

ORDINANCE NO. 059, 2024
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE LOCAL
PLANNING CAPACITY GRANT FOR THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING
AND PLANNING DEVELOPMENT PROCESS IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT AND APPROVING A RELATED GRANT AGREEMENT

A. In February 2024, the City applied for a \$200,000 grant from the Local Planning Capacity (“LPC”) grant program administered by the Department of Local Affairs (“DOLA”). The LPC grant program was established by Proposition 123, the State Affordable Housing Fund and supports local governments’ efforts to implement systems that expedite the development review process for affordable housing.

B. In March 2024, staff received notification that the City’s grant application had been awarded full reimbursement funding, subject to a 21% match requirement. DOLA has provided the City with a draft grant agreement (“Agreement”) to govern the grant funding, which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

C. This Grant will be used to help reduce approval timelines for affordable housing by approximately 50% compared to Fort Collins’s baseline approval averages from 2019-2023 (“Project”). Staff plans to achieve this goal through both land use code changes and a formal process improvement project utilizing LEAN principles. Grant funding will support consultant expertise in LEAN principles and project management, which are critical for a project that seeks to implement process improvement among the more than fifteen departments involved in development review. Upon completion, Fort Collins will be poised to consistently achieve the 90-day Fast Track requirements under Proposition 123.

D. The state of Colorado issued the Agreement, which grants an award of \$200,000 to the City for the Project. The Agreement includes a 21% City match requirement of the total Project cost and such funds were previously appropriated.

E. This appropriation benefits public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Fort Collins and serves the public purpose of improving the efficiency of the City’s administrative processes relating to affordable housing development.

F. Article V, Section 9 of the City Charter permits the City Council, upon recommendation of the City Manager, to make a supplemental appropriation by ordinance at any time during the fiscal year, provided that the total amount of such supplemental appropriation, in combination with all previous appropriations for that fiscal year, do not exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues and all other funds to be received during the fiscal year.

G. The City Manager has recommended the appropriation described herein and determined that this appropriation is available and previously unappropriated from the General Fund and will not cause the total amount appropriated in the General Fund to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues and all other funds to be received in this Fund during this fiscal year.

H. Article V, Section 11 of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to designate in the ordinance when appropriating funds for a federal, state or private grant or donation, that such appropriation shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year in which the appropriation is made, but continue until the earlier of the expiration of the federal, state or private grant or the City's expenditure of all funds received from such grant.

I. The City Council wishes to designate the appropriation herein for the Local Planning Capacity Grant as an appropriation that shall not lapse until the earlier of the expiration of the grant or the City's expenditure of all funds received from such grant.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from new revenue or other funds in the General Fund the sum of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000) to be expended in the General Fund for the Affordable Housing and Planning Development Process Improvement Project.

Section 2. The appropriation herein for the Local Planning Capacity Grant is hereby designated, as authorized in Article V, Section 11 of the City Charter, as an appropriation that shall not lapse at the end of this fiscal year but continue until the earlier of the expiration of the grant or the City's expenditure of all funds received from such grant.

Section 3. The City Council authorizes the City Manager or their designee to accept the grant and obligate the City to comply with the terms of the grant of the award and Agreement.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading on May 7, 2024, and approved on second reading for final passage on May 21, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Interim City Clerk

Effective Date: May 31, 2024
Approving Attorney: Ted Hewitt

State of Colorado Intergovernmental Grant Agreement SUMMARY OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

State Agency Department of Local Affairs (DOLA)	DLG Portal Number LPC-24-010	CMS Number 190603
Grantee City of Fort Collins	Grant Award Amount \$200,000.00	Retainage Amount \$10,000.00
Project Number and Name LPC-24-010 Fort Collins - Fast Track LEAN Process Improvements	Performance Start Date The later of the Effective Date or April 22, 2024	Grant Expiration Date December 31, 2025
Project Description The Project consists of upgrading development review software and hiring consultants to support Lean process improvements across City departments in order to implement a system to expedite the development review process for affordable housing projects and generally advance affordable housing goals in Fort Collins, Colorado.	Program Name Local Planning Capacity Grant Program (Acctg Dropdwn LPC)	
	Funding Source STATE FUNDS	
	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number N/A	
DOLA Program Manager Robyn DiFalco, (720) 682-5202, (robyn.difalco@state.co.us)	Funding Account Codes Acctg enters CTGG1 #	
DOLA Program Assistant Jessica Rupe, (720) 557-4902, (jessica.rupe@state.co.us)	VCUST# 14149	Address Code AD004 EFT

THE SIGNATORIES LISTED BELOW AUTHORIZE THIS GRANT

<p>DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS PROGRAM REVIEWER</p> <hr/> <p>By: Robyn DiFalco, LPC Program Manager</p> <p>Date: _____</p>	<p>STATE OF COLORADO Jared S. Polis, Governor DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS Maria De Cambra, Executive Director</p> <hr/> <p>By: Maria De Cambra, Executive Director</p> <p>Date: _____</p>
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In accordance with §24-30-202 C.R.S., this Grant is not valid until signed and dated below by the State Controller or an authorized delegate (the “Effective Date”).

<p><u>STATE CONTROLLER</u> <u>Robert Jaros, CPA, MBA, JD</u></p> <hr/> <p>By: Beulah Messick, Controller Delegate Department of Local Affairs</p> <p>Effective Date: _____</p>

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. GRANT

As of the Performance Start Date, the State Agency shown on the Summary of Terms and Conditions page of this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement (the “State”) hereby obligates and awards to Grantee shown on the Summary of Terms and Conditions page of this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement (the “Grantee”) an award of Grant Funds in the amount shown on the Summary of Terms and Conditions page of this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement. By accepting the Grant Funds provided under this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement, Grantee agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement and requirements and provisions of all Exhibits to this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement.

