

Revitalizing Main Streets Program FY 2021 Projects Frequently Asked Questions

Eligibility Questions

Does my application meet the intent of this grant?

Applicants are encouraged to review the Evaluation Criteria on page 3 of the application. This grant is intended to support public health solutions as they relate to necessary COVID-19 mitigation (such as social distancing) by increasing multimodal opportunities in a quick, equitable way. If you think your project aligns well with the evaluation criteria, we encourage you to apply. Please review the full criteria before completing the application.

We've already implemented a project, can we be reimbursed for projects that have already been completed?

Any expenses incurred before contract execution with CDOT are not eligible for reimbursement or to be used as part of the 10% match. Future, ongoing expenses to extend or broaden the scope of a project are eligible if expenses are incurred after contract execution with CDOT.

Can this grant be used for projects that do not involve CDOT right-of-way?

Yes, all projects within the State of Colorado will be considered. If a project is in CDOT Right of Way, be sure to apply for a Special Use Permit with your regional representative. Contact information is included in the application.

Can one local entity submit multiple applications?

We will accept multiple applications from one local entity, but each application must be for a separate project. The review committee is also considering regional equity as funds are awarded. Keep in mind, it is possible that not all submitted applications will be immediately funded. Applicants wishing to submit multiple applications should rank their projects by priority so that the review committee can take this into account when determining awards.

Are Business Improvement Districts (BID) eligible to apply?

A BID may apply, but we recommend close coordination with your municipality, especially if city permits are required. The committee will need to see that permits are in process as part of the project readiness component in the evaluation criteria. Similar to the question above, regional equity is considered during evaluation of multiple applications from one jurisdiction.



If our first application wasn't awarded, are we eligible to submit a new application?

If one application is unsuccessful, an entity may re-apply with a revised application or completely different application. Please email dot_candocdot@state.co.us if you would like additional resources for project ideas.

Are projected losses of revenue from parking meters eligible for reimbursement?

If the parking lots are being used as space to expand business and multimodal right of way, this is akin to space being leased by the city. In this situation, the lost revenue is comparable to a lease payment, which are eligible operating expenses. That said, revenue lost prior to a contract being executed would not be eligible, and detailed backup documentation will be required to receive reimbursement.

Are trail systems eligible for the grant or must it be oriented towards roadways?

Yes, trail systems are eligible for the grant; be sure to address how the trail project also improves public health, as related to COVID-19 mitigation.

General Application Questions

What does the application mean by multimodal, active transportation?

Funding for this grant is provided by the SB 1 Multimodal Opportunities Fund (MMOF). Per funding guidance, multimodal projects are defined as "capital or operating costs for fixed route and on-demand transit, transportation demand management programs, multimodal mobility projects enabled by new technology, multimodal transportation studies, and bicycle or pedestrian projects."

What are examples of active transportation projects?

This is a starting point, not an inclusive list:

- Install street furniture so pedestrians have a place to rest, if needed.
- Install bike corrals (take a parking spot and make it a corral for bikes) .
- Install bike racks when corrals don't work
- Doing a road diet that reduces or eliminates travel lanes to make space for bike lane(s) or expanded sidewalks.
- Creating a buffered or protected bike lane.
- Installing bike/ped specific signals at certain intersections.
- Install bike boxes where appropriate so bikes can turn left more easily at busy intersections.
- Reduce speed limit to 20 or 25 mph.
- Install pedestrian refuge island so walkers can more easily cross the street.
- Create painted bulb-outs with candle stick separators at busy intersections to increase pedestrian awareness and shorten length of intersection.



Does the requirement for certification from the City Manager require a formal letter?

No letter is required. Applicants should follow their internal processes to notify and receive an endorsement from the city manager. This can then be noted by checking the box in Part 2.4 of the application.

Are visual components encouraged as part of the application?

Yes, maps and designs will help the committee review your application. If they have questions, requests for additional visuals may delay the award of funding.

Can applications be submitted as a Word document?

Applicants are welcome to submit a Word document if that is easier than the fillable PDF. Be sure to clearly state each section in the Word doc. If using a Word doc, the application should still be completed. Write "See attached Word file" in the applicable blue PDF boxes. Please email dot_candocdot@state.co.us if you are having problems completing the application.

What is the procurement process for these grant funds?

In an effort to adhere to high ethical standards of procurement and to support the implementation of the Revitalizing Main Street Grant Program, CDOT strongly encourages the use of local vendors and contractors who have been solicited and/or vetted via a competitive solicitation process. Local procurement processes can be used.

Is there a word limit for each response?

A few question boxes state character limits, but if a limit is not stated then applicants may use as many words as they feel necessary. Please keep in mind, the review committee is reviewing up to 10 of these applications each week, so concise applications will be well-received.

Matching Funds

We've already implemented a project, can those funds be used for our match requirement?

No, similar to the question about reimbursable funds, the match must also be incurred after a contract is executed. Documentation will be required with invoicing

If the community is receiving CARES Act funding, can these funds count toward the local match requirement?

Yes, state funding received under the CARES Act may be used as matching funds.



If the community is receiving other grant funding, can these funds count toward the local match requirement?

Yes, if these funds are state or local funds.

Can a community count design costs toward their 10% match?

Design can constitute a match as long as the design uses state or local dollars. Please include details of the design costs in the "description of the match" in Part 2 of the application. Note that the match expenses must be incurred after a contract is executed, so the project readiness criterion could be hindered by using design expenses as the match.

