



Application

Opportunity 2: Small Multimodal and Economic Resiliency Grant

Introduction

This grant program supports downtown vitality and the built environment by encouraging economic development, supporting community access to public streets and bringing innovative uses of public spaces to life with multimodal transportation projects. The funds can be used for active transportation infrastructure improvement projects that meet the aim of the program and are ‘shovel ready’, therefore can be completed within a 12 month period from grant contract execution, if approved.

Eligibility



Maximum CDOT grant award per project: \$250,000.

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Note: Minimum match amount required is 10% of total project cost.



Applicants must be one of the following:

- Local Governments
- Business Improvement Districts
- Council of Governments, on behalf of a local jurisdiction and with proof of support from that local jurisdiction
- University or College



Projects must be located in the state of Colorado. On-CDOT system and off-CDOT system projects are eligible. *Note:* if a project encroaches on a state right of way, a [Special Use Permit](#) is required.



Expenses eligible for grant funds include, but are not limited to, construction & materials costs for building new or long-term improvements of the following:

- Sidewalks and/or bike lanes
- Pedestrian improvements to road intersections
- Landscaping buffers
- Activating or building a downtown plaza
- Pedestrian level lighting
- Multimodal amenities such as benches, trash bins, restrooms, bike racks and bus stop shelters
- Traffic calming public art features



Expenses that are exempt from award, if awarded:

- Planning, design, engineering, architecture, landscape architecture, and professional surveying expenses.
- Work completed prior to CDOT contract execution is not eligible nor can it count toward the minimum 10% match.
- Volunteer time.



Part 1

Grantee Overview

1. Entity Legal Name	
Entity Address (Include city, state, zip)	
2. Primary Project Manager Name (person responsible for managing the project)	
Project Manager Email	
Project Manager Phone	
3. CDOT Region Location (Locate your CDOT region on this map)	
<p>4. Procurement. By completing and submitting this application, you acknowledge that if awarded, the use of grant awards will be in compliance with your entity’s procurement standards that identify appropriate procedures to ensure projects are procured through an open, equitable and competitive process.</p> <p>Please describe your process:</p>	



Part 2

Project Overview

1. Project Title	
2. Project Location: (route with start & end points)	
3. Project Location: define ownership for the project improvement site, including easements if necessary.	
4. Does this project encroach on CDOT Right-of-Way or involve a CDOT roadway?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, have you submitted a Special Use Permit? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5. Project Summary. Summarize the objective for your project (no more than one paragraph).	
6. Is this part of a larger project? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, specify the location and summarize the scope of the larger project.	



Part 3

Grant Funds Scope & Financials

9. RMS Grant Scope Deliverables

What items are included in the project you seek grant funds for?

Include only elements that would be funded by RMS and the required 10% match; do not include elements funded by other sources. (for example: constructing new sidewalks; adding new pedestrian lighting; temporary traffic control)

#	Individual Deliverable	Description
1		
2		
3		
4		
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10		



10. Costs. Please provide the estimated or expected cost for items included in the scope you seek grant funds for. Include only elements that would be funded by RMS and the required 10% match.

A. Your Labor & Owned Asset Costs: (for example: project manager; bulldozer)

#	Employee Classification Or Asset Item	Hourly Rate	Estimated Total Hours	Estimated Total Cost
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

Total Labor & Owned Asset Costs: \$ _____

B. Vendors, Subcontractors, Materials, Equipment, and Other Costs (for example: construction company x; concrete; landscaping materials; bike rack)

#	Item Description	Vendor (if known)	Quantity	Total Cost
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

Total Vendor/Subcontractor/Materials/Equipment/Other Costs: \$ _____



11. Budget	
Total Project Budget	
RMS Funding Requested (up to \$250,000)	
List all additional project funding source(s) & amount	
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<p>Do you have any CDOT granted federal funds contributing to the overall project that you are requesting RMS funds for? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, what is the CDOT grant funding program name?</p>	
<p>By checking this box, the grantee’s President, Chief Elected Official (Mayor or County Commission Chair) or City/County Manager or equivalent, has certified they support this grant request to be submitted for funding and will follow all State fiscal policies, and state and federal regulations when completing this project, if awarded.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Part 4

Grant Funds Project Narrative

Provide qualitative and quantitative responses to the following questions.

1. **Vitality and the Built Environment (35%):** How does the project impact the vitality of your community's downtown, mixed-use center, or community gathering space? Does this project promote economic development?



2. **Active Transportation and Safety (35%):** Does the project promote active transportation, including an increase to biking, walking, and/or transit? Does it improve safety for these and other vulnerable users? If so, how do you know that?



3. **Equity Improvement (10%):** Some communities in Colorado have more than their fair share of environmental exposure. As a result, they may experience higher levels of environmental health harm. Many of these communities are home to people of color and low-income families. Disproportionately Impacted (DI) Community status is a measure to determine areas in Colorado with current and past environmental inequities, areas that have a greater health burden and/or areas that face greater environmental risks.

a. Is the project location within a Disproportionately Impacted (DI) Community?

Yes No

- How to answer this question: Please find the project location on the [EnviroScreen map](#). Guidance regarding how to use the tool is here: [EnviroScreen Tool Directions](#).
- Please take a screenshot of the results from the [EnviroScreen Tool](#).

b. Whether or not the project is in a DI community, how will the project support and benefit disadvantaged populations? Include a description of the disadvantaged populations.

4. **Readiness of Implementation (10%):** What is the status of planning, designing & engineering the project? When is the anticipated completion date for this project? Describe the degree to which a project is “shovel ready”. Please include a broad project schedule.



5. **Community Support:** (5%) Are there community plans that played a role in the creation of the project? Please describe how the community has been engaged to inform the location, design, or goal of the project (i.e., surveys, past or current planning practices).

6. **Other Considerations** (5%) Identify aspects of the project that would involve new technologies or innovative methods, show strong cost-benefit and/or is replicable to accomplish project aims for other communities?



Part 5

Verification, Attachments & Submission

Scope of Work & Financials Verification

If an award is approved, this document represents the scope of the work and costs for the project. By signing this, the applicant has reviewed the application to ensure it represents the necessary project elements required for execution. Scope of work change requests may be submitted once the project has begun, only if unexpected changes occur after the project has commenced. Note: scope of work changes may or may not be approved once submitted to CDOT, so plan accordingly.

Date:

Signature: _____

Further Review. Describe any review by the applicant or by other agencies (including CDOT) that will be required as part of this project. For example: Identify whether the project involves any CDOT right of way.

Applicable Laws. By completing and submitting this application, you acknowledge your responsibility to ensure compliance with all applicable federal and state policies, laws and design requirements (including the [Americans with Disability Act](#)) for your entire project.

Required Attachments. This checklist consists of the required attachments to be submitted:

- Relevant map for the project site. Highlight the portion of the project that is requesting grant funds to implement.
- Project concept design, if completed.
- Current state clear photographs of the project site.
- If a project has no documented connection to a master or community plan, letters of support or public involvement documentation may substitute as attachments to show community support.
- Screenshot of the results from the [EnviroScreen Tool](#), produced per directions in the [EnviroScreen overview](#).

Submission

Completed & signed applications with required attachments must be emailed to be considered for review at any time to cdotmainstreets@state.co.us.

Application deadlines will be the last Wednesday of *every other month, unless the date falls on a State holiday*. Dates to note for 2024 application reviews are found on the website under the document titled [Eligibility & Selection Rules](#).