2. TERM

A. Initial Grant Term and Extension

The Parties’ respective performances under this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement shall commence on the Performance Start Date and shall terminate on the Grant Expiration Date unless sooner terminated or further extended in accordance with the terms of this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement. Upon request of Grantee, the State may, in its sole discretion, extend the term of this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement by providing Grantee with an updated Intergovernmental Grant Agreement or an executed Option Letter showing the new Grant Expiration Date.

B. Early Termination in the Public Interest

The State is entering into this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement to serve the public interest of the State of Colorado as determined by its Governor, General Assembly, or Courts. If this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement ceases to further the public interest of the State or if State, Federal or other funds used for this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement are not appropriated, or otherwise become unavailable to fund this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement, the State, in its discretion, may terminate this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement in whole or in part by providing written notice to Grantee. If the State terminates this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement in the public interest, the State shall pay Grantee an amount equal to the percentage of the total reimbursement payable under this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement that corresponds to the percentage of Work satisfactorily completed, as determined by the State, less payments previously made. Additionally, the State, in its discretion, may reimburse Grantee for a portion of actual, out-of-pocket expenses not otherwise reimbursed under this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement that are incurred by Grantee and are directly attributable to the uncompleted portion of Grantee’s obligations, provided that the sum of any and all reimbursements shall not exceed the maximum amount payable to Grantee hereunder. This subsection shall not apply to a termination of this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement by the State for breach by Grantee.

C. *Reserved.*

3. AUTHORITY

Authority to enter into this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement exists in the law as follows:

A. *Reserved.*

B. State Authority

Authority to enter into this Grant exists in C.R.S. 24-32-106 and 29-3.5-101 and funds have been budgeted, appropriated and otherwise made available pursuant to C.R.S. Section 29-32-103(1) *et. seq.* (Affordable Housing Support Fund) and a sufficient unencumbered balance hereof remains available for payment. Required approvals, clearance and coordination have been accomplished from and with appropriate agencies. This Intergovernmental Grant Agreement is funded, in whole or in part, with State funds.

4. DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall be construed and interpreted as follows:

- A. “Budget”** means the budget for the Work described in **Exhibit B**.
- B. “Business Day”** means any day on which the State is open and conducting business, but shall not include Saturday, Sunday or any day on which the State observes one of the holidays listed in §24-11-101(1) C.R.S.
- C. *Reserved.***
- D. “CORA”** means the Colorado Open Records Act, §§24-72-200.1 *et seq.*, C.R.S.
- E. “Grant” or “Intergovernmental Grant Agreement”** means this agreement which offers Grant Funds to Grantee, including all attached Exhibits, all documents incorporated by reference, all referenced statutes, rules and cited authorities, and any future updates thereto.
- F. “Grant Funds” or “Grant Award Amount”** means the funds that have been appropriated, designated, encumbered, or otherwise made available for payment by the State under this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement.
- G. “Grant Expiration Date”** means the Grant Expiration Date shown on the Summary of Terms and Conditions page of this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement. Work performed after the Grant Expiration Date is not eligible for reimbursement from Grant Funds.
- H. “Performance Start Date”** means the later of the Performance Start Date or the Effective Date shown on the Summary of Terms and Conditions page of this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement.
- I. “Exhibits”** means the following exhibits attached to this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement:
 - i. Exhibit B**, Scope of Project
 - ii. Exhibit G**, Form of Option Letter
- J. “Extension Term”** means the period of time by which the Grant Expiration Date is extended by the State through delivery of an updated Intergovernmental Grant Agreement, an amendment, or an Option Letter.
- K. *Reserved.***
- L. *Reserved.***
- M. “Goods”** means any movable material acquired, produced, or delivered by Grantee as set forth in this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement and shall include any movable material acquired, produced, or delivered by Grantee in connection with the Services.

- N. **“Incident”** means any accidental or deliberate event that results in, or constitutes an imminent threat of, the unauthorized access or disclosure of State Confidential Information or of the unauthorized modification, disruption, or destruction of any State Records.
- O. **“Initial Term”** means the time period between the Performance Start Date and the initial Grant Expiration Date.
- P. **“Matching Funds”** or **“Other Funds”** means funds provided by the Grantee as a match required to receive the Grant Funds.
- Q. **“Party”** means the State or Grantee, and **“Parties”** means both the State and Grantee.
- R. *Reserved.*
- S. *Reserved.*
- T. *Reserved.*
- U. *Reserved.*
- V. **“Services”** means the services performed by Grantee as set forth in this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement, and shall include any services rendered by Grantee in connection with the Goods.
- W. **“State Confidential Information”** means any and all State Records not subject to disclosure under CORA. State Confidential Information shall include, but is not limited to State personnel records not subject to disclosure under CORA. State Confidential Information shall not include information or data concerning individuals that is not deemed confidential but nevertheless belongs to the State, which has been communicated, furnished, or disclosed by the State to Grantee which (i) is subject to disclosure pursuant to CORA; (ii) is already known to Grantee without restrictions at the time of its disclosure to Grantee; (iii) is or subsequently becomes publicly available without breach of any obligation owed by Grantee to the State; (iv) is disclosed to Grantee, without confidentiality obligations, by a third party who has the right to disclose such information; or (v) was independently developed without reliance on any State Confidential Information.
- X. **“State Fiscal Rules”** means the fiscal rules promulgated by the Colorado State Controller pursuant to §24-30-202(13)(a) C.R.S.
- Y. **“State Fiscal Year”** means a 12 month period beginning on July 1 of each calendar year and ending on June 30 of the following calendar year. If a single calendar year follows the term, then it means the State Fiscal Year ending in that calendar year.
- Z. **“State Records”** means any and all State data, information, and records, regardless of physical form, including, but not limited to, information subject to disclosure under CORA.
- AA. *Reserved.*
- BB. **“Subcontractor”** means third-parties, if any, engaged by Grantee to aid in performance of the Work. “Subcontractor” also includes sub-grantees.
- CC. *Reserved.*
- DD. *Reserved.*
- EE. *Reserved.*
- FF. **“Work”** means the delivery of the Goods and performance of the Services described in this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement.

