



# Community, Livability 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.
- Livable Centers Small-Area Planning Set-Aside.
- Innovative Mobility Set-Aside.





# What is a set-aside program?

These set-aside programs were approved as part of the Fiscal Years 2024-2027 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.**







# Livable Centers Overview

# Livable Centers Small-Area Planning Set-Aside

- \$2.5 million total identified as a set-aside in the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program.
- \$835,000 available for this call for projects.
- Recommended \$100,000 project minimum.
- Funding for consultant services for planning and analysis.
- Small-area planning that enhances and increases livability in connected multimodal centers.

# Program goals

Support **centers and nodes** and their connections to the **region's multimodal transportation system**.

- Increase diverse housing and employment in connected urban centers.
- Support multimodal and transit access along corridors connecting centers.
- Promote investment or reinvestment in existing communities.
- Improve multimodal access to housing, employment, commerce, educational, cultural and recreational opportunities for residents of all ages, incomes and abilities.



# Eligible project types - examples

- Active transportation plans.
- First and final mile studies and plans.
- Transit-oriented development plans.
- Redevelopment plans.
- Zoning and design standards.
- Market analysis.
- Development feasibility analysis.
- Parking studies.
- Implementation planning.
- Placemaking.
- Access to opportunity analysis.
- Housing type diversity analysis.
- Housing needs assessment.
- Cost-benefit analysis.
- Center or node connector multimodal corridor plans.





# Community-Based Transportation Planning Overview



# Community-Based Transportation Planning Set-Aside

- \$2.5 million total identified as a set-aside in the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program.
- \$650,000 to \$1,300,000 available for this call for projects.
- Recommended \$100,000 project minimum.
- Funding for consultant services for community-based planning that supports member governments in addressing mobility challenges for historically marginalized communities in the region.
- Focus on extensive community engagement and implementable outcomes.



# Program goals

- Expand access to opportunities for residents of all ages, incomes and abilities.
- Address the needs of disproportionately impacted and marginalized communities in the region.
- 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.
- Pecos Corridor Study.
- Brighton Core City Circulation Plan.
- 92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Corridor Study.
- Commerce City Microtransit.





# Innovative Mobility Overview

# Innovative Mobility Set-Aside

- \$4 million total identified as a set-aside in the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program.
- \$1.55 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).
- Docked Bike Share Feasibility Analysis (Golden).
- 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 serving a regional transportation purpose.
- 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 monthly 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 14.**
- Letters of Interest due **November 15.**
- Project evaluation during **November to January 2025.**
- Committee recommendation and approval process **early 2026.**
- Consultant procurement **Spring 2026.**
- Project kickoffs **Summer 2026.**



# What is next?

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

Learn more at **our informational webinar on October 14!**

# Thank you!

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