

## Opportunity 2: Small Multimodal and Economic Resiliency Grant Eligibility & Selection Rules

### Overview

This grant program is to fund active transportation infrastructure improvements that will support downtown vitality and the built environment, encourage economic development, support community access to public streets and multimodal transportation, and imagine innovative uses of public spaces for people.

### Eligibility



Maximum CDOT grant award per project: \$250,000. Minimum grant award per project: \$10,000.

*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

*Note:* Nonprofit organizations may partner with one of the above eligible entities

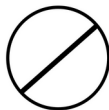


Projects must be located in the state of Colorado. On-CDOT system and off-CDOT system projects are eligible. *Note:* if a project encroaches on a state right of way, a [Special Use Permit](#) is required.



Project Types: A non-exhaustive list of project examples is below:

- Expand sidewalks to increase ADA accessibility, or extend current sidewalks;
- Increase walking trails throughout downtown areas;
- Add separated bicycle lanes;
- Increase street landscaping with a landscaped street buffer, street trees or planter boxes in walking areas or sidewalks;
- Reduced speed limits to allow for safer walking and biking;
- Add a parklet into the downtown area;
- Increase pedestrian amenities such as benches, sidewalk lighting or drinking water fountains in walking or bicycle riding areas of downtown districts
- Public art features may be included to enhance safety and encourage multimodal choices.



Expenses that are exempt from award, if awarded:

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

### Application & Review Process

1. A few items to note in the process:



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- Applicants shall acknowledge within the application their responsibility to follow all applicable federal (such as ADA) and state laws, and commit to comply with their local procurement codes that identify appropriate competitive bidding procedures.
  - Projects requiring CDOT local agency concurrence (projects involving transit service, facilities, maintenance, within rights-of-way, or otherwise in need of involvement) must submit a [special use permit](#) request to the CDOT region traffic department before an approved application can be submitted for a grant contract execution.
  - Projects requesting to change infrastructure on land that is not owned by the applicant must submit proof of easement or wait to make project improvements until the land has been purchased by the grantee.
  - If approved, the submitted and approved application scope becomes the work agreement that the applicant must complete.
2. Completed and submitted [applications](#) will be reviewed. Applications received that are incomplete will be returned to the sender with instructions of missing components.
  3. [Applications](#) may be submitted at any time to [cdotmainstreets@state.co.us](mailto:cdotmainstreets@state.co.us). The deadline for review will be the last Wednesday of every other month, unless that date falls on a State holiday. Dates to note for application reviews in 2024 are:

Submission Deadline	Application Review Date (Week of)	Notice of Review Committee Decision (Week of)
February 28, 2024	March 11	March 18
April 24, 2024	May 6	May 13
June 26, 2024	July 15	July 22
August 28, 2024	September 9	September 16
October 30, 2024	November 11	November 18
December 18, 2024	January 13, 2025	January 20, 2025

4. Grant applications will be reviewed by a committee that will evaluate and score projects. The review committee may include staff from various state agencies, including:
  - The Colorado Department of Transportation
  - The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
  - The Colorado Energy Office
  - The Colorado Department of Local Affairs
5. The review committee scoring process will work as follows:
  - The minimum score for a project to be eligible for an award is 80 points. Applications scored at 80 or above will be awarded funding if sufficient funding is available during that review cycle. Applicants may be asked to resubmit for future reconsideration.
  - The review committee may consider geographic equity in determining final awardees.



