

RESOLUTION NO. 69-24

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT REQUEST TO THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS LOCAL PLANNING CAPACITY GRANT

RECITALS:

In October 2021, City Council adopted the Grand Junction Housing Strategy to create a balanced approach for increasing affordable housing options, diversify housing choice, decrease the gap between need and housing inventory, and assist those without homes to access supportive and housing services. Additionally, the city committed to Proposition 123 in August 2023, which set a goal to increase affordable housing stock by 3% per year. Based on the current baseline, this goal equates to a 9% increase over 3 years (374 units) or approximately 124 units annually by December 31, 2026.

The City of Grand Junction recognizes the critical importance of effective local planning in shaping our community's future. This grant would enhance our planning capacity to address key issues such as housing affordability, sustainable development, and strategic growth management. The City intends to use these funds to support professional development activities to further advance the City's adopted Housing Strategies and fund an AmeriCorps fellow as a Housing Engagement & Outreach Specialist (HEOS).

The HEOS will play a crucial role in supporting Housing Strategies by:

- Tracking affordable housing unit production (Proposition 123 compliance)
- Supporting our Accessory Dwelling Unit program
- Assisting with Affordable Housing Incentives and City-Owned Land initiatives
- Engaging landlords for low-income housing participation
- Conducting community outreach to increase understanding of housing issues
- Supporting other housing-related projects as they develop
- Enabling full-time housing staff to focus on furthering housing production and goals

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Grand Junction does hereby authorize the Interim City Manager to apply to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs for the Local Planning Capacity Grant in the amount of \$63,225, with a \$31,000 expenditure of 2024 budgeted housing funds as a City cash match, for a total project cost of \$94,225, all in accordance with the foregoing Recitals.

Dated this 2nd day of OCTOBER 2024.



Abe Herman
President of the City Council

ATTEST:



Selestina Sandoval
City Clerk

