

RESOLUTION NO. 36-25

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT REQUEST TO THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS UNDER THE SB24-174 HOUSING PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM

RECITALS.

The Housing Planning Grant Program, created by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), provides financial and technical assistance to jurisdictions in meeting the requirements of Senate Bill 24-174. Enacted in 2024, SB24-174 establishes statewide mandates for local governments to complete a Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) by December 31, 2026, and adopt a Housing Action Plan (HAP) by January 1, 2028. These efforts are intended to support local strategies that increase the availability of affordable and attainable housing.

The City is seeking grant funding to support compliance with SB24-174 by updating the HNA, HAP, and elements of the Comprehensive Plan elements related to strategic growth and water supply. While the City completed a housing data refresh and adopted an updated Housing Strategy in 2024, this work focused on key metrics and did not constitute a full-spectrum assessment as required by the statute. Specifically, SB24-174 requires assessments completed no earlier than January 1, 2023, that follow DOLA's forthcoming methodology and include analysis of displacement risk, affordability, and water planning—areas not covered in the 2024 update. Therefore, a new, fully compliant assessment and action plan is needed to meet state requirements and maintain eligibility for future housing-related resources.

The project will also support the City's upcoming 5-Year Consolidated Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, ensuring alignment across local, state, and federal housing strategies. The City proposes utilizing a sole source consultant with demonstrated experience and prior knowledge of Grand Junction's housing landscape to complete the work. Community engagement will be a central component of this effort, with targeted outreach to underserved populations including renters in mobile home parks, At Home in GJ participants, and people experiencing homelessness. Partners in this outreach will include local nonprofit organizations, housing providers, disability service agencies, and business community stakeholders. The project will cost \$85,000 with the City requesting \$63,750 (75%) in grant funds and a cash match of \$21,250 (25%) using eligible CDBG administrative funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT in consideration of the Recitals the City Council of the City of Grand Junction does hereby authorize the City Manager to submit an application to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs for the SB24-174 Housing Planning Grant Program in the amount of \$63,750, with a local match of \$21,250 in CDBG administrative funds, for a total project cost of \$85,000, all in accordance with the foregoing Recitals.

Adopted and approved this 16th day of July 2025.



Cody Kennedy
President of the City Council

ATTEST:



Selestina Sandoval
City Clerk

