



Revitalizing Main Streets



About the Program:

As part of Colorado's COVID-19 Recovery Plan, the Revitalizing Main Streets (RMS) Program was made possible through a \$30 million allocation from the state legislature to help communities across the state implement transportation-related projects that improve safety and yield long-term benefits to community main streets. The program also provides an opportunity for communities to find innovative ways to reuse public spaces and to help businesses reopen safely. When defining a "main street," CDOT is aiming to support areas in or adjacent to community-focused, downtowns where people work, dine, and shop. These routes help form a specific region's identity and act as the major economic hub in many towns and cities across Colorado.

Grant Applications:

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is launching this grant program with two separate applications:

Grant Opportunity 1: Larger Safety Infrastructure Grants (\$22M available statewide)

Applicants may be awarded up to \$2 million to improve user safety along urban arterials or "main street" corridors. Applicable roadways must be non-freeway corridors that accommodate multiple modes of transportation. This program includes both safety and economic recovery goals that:

- Reduce fatal and serious injury crashes on the region's transportation system;
- Improve transit access and multimodal mobility;
- Support the development of connected urban/employment centers and multimodal corridors;
- Provide safe access to opportunity and mobility for residents of all ages, incomes and abilities;
- Help communities adjust to the "new normal" travel patterns caused by COVID-19; and
- Play an important and immediate role in job creation/retention and small business investment.

Grant Opportunity 2: Small Multimodal & Economic Resiliency Projects (\$8M available statewide)

Applicants may be awarded up to \$150,000 per project to support infrastructure projects that provide improved spaces for mobility, community activities and economic development in the wake of the COVID-19 emergency. This program includes both multimodal mobility and economic recovery goals that include:

- Encouraging active, multimodal transportation;
- Promoting public health and safety by encouraging social distancing and/or providing publicly available PPE and sanitation stations;
- Improving equity and public space access for low-income and disadvantaged users; and
- Expanding economic opportunity and development in a regionally-equitable way.

Applicant Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must be eligible to be direct recipients of federal transportation funds. These include local governments, CDOT, and other governmental agencies. Nonprofits and transportation management associations/organizations are not directly eligible applicants for projects however they may partner with a governmental agency. *Note: Private, for-profit companies (e.g., contractors, suppliers, or consultants) are not eligible.*