

**CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 70-26**

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2026 HOUSING ACTION PLAN

RECITALS.

During the 2024 legislative session, the Colorado General Assembly adopted Senate Bill 24-174, establishing new statewide housing planning requirements for qualifying local governments. The legislation requires jurisdictions to prepare a comprehensive Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) and adopt a Housing Action Plan (HAP) identifying specific strategies to address local housing needs.

With funding provided through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Housing Planning Grant Program, the City of Grand Junction and Mesa County jointly retained Root Policy Research to prepare a Regional Housing Needs Assessment in accordance with Senate Bill 24-174. The Regional Housing Needs Assessment provides a comprehensive evaluation of housing conditions, demographic trends, housing supply and demand, affordability challenges, development barriers, and projected housing needs throughout the region.

Development of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment included extensive public engagement through community meetings, City Council work sessions, stakeholder interviews and focus groups, a resident housing survey, targeted outreach to underrepresented populations, and ongoing public engagement through the City's EngageGJ website. The Housing Action Plan builds directly upon the findings and recommendations developed through this public process.

On May 18, 2026, Root Policy Research presented the findings of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment to the Grand Junction City Council, providing an overview of regional housing conditions, affordability challenges, housing production trends, and projected future housing needs.

On July 13, 2026, City staff and Root Policy Research presented the draft Housing Action Plan to the City Council and received policy direction prior to preparation of the final document. On August 31, 2026, City staff and Root Policy Research confirmed the inclusion of feedback provided by City Council. City Council subsequently directed staff to advance the document for a final adoption vote.

The 2026 Housing Action Plan translates the findings of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment into a strategic framework for implementation by identifying goals, objectives, and actionable strategies that support housing affordability, availability, stability, and housing choice.

The Housing Action Plan is intended to guide future City policies, investments, partnerships, grant opportunities, and housing initiatives while aligning with the City's Comprehensive Plan, 2026-2030 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan, and other local, state, and federal housing priorities.

Adoption of the Housing Action Plan satisfies the City's requirements under Senate Bill 24-174 and establishes the City's policy framework for addressing housing needs while recognizing that implementation will occur over time as funding, partnerships, and opportunities become available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

In consideration of the foregoing Recitals, the attached 2026 City of Grand Junction Housing Action Plan is hereby adopted and approved as generally and specifically provided therein, and City staff is authorized to submit the adopted Housing Action Plan and supporting documentation to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs in satisfaction of the requirements of Senate Bill 24-174.

ADOPTED this 16th day of September 2026.



Laurel Lutz
President of the City Council

ATTEST:



Selestina Sandoval
City Clerk

