**SAN LUIS VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**2021 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION**

Funded by the San Luis Valley Council of Governments

in cooperation with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs

Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Program

SLVCOG is soliciting proposals for economic development projects from its membership. A total of $50,000 is available from Department of Local Affairs (DoLA) to fund 2021 economic development projects for SLVCOG members only.

This Grant Application Package contains the following:

* 2021 Economic Development Grant Guidelines—**Must Read, Changes Have Been Made**
* 2021 Economic Development Grant Application Form

Please send applications to the email address below. Grant funds will be awarded by the SLVCOG Executive Board. All decisions are final. Funding will be provided for projects that are approved by the DOLA Regional Manager, the SLVCOG provide proof of invoicing and payment for all project costs being **completed by December 31, 2021**. Therefore, this is a **reimbursement** grant program.

This means the project pays for 100% of the approved costs, then requests reimbursement not to exceed $5,000.

Continued communication and reporting on the part of the Applicant is a requirement for grant term.

**NO WORK on the project may begin prior to full SLVCOG board approval AND fully executed agreement between DOLA, the SLVCOG and Member Applicant.**

Please submit completed applications to:

**San Luis Valley Council of Governments**

**C/O Tonya Owsley**

**PO Box 300**

**Alamosa, CO 81101**

**719-589-6099 (fax) 719-589-6299**

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If you have any questions regarding SLVCOG's Grant Program, please contact Tonya Owsley at: 719-589-6099 or at the email listed above.

**2021 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT GUIDELINES**

**Eligibility:**

1. Grants are only awarded to municipalities or counties that are members in good standing of the San Luis Valley Council of Governments (SLVCOG)—current dues paid.
2. Multiple applications per member jurisdiction will be considered for funding this year provided projects are benefitting multiple economic or community development outcomes. For example, a COG dues paying member may apply for a small capital improvement project with a budget up to $10,000 (award amount $5,000) **AND** a mini grant to assist with marketing, web development or the likes also with a budget of no more than $10,000 and award of $5,000. Hence, more than one project per entity may be applied for in 2021.
3. ***After the grants have been awarded, any change in scope to a funded project must be submitted in writing to the SLVCOG Executive Board for approval and a new agreement will be signed.***
4. All grants require a 1 to 1 cash match.
5. Maximum grant reimbursement per request is $5,000; project size limited to $10,000.
6. Grant funding will be paid on a **reimbursement** basis only.
7. The SLVCOG board reserves the right to adapt these guidelines to serve the needs of communities and to make adjustments to the amount of available funding.
8. Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-serve basis. In the circumstance that there are still funds available after June 30, 2021 applications will FIRST be sent out for vote for communities who have not yet applied for or received funds for the current year. Jurisdictions who have already received funds for current year and are applying for remaining funds will be wait-listed to accommodate first-time users.
9. Acknowledgement of the San Luis Valley Council of Governments is appreciated on marketing materials, name plates, etc.

**Use of Grant Funds:**

1. Eligible projects may begin once the SLVCOG and DOLA have fully executed their contract for 2021 AND the SLVCOG grants project approval with the same being fully executed in the form of a contract with the project. All work must be **completed, invoiced and paid for no later than December 31, 2021.**
2. Funding will be awarded to projects that demonstrate contributions to **Economic Development** needs of the community including but not necessarily limited to:
   1. Economic Development projects including façade improvements for the city or county, energy efficiency assessments and improvements, Main Street/Community assessments, and community mapping,
   2. Small scale capital improvements projects—not vehicles or attachments of any kind
   3. Development of marketing/promotional resources such as a website for the municipality or county,
   4. Planning studies/analysis for municipality/county use,
   5. Training or meeting facilitation for the city or county
3. Grant funds **may not** be used to supplant regularly budgeted staff or project funds, to purchase rolling stock, office equipment, or normal operating expenses, etc.
4. Documentation of cash expenditures must follow the Department of Local Affairs process including:
5. If the project includes capital improvements, purchase of hard assets i.e. benches, or hiring a consultant, the project must have a competitive selection process; bidding must be open and competitive.
6. Submit a final one-page report of the project accomplishments, receipts, and a copy of the completed project measurable results.
7. Submit a copy of all invoices and expenses paid for contract services.
8. Recipients of SLVCOG 2021 Economic Development Grant will sign a letter of agreement including these guidelines. This is a **REIMBURSEMENT GRANT. Each** project is fully responsible for full payment of project **after which** reimbursement will occur provided all required documentation (invoices and proof of payment for same) are provided to SLVCOG when project is complete.
9. Detailed budget with explanation of how costs derived mandatory.
10. Once approved for a project quarterly updates/communication with Grant Administrator (Tonya Owsley) is required.
11. Work for the project **may not** begin until all documents are fully signed/dated by all parties or **the SLVCOG cannot reimburse for project expenditures**.
12. It will be the SLVCOG’s Executive Board discretion the following year to accept an application **or not** from any entity who violates these guidelines.

**Time Line:**

All funds must be expended and proof of payment for same by:   December 31, 2021

**SLVCOG 2021 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION**

1. Jurisdiction: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of Person Completing Application: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. Name of Person Signing Project Agreement, Title & Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Total Cost of Project: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Amount Requested:$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cash Match: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide the following information. Use a separate attachment if necessary (two pages maximum):**

1. Briefly describe the project. Why is the project needed at this time? How does the implementation of this project address the need?
2. Explain why this project is important to your community and/or the SLVCOG Region. What measurable results do you expect? How and when will these results be measured?
3. What exactly will the funds be used for? How was budget determined, i.e. do you have price quotes for items being purchased, did you get more than one bid? Provide a budget for your project clearly listing both revenues and expenses in a table format such as the one provided.

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1. In which of the categories listed under “Use of Grant Funds” above does your project fit best? (If applying for more than one project, each must utilize different categories/outcomes on separate forms.) Explain how your project fits the category chosen.
2. Assuming the project is funded, when will it begin and what is the timeframe for completion?