

Background

The Revitalizing Main Streets (RMS) grant program through the Colorado Department of Transportation was created in mid-2020 and continues to grant awards to communities today. The program takes pride in supporting local visions that make our economic areas more easily accessible for all people. Below is a list of awards that were granted in 2023.

2023 Awards

Town of Poncha Springs - awarded \$250,000

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, and an ADA compliant walkway.

Colorado City Metro District - awarded \$223,677

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 - awarded \$250,000

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 - awarded \$250,000

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 - awarded \$249,849

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 - awarded \$222,750

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 - awarded \$250,000

This project will upgrade existing sidewalks to ADA compliance, improve street lighting, enhance landscaping buffers and replace dysfunctional traffic signals on 5th street. 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 - awarded \$250,000

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 - awarded \$89,640

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.

Town of Basalt - awarded \$250,000

The town of Basalt applied for phase two funding of the Midland Streetscape project. This phase of the project will expand existing sidewalks, furnish bike share stations and racks, add pedestrian amenities such as pedestrian level lighting, benches, chairs and tables, add utilities for future e-vehicle charging stations, and install street buffer landscaping.

Town of Estes Park - awarded \$241,300

This project will reconstruct the narrow Cleave Street, which is directly behind main street and has become an extension of the main street district, into a multimodal corridor. This project will transition this road into an activated alley encouraging active transportation, add wayfinding and a heated drain pan at the street center to convey stormwater and snowmelt.

City of Fort Collins - awarded \$15,050

The city will replace aging and corroded bike racks with new bike racks that have a uniform look and feel throughout downtown. The 20 new bike racks will encourage people to use bicycles as a primary means of transportation to downtown destinations.

Town of Georgetown - awarded \$250,000

The town of Georgetown requested funding to refresh Stousse Park, a central community gathering space with pedestrian and socialization amenities. Park updates will include new flagstone installation, improved pedestrian lighting, a new sidewalk to connect the park to close restrooms and landscaping materials.

City of Lamar - awarded \$125,000

The town of Lamar requested funding to replace and convert existing sidewalks into ADA compliant pedestrian infrastructure in the downtown economic hub on the west side of highway 287.

Town of Meeker - awarded \$150,000

The town of Meeker will install streetlight luminaires to create dark sky friendly pedestrian lighting. Replacing existing lighting will reduce energy consumption and encourage pedestrian safety while not compromising the local value for experiencing a dark sky.

Town of Paonia - awarded \$217,630

This project will reconstruct the intersection of Grand Avenue and 5th Street to include replacement of sidewalks, curb and gutter and integrating new ADA compliant ramps, and replacing rectangular rapid action flashing beacon signals. This is an important project for the community due to the increasing aging population.

City of Las Animas - awarded \$203,250

The city will upgrade the core downtown with amenities that encourage active transportation. These upgrades include adding pedestrian outdoor seating, lighting, signage, bicycle racks and a pocket park to the downtown area.

Town of Kersey - awarded \$250,000

This project will add pedestrian safety upgrades to a busy freight intersection in downtown Kersey at 1st Street & Campbell. Improvements include wayfinding, improved crosswalk visibility and safety through bulb outs, stripping and landscape buffers.

Town of Akron - awarded \$92,466

The town of Akron will transform a vacant city-owned lot into an economically magnetic pocket park and install interactive art installations at that new pocket park as well as the town library. Together these additional elements in their town will enhance walkability and foster community connections in the downtown area.

Town of Elizabeth - awarded \$250,000

This project will provide a safer pedestrian environment in their downtown area. Project elements include building new ADA accessible sidewalks, amenity zones, pedestrian level lighting, street trees, benches and bump outs along the seven main blocks of the downtown area.

City of Littleton - awarded \$250,000

The city will improve the east-west multimodal connection to downtown Littleton from regional routes. By upgrading existing bike lanes and adding ADA curb ramps along Church Avenue, the project will provide a safe and accessible link between the downtown transit station and primary destinations including students and staff at Arapahoe Community College and the Colorado Center for the Blind.

City of Steamboat - awarded \$100,000

The city is repurposing a recently closed portion of 10th Street into a downtown plaza. The plaza will increase the vitality of this portion of downtown by demolishing the road and replacing the space with an interpretive plaza including a walking path, benches, pedestrian level lighting, native landscaping, a shade structure, interpretive signs, and public art.

Town of De Beque - awarded \$250,000

The town will replace their currently 3 feet narrow sidewalks with new ADA compliant 6 feet wide sidewalks around their main street, while also safely connecting the main street to the town's primary school. In addition, pedestrian amenities including benches, trash bins, wayfinding and pedestrian level lighting will enhance the pedestrian experience of De Beque's downtown.

County of Las Animas - awarded \$56,780

The road connecting the Hoehne's school and community center will be replaced with active transportation elements including a separated shared bike and pedestrian lane, wayfinding designating the lane separation, bike racks and a pedestrian bench. This will allow community members to safely use active transportation to and from the school as well as events at the community center.

Town of Mead - awarded \$250,000

The town of Mead will install missing links in an eight foot wide sidewalk and trail system connecting the downtown area to residential areas as well as the local elementary and middle schools.

Town of Minturn - awarded \$226,800

Five foot wide ADA compliant sidewalks, traffic calming measures such as street speed bumps and reflective striping, signage and fencing will be installed by the town with these grant funds. These components together will connect northern residential areas and visitors who access trails into Minturn's downtown area.

Town of Olathe - awarded \$223,512.20

The town of Olathe will improve community connections by constructing new sidewalks between Main Street and the local elementary schools, by adding a secure pathway along a well traveling pedestrian path. In addition to sidewalk improvements, the town will add pedestrian amenities such as pedestrian lighting, benches, and shade trees along the walkway.

Town of Pagosa Springs - awarded \$250,000

The town of Pagosa Springs will replace sidewalks and crumbing tree wells to eliminate tripping hazards. In addition, the town will enhance the pedestrian experience by integrating street lighting, hanging planter baskets, street trees and electrical outlets for holiday lighting installations.

Town of San Luis - awarded \$181,592.26

The San Luis Town Plaza project will create a community gathering space for residents and visitors to connect inside central San Luis.

Town of Westcliff - awarded \$250,000

The town of Westcliff will replace sidewalks connecting residential areas to the commercial areas along 6th street, which is a secondary main street for the town. In addition the sidewalks will connect the trail system connecting the town to the neighboring town, Silvercliff.