GG. “Work Product” means the tangible and intangible results of the Work, whether finished or unfinished, including drafts. Work Product includes, but is not limited to, documents, text, software (including source code), research, reports, proposals, specifications, plans, notes, studies, data, images, photographs, negatives, pictures, drawings, designs, models, surveys, maps, materials, ideas, concepts, know-how, and any other results of the Work. “Work Product” does not include any material that was developed prior to the Performance Start Date that is used, without modification, in the performance of the Work.

Any other term used in this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement that is defined in an Exhibit shall be construed and interpreted as defined in that Exhibit.

5. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Local Planning Capacity Grant Program is to increase the capacity of local government planning departments responsible for processing land use, permitting, and zoning applications for affordable housing projects. The purpose of this Grant is described in **Exhibit B**.

6. SCOPE OF PROJECT

Grantee shall complete the Work as described in this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement and in accordance with the provisions of **Exhibit B**. The State shall have no liability to compensate or reimburse Grantee for the delivery of any goods or the performance of any services that are not specifically set forth in this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement.

7. PAYMENTS TO GRANTEE

A. Maximum Amount

Payments to Grantee are limited to the unpaid, obligated balance of the Grant Funds. The State shall not pay Grantee any amount under this Grant that exceeds the Grant Award Amount shown on the Summary of Terms and Conditions page of this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement.

- i. The State may increase or decrease the Grant Award Amount by providing Grantee with an updated Intergovernmental Grant Agreement or an executed Option Letter showing the new Grant Award Amount.
- ii. The State shall not be liable to pay or reimburse Grantee for any Work performed or expense incurred before the Performance Start Date or after the Grant Expiration Date.
- iii. Financial obligations of the State payable after the current State Fiscal Year are contingent upon funds for that purpose being appropriated, budgeted, and otherwise made available.

B. *Reserved.*

C. Matching Funds.

Grantee shall provide the Other Funds amount shown on the Project Budget in **Exhibit B** (the “Local Match Amount”). Grantee shall appropriate and allocate all Local Match Amounts to the purpose of this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement each fiscal year prior to accepting any Grant Funds for that fiscal year. Grantee does not by accepting this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement irrevocably pledge present cash reserves for payments in future fiscal years, and this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement is not intended to create a multiple-fiscal year debt of Grantee. Grantee shall not pay or be liable for any claimed interest, late charges, fees, taxes or penalties of any nature, except as required by Grantee’s laws or policies.

D. Reimbursement of Grantee Costs

The State shall reimburse Grantee's allowable costs, not exceeding the maximum total amount described in this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement for all allowable costs described in this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement and shown in the Budget in **Exhibit B**. The State shall only reimburse allowable costs if those costs are: **(a)** reasonable and necessary to accomplish the Work and for the Goods and Services provided; and **(b)** equal to the actual net cost to Grantee (i.e. the price paid minus any items of value received by Grantee that reduce the cost actually incurred).

- i. Upon request of the Grantee, the State may, without changing the maximum total amount of Grant Funds, adjust or otherwise reallocate Grant Funds among or between each line of the Project Budget by providing Grantee with an executed Option Letter or formal amendment.

E. Close-Out and De-obligation of Grant Funds

Grantee shall close out this Grant no later than 90 days after the Grant Expiration Date. To complete close out, Grantee shall submit to the State all deliverables (including documentation) as defined in this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement and Grantee's final reimbursement request or invoice. The State will withhold 5% of allowable costs until all final documentation has been submitted and accepted by the State as substantially complete. Any Grant Funds remaining after submission and payment of Grantee's final reimbursement request are subject to de-obligation by the State.

F. Erroneous Payments

The State may recover, at the State's discretion, payments made to Grantee in error for any reason, including, but not limited to, overpayments or improper payments, and unexpended or excess funds received by Grantee. The State may recover such payments by deduction from subsequent payments under this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement, deduction from any payment due under any other contracts, grants or agreements between the State and Grantee, or by any other appropriate method for collecting debts owed to the State.

8. REPORTING – NOTIFICATION**A. Performance and Final Status**

Grantee shall submit all financial, performance and other reports to the State no later than the end of the close out period described in §7.E.

B. Violations Reporting

Grantee shall disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to the State, all violations of federal or State criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting this Award.

9. GRANTEE RECORDS**A. Maintenance and Inspection**

Grantee shall make, keep, and maintain, all records, documents, communications, notes and other written materials, electronic media files, and communications, pertaining in any manner to this Grant for a period of three years following the completion of the close out of this Grant. Grantee shall permit the State to audit, inspect, examine, excerpt, copy and transcribe all such records during normal business hours at Grantee's office or place of business, unless

the State determines that an audit or inspection is required without notice at a different time to protect the interests of the State.

B. Monitoring

The State will monitor Grantee's performance of its obligations under this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement using procedures as determined by the State. The State shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to change its monitoring procedures and requirements at any time during the term of this Agreement. The State shall monitor Grantee's performance in a manner that does not unduly interfere with Grantee's performance of the Work.

C. Audits

Grantee shall comply with all State and federal audit requirements.

10. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION-STATE RECORDS

A. Confidentiality

Grantee shall hold and maintain, and cause all Subcontractors to hold and maintain, any and all State Records that the State provides or makes available to Grantee for the sole and exclusive benefit of the State, unless those State Records are otherwise publically available at the time of disclosure or are subject to disclosure by Grantee under CORA. Grantee shall not, without prior written approval of the State, use for Grantee's own benefit, publish, copy, or otherwise disclose to any third party, or permit the use by any third party for its benefit or to the detriment of the State, any State Records, except as otherwise stated in this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement. Grantee shall provide for the security of all State Confidential Information in accordance with all policies promulgated by the Colorado Office of Information Security and all applicable laws, rules, policies, publications, and guidelines. If Grantee or any of its Subcontractors will or may receive the following types of data, Grantee or its Subcontractors shall provide for the security of such data according to the following: **(i)** the most recently promulgated IRS Publication 1075 for all Tax Information and in accordance with the Safeguarding Requirements for Federal Tax Information attached to this Grant as an Exhibit, if applicable, **(ii)** the most recently updated PCI (payment card information) Data Security Standard from the PCI Security Standards Council for all PCI, **(iii)** the most recently issued version of the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Criminal Justice Information (CJI) Services Security Policy for all CJI, and **(iv)** the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) for all protected health information (PHI) and the HIPAA Business Associate Agreement attached to this Grant, if applicable. Grantee shall immediately forward any request or demand for State Records to the State's principal representative.

B. Other Entity Access and Nondisclosure Agreements

Grantee may provide State Records to its agents, employees, assigns and Subcontractors as necessary to perform the Work, but shall restrict access to State Confidential Information to those agents, employees, assigns and Subcontractors who require access to perform their obligations under this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement. Grantee shall ensure all such agents, employees, assigns, and Subcontractors sign nondisclosure agreements with provisions at least as protective as those in this Grant, and that the nondisclosure agreements are in force at all times the agent, employee, assign or Subcontractor has access to any State

Confidential Information. Grantee shall provide copies of those signed nondisclosure restrictions to the State upon request.

C. Use, Security, and Retention

Grantee shall use, hold and maintain State Confidential Information in compliance with any and all applicable laws and regulations in facilities located within the United States, and shall maintain a secure environment that ensures confidentiality of all State Confidential Information wherever located. Grantee shall provide the State with access, subject to Grantee's reasonable security requirements, for purposes of inspecting and monitoring access and use of State Confidential Information and evaluating security control effectiveness. Upon the expiration or termination of this Grant, Grantee shall return State Records provided to Grantee or destroy such State Records and certify to the State that it has done so, as directed by the State. If Grantee is prevented by law or regulation from returning or destroying State Confidential Information, Grantee warrants it will guarantee the confidentiality of, and cease to use, such State Confidential Information.

D. Incident Notice and Remediation

If Grantee becomes aware of any Incident, it shall notify the State immediately and cooperate with the State regarding recovery, remediation, and the necessity to involve law enforcement, as determined by the State. After an Incident, Grantee shall take steps to reduce the risk of incurring a similar type of Incident in the future as directed by the State, which may include, but is not limited to, developing and implementing a remediation plan that is approved by the State at no additional cost to the State.

E. Safeguarding Personally Identifiable Information (PII)

If Grantee or any of its Subcontractors will or may receive PII under this Agreement, Grantee shall provide for the security of such PII, in a manner and form acceptable to the State, including, without limitation, State non-disclosure requirements, use of appropriate technology, security practices, computer access security, data access security, data storage encryption, data transmission encryption, security inspections, and audits. Grantee shall be a "Third-Party Service Provider" as defined in §24-73-103(1)(i), C.R.S. and shall maintain security procedures and practices consistent with §§24-73-101 *et seq.*, C.R.S. In addition, as set forth in §24-74-102, *et seq.*, C.R.S., Grantee, including, but not limited to, Grantee's employees, agents and Subcontractors, agrees not to share any PII with any third parties for the purpose of investigating for, participating in, cooperating with, or assisting with Federal immigration enforcement. If Grantee is given direct access to any State databases containing PII, Grantee shall execute, on behalf of itself and its employees, the certification on an annual basis, attached as an exhibit, if applicable. Grantee's duty and obligation to certify as set forth in the exhibit shall continue as long as Grantee has direct access to any State databases containing PII. If Grantee uses any Subcontractors to perform services requiring direct access to State databases containing PII, the Grantee shall require such Subcontractors to execute and deliver the certification to the State on an annual basis, so long as the Subcontractor has access to State databases containing PII.

11. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Grantee shall not engage in any business or activities, or maintain any relationships that conflict in any way with the full performance of the obligations of Grantee under this Grant. Grantee acknowledges that, with respect to this Grant, even the appearance of a conflict of interest shall be harmful to the State's interests and absent the State's prior written approval, Grantee shall refrain

from any practices, activities or relationships that reasonably appear to be in conflict with the full performance of Grantee's obligations under this Grant. If a conflict or the appearance of a conflict arises, or if Grantee is uncertain whether a conflict or the appearance of a conflict has arisen, Grantee shall submit to the State a disclosure statement setting forth the relevant details for the State's consideration. Grantee acknowledges that all State employees are subject to the ethical principles described in §24-18-105, C.R.S. Grantee further acknowledges that State employees may be subject to the requirements of §24-18-105, C.R.S. with regard to this Grant.

12. INSURANCE

Grantee shall maintain at all times during the term of this Grant such liability insurance, by commercial policy or self-insurance, as is necessary to meet its liabilities under the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, §24-10-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S. (the "GIA"). Grantee shall ensure that any Subcontractors maintain all insurance customary for the completion of the Work done by that Subcontractor and as required by the State or the GIA.

13. REMEDIES

In addition to any remedies available under any Exhibit to this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement, if Grantee fails to comply with any term or condition of this Grant, the State may terminate some or all of this Grant and require Grantee to repay any or all Grant Funds to the State in the State's sole discretion. The State may also terminate this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement at any time if the State has determined, in its sole discretion, that Grantee has ceased performing the Work without intent to resume performance, prior to the completion of the Work.

14. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Except as herein specifically provided otherwise, disputes concerning the performance of this Grant that cannot be resolved by the designated Party representatives shall be referred in writing to a senior departmental management staff member designated by the State and a senior manager or official designated by Grantee for resolution.

