal agency or statute.

\$73,600

### 5. What is the Nationwide total to be distributed?

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

Approximately \$1 Billion

### 6. Is the program competitive or formulaic?

Competitive

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

I believe the award decision should be announced in early 2024. I do not see an expected award date in the NOFO or on the website for the grant information.

## 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 Armstrong Consultants to share are plans for this project.

### 2. Governor's Policy Priorities.

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

The project will serve a rural community and will strengthen Fremont County Airport's resiliency to climate change.

## 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.

Fremont County will not leverage any other funding sources 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.

The annual revenue of the Fremont County Airport does not cover the expenses associated with this project. If Fremont County were to pay for the match out of the Airport's existing fund balance we would deplete the Airport's resources.

### 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 IJA State Matching funds.

(Upload document)

Download

Fremont County Airport Drainage Project Budget.doc

## 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.

This project will go towards strengthening Fremont County's Airport against the threats of climate change. It has become imperative that we conduct flood in order to keep our facility open to the public and protect our runway and office building, which is utilized as a terminal. Fremont County is a rural community and our airport serves a wide variety of people. The mission statement of the airport is to "Provide safe, efficient aeronautical services and facilities for commercial, corporate, private and

military aviation". This project will allow us to continue to serve our community without the risk of our sever flood damage to our facility.

### 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](#)

Fremont County will invest all of the funding in improving the County's Airport. The Fremont County Airport is located in a rural community and serves many people.

### 3. Prioritization.

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

As a rural community with a small nonprimary airport Fremont County has been limited on opportunities to truly invest in our Airport. The IJA funds have offered us a once in a lifetime chance to make necessary improvements to our Airport. This project will allow Fremont County to prioritize the needs of our community, even through we are rural and offer a smaller airport than our metropolitan neighbors.

### 4. Counties Impacted.

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

The Fremont County Airport serves Fremont, El Paso, and Pueblo County.

## 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 contractor to sustain their business and allow them to have work for their employees.

### 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 whatever contractor is chosen will be required to follow all federal regulations to pay their employees a fair price and that they have the needed employees to ensure that that 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.)*

This is a single-phases project.

### 2. Project Timeline.

Please briefly describe the project implementation timeline for the project.

Fremont County is working with the utility companies to have all necessary utilities moved before the project begins. Once construction starts that project is anticipated to take two to three months to complete. If funds are awarded Fremont County should be ready to start construction May of 2024 with an estimated completion date of 7/31/2024.

### 3. Project Sites.

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

[The project site is owned by Fremont County.](#)

#### 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's Airport Manager plans to reach out to the Colorado Department of Transportation Division of Aeronautics so that they are aware of this project.](#)

#### 5. Projected Start Date of Encumbrances.

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

[5/1/2023](#)

#### 6. Projected End Date of Encumbrances.

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

[7/31/2023](#)

#### 7. Additional Information.

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

[The intention of this project is to stop the flooding of the Fremont County Airport Office Building. The office is utilized in place of an airport terminal. The current drainage system causes the building to flood any time there is rain. This project has been necessary for some time but due to the cost it has not been feasible for the County to undertake without the assistance of grant funding. The Bipartisan Infrastructure has created many opportunities for rural governments like Fremont County to undergo projects that have not been feasible in the past. Even with the 95% Federal match Fremont County will struggle to finance this project without further assistance. The project is necessary to maintain the resiliency of the airport as our climate changes. The Fremont County Airport has been a crucial fixture during wildfires. It utilized by helicopters that respond to wildfires and it is necessary to make sure that the airport remains open throughout the year so that in the event there is a natural disaster the facility is available. The current drainage system not only damages the office building, but also damages the runways. This project will have a substantial impact on the resiliency of the Fremont County Airport.](#)

### 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.

[10/24/2023](#)

**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](#)