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○ Evaluation criteria is as follows:

Category	Description	Point Criteria (0-5)	Weight (%)
<b>Downtown Vitality and the Built Environment</b>	Supports downtown vitality, community gathering spaces, and a built environment that encourages economic development, healthy active lifestyles, and a mix-of-uses. Supports local community goals that are appropriate for the size and context of the community (urban, rural, mountain resort, suburban, large, small, high-revenue, low-revenue, etc)	5: The project is exceptional in its support of vitality of downtowns and community gathering space, and/or utilizes built environment best practices. 3: The project provides some benefits. 0: The project does not demonstrate positive impacts to the vitality and the built environment.	<b>35%</b>
<b>Active Transportation and Safety</b>	Supports community access to public streets and multimodal transportation infrastructure that safely accommodates all modes of travel.	5: Project provides new and/or significantly safer access to ADA accessible biking, walking or transit. 3: Project provides moderate improvements to ADA accessible biking, walking or transit. 0: No evidence of increased or safer access to ADA accessible active transportation.	<b>35%</b>
<b>Readiness of Implementation</b>	The degree to which a project is “shovel ready,” offering quick, tangible benefits to communities within 12 months.	Based on the project schedule provided: 5: Project will be substantially completed within 12 months after grant contract or Purchase Order execution. Substantial completion excludes seasonal dependencies and supply chain delays. 0: The project will take longer than 12 months or is already implemented (ineligible).	<b>10%</b>
<b>Equity Improvement</b>	Does the project reach populations with disproportionately greater environmental and/or health impacts, as defined by Colorado House Bill 23-1233.	5: Project is within a Disproportionately Impacted (DI) and Low Income Community (LI) community. In addition, clearly describes how it will address equity and accessibility. 3: Project is not located in a DI or LI community, but clearly describes how it will support and benefit these communities. 0: Project hinders equity and accessibility.	<b>10%</b>
<b>Community Support/ relationship to</b>	The extent to which the applicant demonstrates public	5: Project is included in a community plan 3: Applicant provides evidence of public support from a variety of stakeholders	<b>5%</b>



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community plans	support through project's connection to community plans created with community input (preferred) and letters of public support.	0: Project is not included in a community plan and applicant does not provide evidence of public support	
<b>Other Considerations</b>			<b>5%</b>
Innovation	Imagines innovative uses of public spaces	Includes aspects of the project that would involve new technologies or innovative methods. Note: Innovative ideas that do not adhere to traffic control requirements will not be approved for funding. Be sure to check safety and traffic codes before submitting applications.	
Scalability	Program activities are scalable.	Is this project model easily replicable?	
Cost-Benefit	Makes efficient use of funds and maximizes community benefit.	Is there a strong cost-benefit to this project?	
<b>Required Element</b>			
Local Match	A local match of 10% is required.	Eligible - Match details provided in application Ineligible - No Match details provided in application.	<b>N/A</b>

## Project Awards and Implementation

1. Awardees must be able to implement the project within 12 months of receiving a Purchase Order, excluding seasonal dependencies and unexpected supply chain delays. Time extensions will be considered for extenuating circumstances outside the control of the applicant (supply chain issues, lack of bids from contractors, construction reprioritizations due to emergency responses, etc). Requests for time extensions must be submitted no later than 90 days before the Purchase Order expires.
2. Each awardee will enter into a time bound agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). CDOT is the ultimate steward of these state funds. All awardees must agree to the [grant terms and conditions](#). Among other requirements in the agreement, CDOT will specify requirements for status reporting and reimbursement requests.
3. This is a reimbursement grant program, therefore all project invoices will first be submitted to the grantee entity for payment. Once the grantee entity pays the project invoices, the grantee will submit original invoices and proof of payment to CDOT with an invoice cover sheet for reimbursement. Work completed and expenses incurred prior to or post contract term with CDOT is not eligible for reimbursement nor can it count toward the match requirement. Documentation will be required to validate proof of work dates.
4. At the completion of the project, awardees will submit a [close-out report](#) with photographs of completed improvements and narrative describing lessons learned. Among other requirements in the agreement, awardees may be required to report data on utilization, safety, delivery and traffic implications of the awarded project. If any element of the project varied from the above representations, the awardee shall identify them and provide an explanation for the changes. Select awardees may be required to attend a post-project debrief with CDOT and other state agency staff.