

## Board of Directors

Meeting date: March 18, 2026

Agenda Item #: 9

### **Discussion of the Jurisdictional Support Subaward Round Two Policy**

Agenda item type: Action item

#### **Summary**

Review and discussion of the proposed Jurisdictional Support Subaward Round Two policy document, consisting of \$2 million in regional services and \$6.5 million in subawards to DRCOG's member governments to advance building policy.

#### **Background**

In October 2024, in partnership with local governments across the Denver area, DRCOG secured a \$200 million federal grant through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program. With these funds, DRCOG developed and launched the Power Ahead Colorado program to improve regional air quality and community health by reducing climate pollution from the region's buildings, the largest contributor to the Denver region's climate pollution emissions.

Within Power Ahead Colorado, the Building Policy Collaborative – commonly known as the BPC – supports local governments across the Denver region to advance regionally consistent building codes and policies targeting new and existing buildings that improve building performance. This Building Policy Collaborative consists of a \$34.8 million Jurisdictional Support Subaward Program, a \$2.5 million Building Policy Collaborative, and \$1 million for research on potential policy impacts to support local policy adoption.

The Jurisdictional Support Subaward Program provides subawards to DRCOG jurisdictions to support the implementation of building energy codes and policies. On May 21, 2025 the DRCOG Board adopted the [Jurisdictional Subaward Policy](#), which established the parameters for a first-round subaward program that made formula funding available to all DRCOG jurisdictions. The first round of jurisdictional subawards opened June 2, 2025 and closed October 31, 2025 and provided awards ranging from \$50,000 to \$2,000,000. As a result of round one, 27 jurisdictions — representing 85% of the Denver region's population — received awards totaling \$26,200,000.

Upon completion of the first round of jurisdictional subawards, DRCOG facilitated multiple workshops with local government partners, the PACO Technical Committee, and PACO Oversight Committee to solicit feedback on how best to utilize the remaining \$8.5 million budgeted for the Jurisdictional Support Subaward Program. Through this process, local government staff and committee members identified a desire for DRCOG to:

1. Set aside funds from the Jurisdictional Support Subaward Program to provide additional services to BPC members at the regional level; and
2. Run a competitive second round and provide an opportunity to incentivize new participation, increase impact for existing awardees, and allow for more innovative and ambitious applications.



This policy details the parameters for the Building Policy Collaborative set-aside programs as well as Round 2 of the jurisdictional subawards. These programs will run through the end of the DRCOG CPRG grant on September 30, 2029.

**Action by others**

[March 3, 2026](#) – Power Ahead Colorado Technical Committee recommended approval.

[March 13, 2026](#) - Power Ahead Colorado Oversight Committee will make a recommendation.

**Previous discussion/action**

[March 4, 2026](#) – Board Work Session

**Recommendation**

Move to adopt the Jurisdictional Support Round Two Policy.

**Attachment**

Link: [Jurisdictional Support Subawards Policy](#)

**For more information**

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