



# Community and Innovative Planning Set-Asides: Call for Letters of Interest

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# Upcoming Call for Letters of Interest

- From October 1 through November 15, DRCOG staff will be accepting Letters of Interest for the following technical assistance programs:
  - Community-Based Transportation Planning Set-Aside.
  - Innovative Mobility Set-Aside.



# What is a set-aside program?

- These set-aside programs are identified in the Fiscal Years 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program and detailed in the Policies for Transportation Improvement Program Set-Aside Programs document.
- These are DRCOG staff led technical assistance programs that require **no match from local partners**.





# Community-Based Transportation Planning Set-Aside Overview

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- **\$530,000 available** for this call for projects.
  - Plus in-house DRCOG staff capacity.
- **No recommended project minimum.**
- Funding for community-based planning that supports member governments in addressing mobility challenges for historically marginalized communities in the region.
  - Marginalized community is defined by project nominator.
  - Can use quantitative (DRCOG index) or qualitative measures.
- Focus on extensive community engagement and implementable outcomes.

# Program goals

- **Expand access** to opportunities for residents of all ages, incomes and abilities.
- Support member governments in their efforts to **improve mobility** within their communities.
- Support livable communities by **recommending improvements** for transportation infrastructure and services.
- **Center voices of the community** in transportation planning.
- **Develop innovative engagement methods**, including partnering with respected community-based organizations.

# Eligible project types - examples

Any transportation study or planning effort related to historically marginalized communities that addresses:

- Subareas or corridors.
- Multimodal transportation or active transportation.
- Safety or Vision Zero.
- Transit or microtransit.
- First and last mile.
- School transportation.
- Other topics!

## Recently funded project examples include:

- Montbello Loop and 303 Artway Implementation Plan (Trust for Public Land / Denver).
- Pecos Corridor Study (Adams County).
- Brighton Core City Circulation Plan.
- 92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Corridor Study (Federal Heights).
- Commerce City Microtransit.



# Innovative Mobility Set-Aside Overview

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- **Up to \$1.25 million available** for this call for projects.
- Recommended **\$250,000 project minimum**.
- Funding for consultant or vendor services for planning, preparedness, feasibility and analysis projects.
- This set-aside was designed to invest in collaborative efforts that further innovative mobility and address the challenges associated with emerging modes and transportation technology.

# Program goals

- Prepare the region for **advanced** and **emerging mobility**.
- Demonstrate **new** or **innovative solutions** to transportation challenges.
- **Pilot, learn** and **transfer solutions** throughout the region.
- Increase **accessibility** by **supporting innovative transportation options** for travelers of all ages, incomes and abilities.
- Invest in **collaborative learning**.

# Eligible project types

- Curbside management plans and tools.
- Emerging mobility plans, tools and analyses.
- Mobility data analyses and tools.
- Shared mobility feasibility and implementation planning.
- Mobility hub studies and plans.

## Recently funded project examples:

- Bike+ Data Fusion (Denver, Boulder).
- Connected Signals and Resilient Communications Plan (Adams County)
- Curbside Digital Twin (Denver).
- Microtransit Implementation Plan (Parker).
- Near Miss Analysis (Thornton).



# Call for Letters of Interest Overview

# Eligible participants

Project proposals may be submitted by:

- County and municipal governments.
- Regional agencies.
- Transportation management organizations or associations.
- Other nonprofits.
- State of Colorado offices and agencies.

Non-governmental organizations should document support from applicable local governments due to the connection between planning outcomes and implementation of projects by governmental partner agencies.

# Project roles and expectations

## **DRCOG will:**

- Fully fund selected projects (no local match required).
- Manage vendor procurement and serve as project manager for the planning project.

## **Project sponsor will:**

- Submit letter of support from agency's senior leadership.
- Commit to attending regular project meetings, share data and support community engagement.
- Provide timely feedback on scope and deliverables.
- Act as a liaison with local elected officials.
- Support future implementation.

# Key dates

- Letters of Interest application opens on **October 1.**
- Informational webinar on **October 1.**
- Required conversations with DRCOG Staff by **November 6.**
- Letters of Interest due **November 15.**
- Project evaluation during **November 2026 to January 2027.**
- Committee recommendation and approval process **early 2027.**
- Consultant procurement **Spring 2027.**
- Project kickoffs **Summer/Fall 2027.**

# What is next?

- Full program overview for each set-aside is available online.
- Interested project sponsors must set up meeting(s) with DRCOG staff before submitting a letter of interest.

Learn more at **our informational webinar on October 1!**

# Thank you!

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