

Town of Lyons, Colorado
Board of Trustees
BOT Agenda Cover Sheet
Agenda Item: Staff Reports
Meeting Date: 04/04/2022

TO: Mayor Angelo and Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM: Kim Mitchell, Communications and Community Relations Director
DATE: March 31, 2022
ITEM: Letter of Support for Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests from the Elected Board of Trustees of the Town of Lyons to our Congressional Delegation

ORDINANCE
 MOTION / RESOLUTION
 INFORMATION

- I. **REQUEST OR ISSUE:** BOT consideration and acceptance to approve a letter of support which is required for Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests to each member of our Congressional Delegation.
- II. **RECOMMENDED ACTION / NEXT STEP:** Consider the letter of Support and approve staff to submit it with the four projects highlighted in the letter to our Congressional Delegation (Sen. Hickenlooper, Sen Bennet and Congressman Neguese)
- II. **FISCAL IMPACT:** If awarded, there is no match from the Town Funding for projects, if approved, would be distributed during Federal FY23 (October 2022 – September 2023). Due to ongoing construction costs and design fee increases, staff is suggesting that we ask for all expenses not previously awarded to be included in the request.
- IV. **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Congressionally Directed Spending requests for fiscal year 2023 are due by Friday, April 8, 2022, to our delegation. Their offices work to secure important federal funding for Colorado and are happy to consider Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests for the upcoming fiscal year. The CDS process is an opportunity for state and local government entities and nonprofits to request funding from members of Congress for specific projects in their home states. Funding for projects, if selected by the Senate Committee on Appropriations, would be distributed as part of the federal appropriations process during FY23.

Town staff has ensured that the submissions are consistent with the guidelines set by the Senate Committee on Appropriations. The Congressional Delegation's staff will carefully review each project. The submission of requests does not guarantee funding. In addition, all requests for CDS must include one letter of support from the local governments that details the community benefits and support for the project. Town of Lyons staff will need to include PDF versions of the letter of support in each application submitted to our delegation.

IV. RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Staff's recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve the letter of support to include for possible consideration of the four projects submitted. Staff welcomes any changes to the letter of support that the Board of Trustees wishes to make.

Staff will submit each letter for each member by the due date, along with the project requests.