



REGIONAL
HOUSING
ALLIANCE

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02

(Pursuant to 29-1-108, C.R.S.)

A RESOLUTION OF THE REGIONAL HOUSING ALLIANCE OF LA PLATA COUNTY (RHA) TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS (DOLA) FOR THE LOCAL PLANNING CAPACITY GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The Local Planning Capacity Grant Program, is an initiative of Proposition 123 designated funds. The intention of this 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; and,

WHEREAS, the RHA is a multijurisdictional housing authority created in 2004, pursuant to C.R.S Section 29-1-204, to assist its local government members La Plata County, the Town of Bayfield, the Town of Ignacio, and the City of Durango, to create affordable housing opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, On September 4th, 2023, Mark Garcia, Town Manager of Ignacio, Colorado, and Treasurer of the RHA Board of Directors, submitted a letter of intent (LOI) to DOLA on behalf of and with full knowledge and support from the RHA, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Planning Capacity Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, On December 14th, 2023, the RHA was invited to apply for the Local Planning Capacity Grant; and,

WHEREAS, the application and grant portal for the Local Planning Capacity Grant Program opened on January 3rd, 2024, and the RHA intends to submit a grant application for this funding opportunity by February 15th, 2024, the deadline of the same; and,

WHEREAS, The RHA is submitting the grant application to coordinate efforts on behalf of the region to build capacity and increase affordable housing development in La Plata County, the Town of Bayfield, the Town of Ignacio and the City of Durango; and,

WHEREAS, Grant funds would immediately increase capacity by funding more dedicated contracted time for programmatic tasks as well as hiring consultants to create one-time program infrastructure. These proposed activities are critical pieces to ensuring the RHA service area can meet Proposition 123 baseline commitments; and,

WHEREAS, If the RHA is awarded a Local Planning Capacity Grant, funds would provide critical technical assistance, provide capacity to coordinate projects, identify and coordinate future grant opportunities, and create additional capacity to review public parcels, develop a preservation database, and create a Proposition 123 funding and project tracker. These activities would greatly help ensure the region has the best chance to meet its development goals over the next three years; and,

WHEREAS, The La Plata Economic Development Alliance, a local non-profit, and Project Moxie, a housing consultant, being aligned with the mission of the RHA, have been retained to provide certain professional and administrative services for and on behalf of the RHA; and,

WHEREAS, A local jurisdiction is required to submit the grant application to the State of Colorado. Mark Garcia has agreed to help to submit the grant on behalf of the RHA; and,

WHEREAS, The Department of Local Affairs will notify grant recipients by the end of March, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Regional Housing Alliance of La Plata County, Colorado:

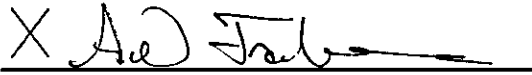
SECTION 1. The Board of Directors of the RHA hereby instructs and authorizes Mark Garcia, the staff of the La Plata Economic Development Alliance, and Project Moxie, to apply for The Local Planning Capacity Grant Program on behalf of the RHA by February 14th, 2024.

SECTION 2. If the RHA is awarded a Local Planning Capacity Grant, the Board of Directors shall have oversight of the implementation and distribution of those funds and shall ensure that all activities pertaining thereto are aligned with the Mission Statement of the RHA.

ADOPTED IN DURANGO, LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO this 11th day of January, 2024.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGIONAL HOUSING ALLIANCE OF LA
PLATA COUNTY



Representative of La Plata Economic
Development Alliance, Secretary



Patrick Vaughn, President