15. NOTICES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Each Party shall identify an individual to be the principal representative of the designating Party and shall provide this information to the other Party. All notices required or permitted to be given under this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement shall be in writing, and shall be delivered either in hard copy or by email to the representative of the other Party. Either Party may change its principal representative or principal representative contact information by notice submitted in accordance with this §15.

16. RIGHTS IN WORK PRODUCT AND OTHER INFORMATION

Grantee hereby grants to the State a perpetual, irrevocable, non-exclusive, royalty free license, with the right to sublicense, to make, use, reproduce, distribute, perform, display, create derivatives of and otherwise exploit all intellectual property created by Grantee or any Subcontractors or Subgrantees and paid for with Grant Funds provided by the State pursuant to this Grant.

17. GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY

Liability for claims for injuries to persons or property arising from the negligence of the Parties, their departments, boards, commissions, committees, bureaus, offices, employees and officials shall be controlled and limited by the provisions of the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, §24-10-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S.; the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. Pt. VI, Ch. 171 and 28 U.S.C. 1346(b), and the State's risk management statutes, §§24-30-1501, *et seq.* C.R.S. No term or

condition of this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement shall be construed or interpreted as a waiver, express or implied, of any of the immunities, rights, benefits, protections, or other provisions, contained in these statutes.

18. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Assignment

Grantee's rights and obligations under this Grant are personal and may not be transferred or assigned without the prior, written consent of the State. Any attempt at assignment or transfer without such consent shall be void. Any assignment or transfer of Grantee's rights and obligations approved by the State shall be subject to the provisions of this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement.

B. Captions and References

The captions and headings in this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement are for convenience of reference only, and shall not be used to interpret, define, or limit its provisions. All references in this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement to sections (whether spelled out or using the § symbol), subsections, exhibits or other attachments, are references to sections, subsections, exhibits or other attachments contained herein or incorporated as a part hereof, unless otherwise noted.

C. Entire Understanding

This Intergovernmental Grant Agreement represents the complete integration of all understandings between the Parties related to the Work, and all prior representations and understandings related to the Work, oral or written, are merged into this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement.

D. Modification

The State may modify the terms and conditions of this Grant by issuance of an updated Intergovernmental Grant Agreement, which shall be effective if Grantee accepts Grant Funds following receipt of the updated letter. The Parties may also agree to modification of the terms and conditions of the Grant in either an option letter or a formal amendment to this Grant, properly executed and approved in accordance with applicable Colorado State law and State Fiscal Rules.

E. Statutes, Regulations, Fiscal Rules, and Other Authority

Any reference in this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement to a statute, regulation, State Fiscal Rule, fiscal policy or other authority shall be interpreted to refer to such authority then current, as may have been changed or amended since the Performance Start Date. Grantee shall strictly comply with all applicable Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations in effect or hereafter established, including, without limitation, laws applicable to discrimination and unfair employment practices.

F. Digital Signatures

If any signatory signs this agreement using a digital signature in accordance with the Colorado State Controller Contract, Grant and Purchase Order Policies regarding the use of digital signatures issued under the State Fiscal Rules, then any agreement or consent to use digital signatures within the electronic system through which that signatory signed shall be incorporated into this Agreement by reference.

G. Order of Precedence

In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement and any Exhibits or attachment, such conflict or inconsistency shall be resolved by reference to the documents in the following order of priority:

- i. Colorado Special Provisions in §19 of the main body of this Grant;
- ii. Any executed Option Letter and Amendment;
- iii. The provisions of this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement; and
- iv. The provisions of any exhibits to this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement.

H. Severability

The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement, which shall remain in full force and effect, provided that the Parties can continue to perform their obligations under the Grant in accordance with the intent of the Grant.

I. Survival of Certain Intergovernmental Grant Agreement Terms

Any provision of this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement that imposes an obligation on a Party after termination or expiration of the Grant shall survive the termination or expiration of the Grant and shall be enforceable by the other Party.

J. Third Party Beneficiaries

Except for the Parties' respective successors and assigns described above, this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement does not and is not intended to confer any rights or remedies upon any person or entity other than the Parties. Any services or benefits which third parties receive as a result of this Grant are incidental to the Grant, and do not create any rights for such third parties.

K. Waiver

A Party's failure or delay in exercising any right, power, or privilege under this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement, whether explicit or by lack of enforcement, shall not operate as a waiver, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, power, or privilege preclude any other or further exercise of such right, power, or privilege.

L. Accessibility

- i. Grantee shall comply with and adhere to Section 508 of the U.S. Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
- ii. Grantee shall comply with and the Work Product provided under this Agreement shall be in compliance with all applicable provisions of §§24-85-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S., and the *Accessibility Standards for Individuals with a Disability*, as established by OIT pursuant to Section §24-85-103 (2.5), C.R.S. Grantee shall also comply with all State of Colorado technology standards related to technology accessibility and with Level AA of the most current version of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG), incorporated in the State of Colorado technology standards.

- iii. The State may require Grantee's compliance to the State's Accessibility Standards to be determined by a third party selected by the State to attest to Grantee's Work Product and software is in compliance with §§24-85-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S., and the *Accessibility Standards for Individuals with a Disability* as established by OIT pursuant to Section §24-85-103 (2.5), C.R.S.

M. *Reserved.*

19. COLORADO SPECIAL PROVISIONS (COLORADO FISCAL RULE 3-3)

A. STATUTORY APPROVAL. §24-30-202(1) C.R.S.

This Intergovernmental Grant Agreement shall not be valid until it has been approved by the Colorado State Controller or designee. If this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement is for a Major Information Technology Project, as defined in §24-37.5-102(2.6), then this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement shall not be valid until it has been approved by the State's Chief Information Officer or designee.

B. FUND AVAILABILITY. §24-30-202(5.5) C.R.S.

Financial obligations of the State payable after the current fiscal year are contingent upon funds for that purpose being appropriated, budgeted, and otherwise made available.

C. GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY.

Liability for claims for injuries to persons or property arising from the negligence of the Parties, its departments, boards, commissions committees, bureaus, offices, employees and officials shall be controlled and limited by the provisions of the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, §24-10-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S.; the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. Pt. VI, Ch. 171 and 28 U.S.C. 1346(b), and the State's risk management statutes, §§24-30-1501, *et seq.* C.R.S. No term or condition of this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement shall be construed or interpreted as a waiver, express or implied, of any of the immunities, rights, benefits, protections, or other provisions, contained in these statutes.

D. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.

Grantee shall perform its duties hereunder as an independent Grantee and not as an employee. Neither Grantee nor any agent or employee of Grantee shall be deemed to be an agent or employee of the State. Grantee shall not have authorization, express or implied, to bind the State to any agreement, liability, or understanding, except as expressly set forth herein. **Grantee and its employees and agents are not entitled to unemployment insurance or workers compensation benefits through the State and the State shall not pay for or otherwise provide such coverage for Grantee or any of its agents or employees. Grantee shall pay when due all applicable employment taxes and income taxes and local head taxes incurred pursuant to this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement. Grantee shall (a) provide and keep in force workers' compensation and unemployment compensation insurance in the amounts required by law, (b) provide proof thereof when requested by the State, and (c) be solely responsible for its acts and those of its employees and agents.**

E. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW.

Grantee shall comply with all applicable federal and State laws, rules, and regulations in effect or hereafter established, including, without limitation, laws applicable to discrimination and unfair employment practices.

F. CHOICE OF LAW, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE.

Colorado law, and rules and regulations issued pursuant thereto, shall be applied in the interpretation, execution, and enforcement of this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement. Any provision included or incorporated herein by reference which conflicts with said laws, rules, and regulations shall be null and void. All suits or actions related to this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement shall be filed and proceedings held in the State of Colorado and exclusive venue shall be in the City and County of Denver.

G. PROHIBITED TERMS.

Any term included in this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement that requires the State to indemnify or hold Grantee harmless; requires the State to agree to binding arbitration; limits Grantee's liability for damages resulting from death, bodily injury, or damage to tangible property; or that conflicts with this provision in any way shall be void ab initio. Nothing in this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of any provision of §24-106-109 C.R.S.

H. SOFTWARE PIRACY PROHIBITION.

State or other public funds payable under this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement shall not be used for the acquisition, operation, or maintenance of computer software in violation of federal copyright laws or applicable licensing restrictions. Grantee hereby certifies and warrants that, during the term of this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement and any extensions, Grantee has and shall maintain in place appropriate systems and controls to prevent such improper use of public funds. If the State determines that Grantee is in violation of this provision, the State may exercise any remedy available at law or in equity or under this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement, including, without limitation, immediate termination of this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement and any remedy consistent with federal copyright laws or applicable licensing restrictions.

I. EMPLOYEE FINANCIAL INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST. §§24-18-201 and 24-50-507 C.R.S.

The signatories aver that to their knowledge, no employee of the State has any personal or beneficial interest whatsoever in the service or property described in this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement. Grantee has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of Grantee's services and Grantee shall not employ any person having such known interests.

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EXHIBIT B – SCOPE OF PROJECT (SOP)

1. PURPOSE

1.1. Local Planning Capacity. The purpose of the Local Planning Capacity (LPC) grant program is to provide funding to local governments to increase the capacity of their planning departments responsible for processing land use, permitting, and zoning applications for housing projects. “Fast Track” or expedited review of affordable housing projects is a top priority to increase the number of units built. Grant Funds may be used support new staff wages, hiring consultants, implementing new systems and technologies, revising land use development codes, regional collaborations, and tracking and documentation of Prop 123 goals.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT(S) AND WORK

2.1. Project Description. The Project consists of upgrading development review software and hiring consultants to support Lean process improvements across City departments in order to implement a system to expedite the development review process for affordable housing projects and generally advance affordable housing goals in Fort Collins, Colorado.

2.2. Work Description. The City of Fort Collins (Grantee) will hire qualified consultants, with expertise in Lean principles and project management, to explore process improvements across City departments in order to implement an expedited review process for affordable housing. Work includes auditing existing conditions, presenting findings, making recommendations, staff training, and implementation of process improvements. Additional Work includes upgrades to development review software as part of the City’s development review digital transformation project. Grantee may also conduct targeted stakeholder engagement activities related to some of the Project elements, where applicable. The Grantee will complete quarterly performance metric reporting in a form provided by DOLA. Additionally, at Project Closeout, a Final Informal Memo will be submitted that identifies the following: 1) description of the Grantee’s approach to expedited review of affordable housing; 2) the outcome of that effort, including whether new policies were formally adopted and an assessment how effectively this approach has been at reducing the amount of time required for review; 3) any other project outcomes that impacted the Grantee’s Prop 123-related goals; 4) description of community engagement efforts; 5) the number of affordable housing units that were either permitted or preserved during the grant period; 6) the degree to which this grant has had a transformative impact on Grantee’s affordable housing efforts; and 7) any lessons learned. Grantee will own all resulting documents.

2.2.1. A contract for consultant services shall be awarded by Grantee to a qualified firm through a formal Request For Proposals or competitive selection process.

2.2.2. A contract for the purchase or acquisition of materials or equipment shall be awarded by Grantee to a qualified vendor or firm through a competitive selection process with the Grantee being obligated to award the contract to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder meeting the Grantee's specifications.

2.2.3. During a period of ten (10) years following the date of closeout of the Project by the State, the Grantee may **not change the ownership of the equipment**. If the Grantee decides to change the ownership of the equipment to an entity which the State determines does not qualify in meeting the original intent of the Project, the Grantee must reimburse to the State an amount equal to the current fair market value of the equipment, less any portion of the value attributable to expenditures of non-LPC grant funds for acquisition of and improvements to, the equipment. At the end of the ten (10) year period following the date of completion and thereafter, no State restrictions on ownership of the equipment shall be in effect.

