

DRCOG Regional Grant Navigator (RGN)

April 2025 Update

2024 Recap and 2025 Workplan

ROI for RGN DRCOG Program

Awarded

\$55,854,391

- City of Golden – PROTECT (\$23,800,000) - Lena Gulch
- Gilpin County & Boulder County - Capital Projects Fund (\$7,054,391) - Broadband
- City of Thornton – RAISE (\$25,000,000) - 104th Ave

Submitted and Pending

\$20,000,000

- Commerce City – RAISE (\$20M)
- Maverix Broadband – BEAD (Clear Creek County, Jefferson County and Gilpin County)

Currently Being Written

- Superior – SS4A
- Boulder County – SS4A
- Arapahoe County – PROTECT
- Adams County - RAISE
- Clear Creek County – SS4A
- Federal Heights - PROTECT



Key Projects in Flight

Sampling of Recent Exploratory Discussions:

- Westminster - EV, solar, resilience, workforce dev, water plant
- Nederland/Wild Bear – DOE Energy for Rural Areas
- Edgewater – Focus on ADA for sidewalks, parks
- Littleton – Exploring EV/solar Direct pay, stormwater investments
- Lyons -Exploring FEMA Hazard Mitigation other sources for sidewalk connections
- Nonprofits - Covering a broad range (such as Wild Bear, Harvest of all 1st Nations, Inner City Health)
- Quasi-governmental entities -Denver Airport, RACQ, Cherry Hills Heights Water and Sanitation District
- C2ES Resiliency Toolkit – Review of toolkit, participated in speaking at workshops and disseminated resources

Ancillary RGN Benefits: Superior Case Study

- 6 departments met in person in Nov. for 2-hour brainstorming
- Cross-fertilization to identify co-benefits
- Hub and spoke model with Grants Coordinator
- Developing and leveraging inter-jurisdictional partnerships (CAMP, fire recovery)
- Qualitative and quantitative benefits beyond RGN, IRA and IIJA due to silo busting
- Even if a community doesn't find IRA/IIJA grant, we help them find others such as NAAPME, HSIP, CAMP, Charge Ahead Colorado, Fleet Zero, GOCO





Year 3 Workplan

- Disseminate information on new federal criteria and programmatic changes
- Assist with shifting strategies to align on most competitive applications
- Analyze who has not yet participated in RGN program
- Reach out to communities that haven't engaged with RGN to date
- Provide extra capacity to help communities navigate transformation of programs and scoring criteria
- *What are we missing? What other feedback do you have for us to help our region thrive in Year 3?*



Related Ways WSB Can Build on RGN Program

- Grant Writing & BCA (once free state assistance is exhausted for a community)
- On-call Services and Staff Augmentation
- Strategic Planning and Risk Management
- Partnership Development
- Facilitation and Engagement
- Engineering, Public Works and Operational Support
- Sustainability, Resiliency, Hazard Planning and Mitigation

Questions?

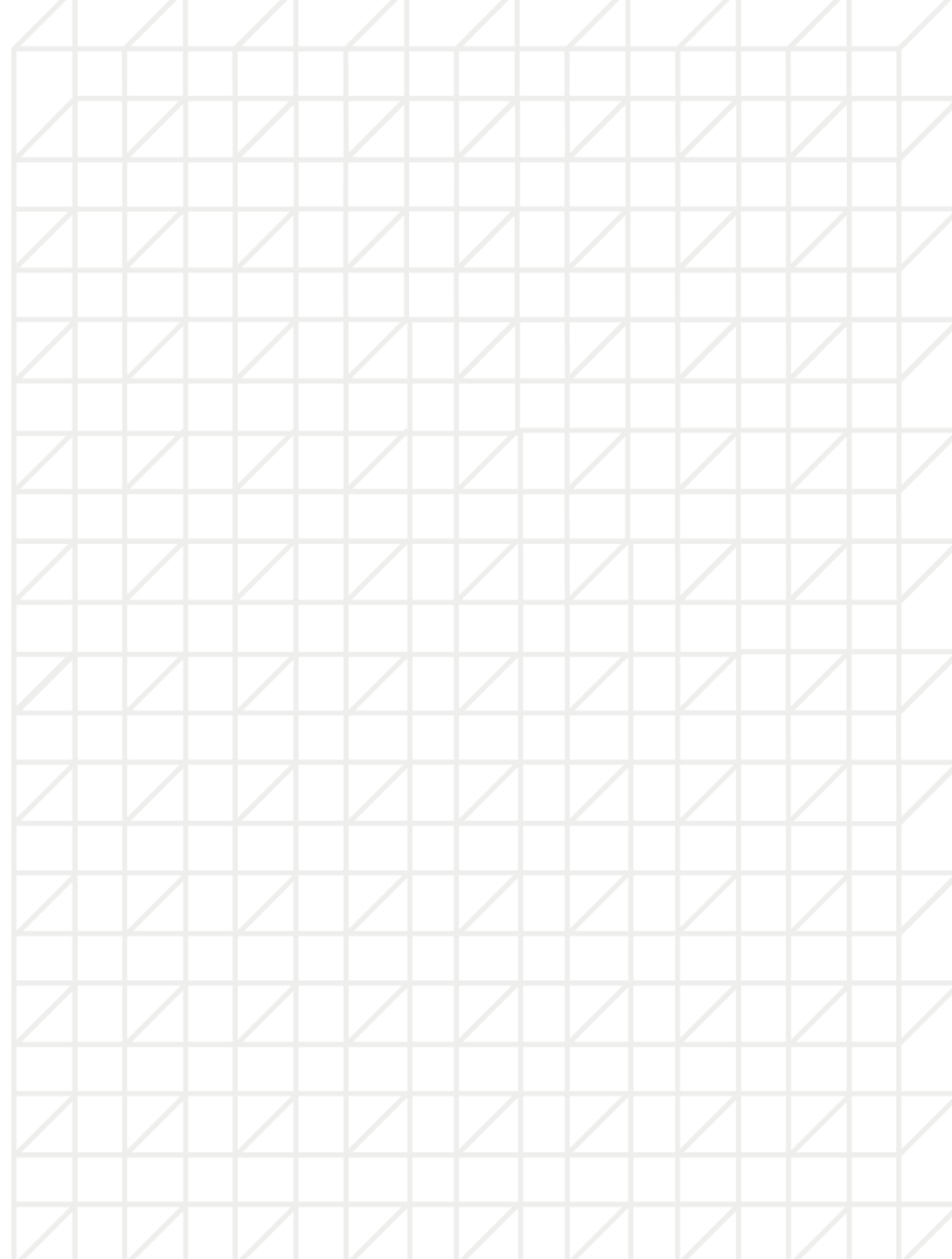




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APPENDIX





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[Year 3 - 2025](#)



Resources from our Partners at Peak



WSB coordinated with Peak Consulting to develop a Project Prioritization **Screening Tool** to identify their most grant-ready projects. Several municipalities, such as Arvada and Brighton, have utilized this to efficiently focus grant research on highest priorities.

A **Grant Readiness Checklist** has also been developed to educate Municipal leaders on eligibility requirements, which streamlines the application process and improves the chances of winning the grant.

WSB and Peak plan to further our **engagement** with communities to discuss strategies for grant readiness, align with administrative priorities, listen to feedback, and provide insight and tools to find funds.