



Background

The Revitalizing Main Streets (RMS) grant program at the CDOT was created in mid-2020 with the intent to re-active Colorado’s economic hubs that had been temporarily shut down due to the public health pandemic causing medical professionals to encourage people to isolate themselves from each other. Funds were granted to communities to develop safe physical distance opportunities allowing people to return to economic activities in our local Colorado downtowns. Since social isolation requests have been lifted from our health leaders, the program has shifted into responding to local needs for better pedestrian and bicycle riding infrastructure to encourage all residents and visitors to engage in downtown activities. The program takes pride in supporting local visions to make our economic areas more easily accessible for all people.

2023 Awards

Projects that were approved January through May of 2023 include:

Town of Poncha Springs	Highway 50 Pedestrian Highway Crossing	\$250,000
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The town of Poncha Springs is currently segmented into quadrants due to highway 285 and 50. A first attempt to integrate the quadrants for active transportation traffic is the construction of the first pedestrian crossing and refuge island across highway 50. Construction of this new crossing will include concrete curbs, refuge elevated island, flashing beacons, signage, an ADA compliant walkway.

Colorado City Metro District	Greenhorn Park Revitalization	\$223,677
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This project will connect Colorado City’s ‘downtown area’ with 80 acres of hiking, walking, biking and outdoor recreation area that winds through residential and open space areas. This will happen by installing asphalt walking paths, including ADA compliant ramps at trail heads, connecting Greenhorn Park to the ‘downtown area’, and park amenities such as a restroom, benches, and bike racks.

Town of Silverthorne	Third St Multimodal Improvements	\$250,000
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This project will enhance the multi-mobility connection in Silverthorn’s downtown core by filling gaps in the pedestrian and biking infrastructure along 3rd Street, a site identified in their Master Plan for improvement. These improvements will include constructing ADA compliant ramps, intersection signage, new pedestrian crossings, street lighting and other traffic calming measures.

City of Fort Lupton	Harrison Avenue Reconstruction Project (North End)	\$250,000
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This project will rehabilitate the pedestrian connection of Harrison Ave, a historic street section, to downtown community amenities. These funds will upgrade the safety and accessibility of sidewalks between 4th and 9th Streets.

Jefferson County	Buffalo Park Safety & Mobility Improvement	\$249,849
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This project will improve pedestrian access, mobility and safety along Buffalo Park Road between Wilmot Elementary and Evergreen High School. New sidewalks and a protected crosswalk will launch an active transportation corridor in a heavily trafficked area for local youth.

City of Pueblo	Bessemer Commerce Revitalization	\$222,750
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Bessemer is a historic neighborhood in the city of Pueblo. This project will rehabilitate the existing pedestrian lighting luminaires and poles along the Northern Avenue corridor to support the cultural and economic renewal movement for the area.

City of Rifle	Downtown 5th St. Safety & Accessibility Project	\$250,000
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This project will upgrade existing sidewalks to ADA compliance, improve street lighting, enhance landscaping buffers and replace dysfunctional traffic signals. This will boost pedestrian safety by creating a more accessible pedestrian area and encourage active transportation in Rifle's downtown area.

Creekwalk Marketplace Business Improvement District	South Nevada Urban Renewal Plan - Streetscape Improvements	\$250,000
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This project will add pedestrian lighting, raised curb and concrete bollards in a lower income area of Colorado Springs. These improvements will enhance pedestrian safety in an active transportation and public transportation dependent area of an urban community.

City of Black Hawk	HARD District Pedestrian Safety Plan	\$89,640
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Black Hawk is a city which has two separate economic hubs: the gambling area and the historic arts district. Adding two crosswalks with flashing beacons will more safely allow pedestrians to travel between the two areas, which requires crossing a road with vehicles that often travel at higher speeds than allowed.