2.3. Responsibilities. Grantee shall be responsible for the completion of the Work and to provide required documentation to DOLA as specified herein.

2.3.1. Grantee shall notify DOLA at least 30 days in advance of Project Completion.

2.4. Recapture of Advanced Funds. To maximize the use of Grant Funds, the State shall evaluate Grantee's expenditure of the Grant Funds for timeliness and compliance with the terms of this Grant.

DOLA reserves the right to recapture advanced Grant Funds when Grantee has not or is not complying with the terms of this Grant.

2.5. Eligible Expenses. Eligible expenses shall include: consultant fees, RFP/bid advertisements, equipment and software acquisition costs, freight costs, hardware, software and training costs, installation costs, and attorney’s fees.

2.5.1. Direct costs are those that are identified as program-specific allowable costs of implementing the grant program objective.

2.5.2. Ineligible Expenses. Ineligible expenses shall include, but are not limited to,: job posting or recruitment costs, indirect overhead or general operating costs, housing construction, pre-development costs, lobbying, food, drink, or entertainment costs. Grant Funds may not be used to cover legal costs to defend.

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1. Project Budget Lines.

3.1.1. “Consultant Services” means consultant fees, RFP/bid advertisements, and attorney’s fees.

3.1.2. “Equipment, Software Acquisition” means freight costs, RFP/Bid advertisement costs, hardware, software and training costs, installation costs, and attorney’s fees.

3.2. “Substantial Completion” means the Work is sufficiently complete in accordance with the Grant so it can be utilized for its intended purpose without undue interference.

4. DELIVERABLES

4.1. Outcome. The final outcome of this Grant is completion of the development review software upgrade, documentation/reports associated with the process improvement efforts, implementation of a system to expedite the development review process for affordable housing projects and / or achieve Proposition 123 requirements in Fort Collins, Colorado, and a completed Final Informal Memo, submitted to DOLA.

4.2. Service Area. The performance of the Work described within this Grant shall be located in Fort Collins, Colorado.

4.3. Performance Measures. Grantee shall comply with the following performance measures:

<u>Milestone/Performance Measure/Grantee will:</u>	<u>By:</u>
Provide DOLA with baseline data on estimated review time for affordable housing projects. DOLA will provide the template.	Within 30 days after the Effective Date of this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement.
Begin procurement process or Contractor mobilization.	Within 90 days after the Effective Date of this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement.
Provide DOLA with a copy of Grantee’s Consultant Agreement or its Scope of Work.	Within 14 days after the Effective Date of the subcontract(s).
Documentation of efforts to explore, adopt, and/or implement policies to expedite review of affordable housing.	Within 30 days after the Policy adoption.
Submit draft deliverables (land use/zoning code or policy updates, reports/analysis/studies) to DOLA for review prior to adoption.	Within 7 days prior to a scheduled public hearing.
Submit Quarterly Pay Requests	See §4.5.2 below
Submit Quarterly Status Reports	See §4.5.2 below

Submit Project Final Report	March 31, 2026
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4.4. Budget Line Adjustments.

4.4.1. Grant Funds. Grantee may request in writing that DOLA move Grant Funds between and among budget lines, so long as the total amount of Grant Funds remains unchanged. To make such budget line changes, DOLA will use an Option Letter (**Exhibit G**).

4.4.2. Other Funds. Grantee may increase or decrease the amount of Other Funds in any one or any combination of budget lines as described in **§6.2**, or move Other Funds between and among budget lines, so long as the total amount of such “Other Funds” is not less than the amount set forth in **§6.2** below. Grantee may increase the Total Project Cost with “Other Funds” and such change does not require an amendment or option letter. DOLA will verify the Grantee’s contribution of “Other Funds” and compliance with this section at Project Closeout.

4.5. Quarterly Pay Request and Status Reports. Beginning 30 days after the end of the first quarter following execution of this Grant and for each quarter thereafter until termination of this Grant, Grantee shall submit Pay Requests and Status Reports using a form provided by the State. The State shall pay the Grantee for actual expenditures made in the performance of this Grant based on the submission of statements in the format prescribed by the State. The Grantee shall submit Pay Requests setting forth a detailed description and provide documentation of the amounts and types of reimbursable expenses. Pay Requests and Status Reports are due within 30 days of the end of the quarter but may be submitted more frequently at the discretion of the Grantee.

4.5.1. For quarters in which there are no expenditures to reimburse, Grantee shall indicate zero (0) requested in the Pay Request and describe the status of the Work in the Status Report. The report will contain an update of expenditure of funds by budget line as per **§6.2** of this **Exhibit B** Scope of Project as well as a projection of all Work expected to be accomplished in the following quarter, including an estimate of Grant Funds to be expended.

4.5.2. Specific submittal dates.

Quarter	Year	Due Date	Pay Request Due	Status Report Due
2 nd (Apr-Jun)	2024	JULY 15, 2024*	Yes	Yes
3 rd (Jul-Sep)	2024	October 30, 2024	Yes	Yes
4 th (Oct-Dec)	2024	January 30, 2025	Yes	Yes
1 st (Jan-Mar)	2025	April 30, 2025	Yes	Yes
2 nd (Apr-Jun)	2025	JULY 15, 2025*	Yes	Yes
3 rd (Jul-Sep)	2025	October 30, 2025	Yes	Yes
4 th (Oct-Dec)	2025	January 30, 2026	Yes	Yes

***State fiscal year runs July 1 – June 30 annually. Grantee must request reimbursement for all eligible costs incurred during a State fiscal year by July 15 annually.**

4.6. DOLA Acknowledgment. The Grantee agrees to acknowledge the Colorado Department of Local Affairs in any and all materials or events designed to promote or educate the public about the Work and the Project, including but not limited to: press releases, newspaper articles, op-ed pieces, press conferences, presentations and brochures/pamphlets.

