



**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN
ELYRIA SWANSEA**

APRIL 27, 2018

I. Funding Opportunity Description.

The Colorado Department of Transportation (“CDOT”) is making available through this Notice of Funding Availability (“NOFA”) \$2 million for affordable housing in the Elyria-Swansea neighborhood. This NOFA is intended to fulfill CDOT’s commitment in the I-70 East Record of Decision¹ to provide “\$2 million to support affordable housing in the Elyria-Swansea neighborhood through available programs.”

II. Award Information.

A. Available Funds.

A total of no more than \$2,000,000 is available through this NOFA.

B. Number of Awards.

CDOT expects to make one or more awards to available affordable housing program(s).

C. Period of Performance.

Estimated Project Start Date: 07/01/2018

Estimated Project End Date: 07/01/2021

D. Type of Funding Instrument.

CDOT will enter into a grant agreement with selected applicants covering the period of performance.

E. Application Due Date.

All requests for funding must be submitted by email to laura.parsons@state.co.us by 5pm on May 21, 2018.

III. Eligibility Information.

A. Only available programs that provide affordable housing services to residents within the Elyria-Swansea neighborhood are eligible to apply. Individuals are not eligible for this grant.

B. Funds may only be used to provide affordable housing services within the Elyria and Swansea neighborhood. For purposes of this NOFA, this area is

¹ The Record of Decision is available at www.i-70east.com.

defined by 40th Avenue on the south to 54th Avenue on the north and by the South Platte River on the east to Colorado Boulevard on the west.

IV. Program Evaluation Criteria.

The evaluation of a Submission will be based on:

- A.** The Respondent team’s qualifications and experience with similar affordable housing efforts;
- B.** The quality and sustainability of the proposed concept and how well it improves upon or fills a gap in affordable housing programs in the Elyria Swansea neighborhood;
- C.** The quality and comprehensiveness of the submission in terms of addressing key requested components;
- D.** Ability to leverage or attract additional funding; and
- E.** The Respondent’s organizational capacity to implement the commitments made in this grant proposal.

V. Format for Proposals.

Submissions must be electronic and emailed to laura.parsons@state.co.us no later than 5pm on May 21, 2018 as one PDF file. Proposals should be no more than 15 pages, (including appendices: charts, graphs, or other supporting documentation), 11 pt. font, 8.5 x 11 letter size paper, 1.5 inch margins per submission. Any cover letters will be included towards the page count.

VI. Required Application Elements.

A. Organization Information.

Provide an overview of the applying organization, including the following elements:

- 1. Resumes of Respondent team’s key personnel (with an emphasis on similar project development or affordable housing experience)
- 2. Nonprofit status, including 501(c)(3) number and date status was received (if applicable)
- 3. Annual budget
- 4. Fiscal agents (if applicable)
- 5. Members and qualifications of any oversight/governing board and/or professional advisors
- 6. Website address and/or copies of marketing and outreach materials

B. Proposal Overview.

- a. Explain how the Respondent defines “affordable housing” for the Elyria-Swansea neighborhood and what requirements a family and/or individual must meet in order to be considered eligible for affordable housing services provided by the program.
- b. Describe how CDOT funding will support the furtherance of affordable housing, including the expected number of units achieved.

- c. Describe how the Respondent will ensure that funds are expended only on affordable housing programs within the geographic boundary stipulated in this NOFA.

C. Budget.

- a. Provide an annual budget outlining how CDOT funding will be utilized and what percentage of funding will be used for operational expenses.

D. Sustainability.

i. Energy Efficiency.

Document any efforts to address long-term housing costs through energy-efficient features. Energy-efficient features may include:

1. Effective insulation
2. High-performance windows
3. Tight construction and ducts
4. Energy efficient appliances
5. Energy-efficient heating and cooling equipment
6. Alternative energy sources (e.g. solar panels)

ii. Community Support.

Describe how community input has shaped the Respondent's program to date, how input will inform future programming, and how program results will be shared with the community on an ongoing basis.

VII. Reporting and Communications.

A. Reporting to CDOT.

i. Reporting.

1. The selected applicant shall provide to CDOT written reports documenting how funds were utilized and total number of units achieved.
2. An initial report will be due within 90 days of grant execution and shall be due every 180th day thereafter until CDOT funding is fully expended.

ii. Presentations to CDOT Transportation Commission.

1. The successful applicant(s) must be willing to provide periodic presentations to the CDOT Transportation Commission as requested.

B. Reporting to the Public.

- i. In order for CDOT to effectively demonstrate that funding for affordable housing as stated in the Record of Decision has been fulfilled, the selected applicant may be asked to participate in planned media or announcement events as requested by CDOT.