

Town of Lyons, Colorado
Board of Trustees
BOT Agenda Cover Sheet
Agenda Item No: IX. 4.
Meeting Date: May 20, 2024

TO: Mayor Rogin and Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Andrew Bowen, Senior Planner

DATE: 05/16/2024

ITEM: Formal Letter of Support and Contribution of \$10,000 in Matching Funds for a Nederland/Lyons Local Planning Capacity Grant (LPC) for a Joint Housing Coordinator.

☐ ORDINANCE
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- I. **REQUEST OR ISSUE:** Staff requests that the BOT sign a formal letter of support and allocate \$10,000 in matching funds for the Nederland/Lyons Local Planning Capacity Grant. If awarded, this grant will allow the Towns of Nederland and Lyons to hire a joint Housing Coordinator. It is anticipated that this position will be split evenly between both jurisdictions.

The proposed position will focus on managing housing projects, ensuring compliance with Proposition 123, and serving as the primary liaison for a multijurisdictional housing authority feasibility study (Peak to Peak Housing Authority) awarded to Gilpin County under a separate LPC grant. The Town of Lyons supported and allocated \$5,000 to this grant in February. The coordinator will also actively work to pursue and preserve affordable housing by collaborating with local authorities and developers, reassessing local policies alongside Boulder County, and managing analyses of housing mandates and regulations. Additionally, the Coordinator will identify funding opportunities, oversee grant writing, and engage with community stakeholders to inform and implement effective housing strategies.

Lastly, this position will be term-limited, contingent upon the duration of grant funding. With the requested grant amount of \$180,000, staff anticipates being able to support the employment of the Housing Coordinator for a period of three years.

- II. **PROJECT HISTORY:** This grant is part of a larger effort to establish regional partnerships to address housing needs. As mentioned above, this position will be integral in the planning, supporting, and implementing of a possible multi-jurisdictional housing authority.
- III. **RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER PLANS:** This LPC grant will build upon and expand the previously awarded LPC to Gilpin County (\$104,000) while serving a direct need for the community and staff.

IV. RECOMMENDED ACTION / NEXT STEPS: Recommend that the BOT sign a formal letter of support and allocate \$10,000 in matching funds for the Nederland/Lyons LPC.

V. FISCAL IMPACTS: This request will result in the Town contributing \$10,000 in matching funds. If awarded, Lyons Town staff will likely oversee the position and fulfill reporting requirements for the LPC grant.

VI. LEGAL ISSUES: None known.

VII. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: None known.

VIII. SUMMARY AND ALTERNATIVES: The Board of Trustees may choose not to support the application for the LPC grant.

Proposed Motion: “I move to approve the submittal of the Local Planning Capacity Grant and allocate the \$10,000 match if awarded”.