5. PERSONNEL

5.1. Responsible Administrator. Grantee’s performance hereunder shall be under the direct supervision of **Clay Frickey, Planning Manager, (cfrickey@fcgov.com)**, who is an employee or agent of Grantee, and is hereby designated as the responsible administrator of this Project and a key person under this **§5**. Such administrator shall be updated through the process in **§5.3**. If this person is an agent of the

Grantee, such person must have signature authority to bind the Grantee and must provide evidence of such authority.

5.2. Other Key Personnel. Meaghan Overton, Housing Manager, (moverton@fcgov.com). Such key personnel shall be updated through the process in §5.3.

5.3. Replacement. Grantee shall immediately notify the State if any key personnel specified in §5 of this Exhibit B cease to serve. All notices sent under this subsection shall be sent in accordance with §15 of the Grant.

5.4. DLG Program Manager: Robyn DiFalco, (720) 682-5202, (robyn.difalco@state.co.us).

5.5. DLG Program Assistant: Jessica Rupe, (720) 557-4902, (jessica.rupe@state.co.us).

6. FUNDING

The State provided funds shall be limited to the amount specified under the “Grant Funds” column of §6.2, Budget, below.

6.1. Matching/Other Funds. Grantee shall provide **at least 21%** of the Total Project Cost as documented by Grantee and verified by DOLA at Project Closeout. Initial estimates of Grantee’s contribution are noted in the “Other Funds” column of §6.2 below. Increases to Grantee’s contribution to Total Project Cost do not require modification of this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement and/or Exhibit B.

6.2. Budget

Budget Line(s)		Total Project Cost	Grant Funds	Other Funds	Other Funds Source
Line #	Cost Category				
1	Consultant Services	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	Grantee
2	Equipment, Software Acquisition	\$55,000	\$0	\$55,000	Grantee
Total		\$255,000	\$200,000	\$55,000	

7. PAYMENT

Payments shall be made in accordance with this section and the provisions set forth in §7 of the Grant.

7.1. Payment Schedule. If Work is subcontracted or subgranted and such Subcontractors and/or Subgrantees are not previously paid, Grantee shall disburse Grant Funds received from the State to such Subcontractor or Subgrantee within fifteen days of receipt. Excess funds shall be returned to DOLA.

Payment	Amount	
Interim Payment(s)	\$190,000	Paid upon receipt of actual expense documentation and written Pay Requests from the Grantee for reimbursement of eligible approved expenses.
Final Payment	\$10,000	Paid upon Substantial Completion of the Project (as determined by the State in its sole discretion), provided that the Grantee has submitted, and DOLA has accepted, all required reports.
Total	\$200,000	

7.2. Interest. Grantee or Subgrantee may keep interest earned from Grant Funds up to \$100 per year for administrative expenses.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

8.1. Reporting. Grantee shall submit the following reports to DOLA using the State-provided forms. DOLA may withhold payment(s) if such reports are not submitted timely.

8.1.1. Quarterly Pay Request and Status Reports. Quarterly Pay Requests shall be submitted to DOLA in accordance with §4.5 of this **Exhibit B**.

8.1.2. Final Reports. Within 90 days after the completion of the Project, Grantee shall submit the final Pay Request and Status Report to DOLA.

8.2. Monitoring. DOLA shall monitor this Work on an as-needed basis. DOLA may choose to audit the records for activities performed under this Grant. Grantee shall maintain a complete file of all records, documents, communications, notes and other written materials or electronic media, files or communications, which pertain in any manner to the operation of activities undertaken pursuant to an executed Grant. Such books and records shall contain documentation of the Grantee's pertinent activity under this Grant in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

8.2.1. Subgrantee/Subcontractor. Grantee shall monitor its Subgrantees and/or Subcontractors, if any, during the term of this Grant. Results of such monitoring shall be documented by Grantee and maintained on file.

8.3. Bonds. If Project includes construction or facility improvements, Grantee and/or its contractor (or subcontractors) performing such work shall secure the bonds hereunder from companies holding certificates of authority as acceptable sureties pursuant to 31 CFR Part 223 and are authorized to do business in Colorado.

8.3.1. Bid Bond. A bid guarantee from each bidder equivalent to 5 percent of the bid price. The "bid guarantee" shall consist of a firm commitment such as a bid bond, certified check, or other negotiable instrument accompanying a bid as assurance that the bidder shall, upon acceptance of his bid, execute such contractual documents as may be required within the time specified.

8.3.2. Performance Bond. A performance bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A "performance bond" is one executed in connection with a contract to secure fulfillment of all the contractor's obligations under such contract.

8.3.3. Payment Bond. A payment bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A "payment bond" is one executed in connection with a contract to assure payment as required by statute of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the contract.

8.3.4. Substitution. The bonding requirements in this §8.3 may be waived in lieu of an irrevocable letter of credit if the price is less than \$50,000.

9. CONSTRUCTION/RENOVATION. The following subsections shall apply to construction and/or renovation related projects/activities:

9.1. Plans & Specifications. Construction plans and specifications shall be drawn up by a qualified engineer or architect licensed in the State of Colorado, or pre-engineered in accordance with Colorado law, and hired by the Grantee through a competitive selection process.

9.2. Procurement. A construction contract shall be awarded to a qualified construction firm through a formal selection process with the Grantee being obligated to award the construction contract to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder meeting the Grantee's specifications.

9.3. Subcontracts. Copies of any and all contracts entered into by the Grantee in order to accomplish this Project shall be submitted to DOLA upon request, and any and all contracts entered into by the Grantee or any of its Subcontractors shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Colorado.

9.4. Standards. Grantee, Subgrantees and Subcontractors shall comply with all applicable statutory design and construction standards and procedures that may be required, including the standards required by Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and shall provide the State with documentation of such compliance.

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