

Board of Directors

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Livable Centers Small-Area Planning Set-Aside: Project Recommendations

Agenda item type: Consent agenda

Summary

Project selection recommendation for the Livable Centers Small-Area Planning Set-Aside.

Background

The Livable Centers Set-Aside was approved by the Board of Directors in the [Policies for Transportation Improvement Program Development](#) and further described in the [Policies for Fiscal Years 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Set-Aside Programs](#).

Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) staff conducted a call for projects for the set-aside program from October 1 through November 15, 2025. A total of 10 projects were submitted for consideration, requesting a total of \$2,095,000 in funding, with \$835,000 available in this funding cycle. All submitted projects are listed in Attachment 2.

DRCOG convened a staff evaluation panel to review and score eligible applications using the set-aside specific criteria approved in the [Policies for Fiscal Year 2024-2027 Transportation Program Improvement Set-Aside Programs](#). Each panel member independently reviewed and scored each application. The panel convened to discuss the submittals and reach consensus on the final total score for each project. Based on the final total scores and available funding, three projects are recommended for funding for a total of \$835,000.

Rank	Project partner	Project name	Recommended budget (estimate)
1	City of Thornton	N Line Station Areas Existing Plans Assessment	\$ 300,000
2	Jefferson County	Southwest Plaza Activity Center Small Area Plan	\$ 135,000
3	City of Longmont	CO-119 Extension: Downtown Longmont to I-25 Mobility Hub Connections	\$ 400,000

Each proposed project included an estimated budget; final budgets will be set during the procurement phase after DRCOG staff collaborate with project partner(s) for each selected project to develop detailed scopes of work and outline the expertise required to deliver each project.



Action by others

[March 23, 2026](#) – Transportation Advisory Committee recommended adoption.

[April 14, 2026](#) – Regional Transportation Committee will make a recommendation.

Previous discussion/action

None.

Recommendation

Move to approve the selection of recommended projects presented for the Livable Centers Small-Areas Planning Set-Aside.

Attachment(s)

1. Staff presentation.
2. List of submitted projects.

For more information

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