



## MEMORANDUM

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To: Executive Leadership Team

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CC: Finance Liaisons and Department Heads

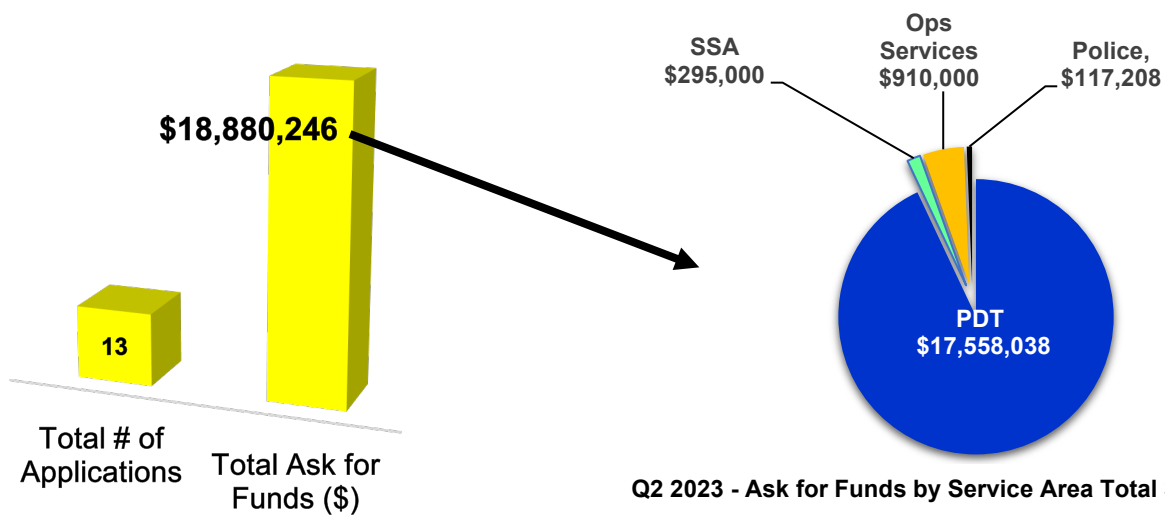
Subject: **Q2 2023 Grants Update**

### Summary

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on grant opportunities pursued during Q2 2023 and notice of awards received during Q2 2023, as well as view of Q3 offerings and known pursuit of funds.

Reported grant information relates only to federal and state grant opportunities. All private grant opportunities, as a part of philanthropic funding, are supported, tracked, and reported through City Give. Information provided below is further divided by Service Area, with key highlights by departments in pursuing these funding opportunities, as well as awards by departments having a significant impact on our communities that align directly with the City's strategic objectives.

### Funding Opportunities Applied for in Q2 2023

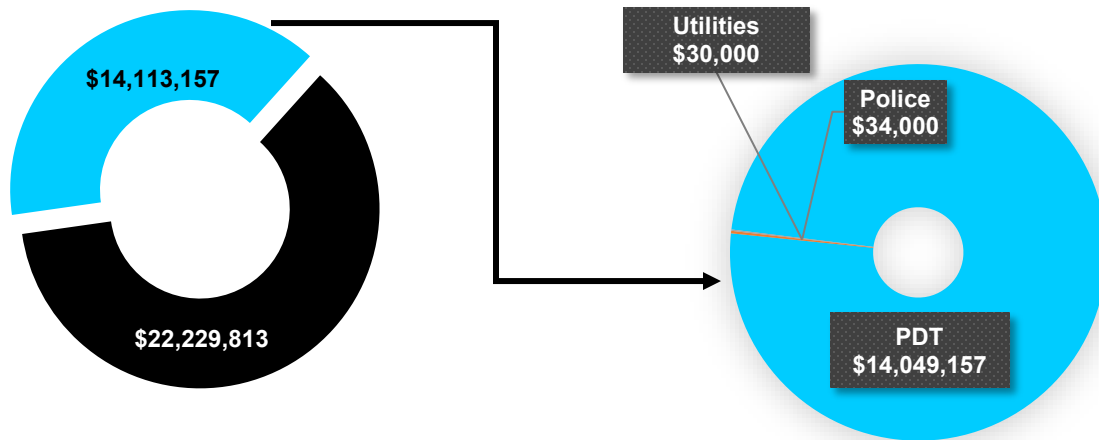


A total of 13 funding opportunities were pursued during Q2 2023, totaling \$18,880,246, with asks varying from multi-million-dollar infrastructure upgrades and investments to replacement of fleet vehicles in support of reducing the City's carbon footprint, and replacement and expansion of infrastructure at the City's Timberline Recycling Center. Specifically:

- Operation Services, which manages ~1100 vehicles and ~850 pieces of equipment applied to the Clean Fleet Vehicle & Technology Grant program managed by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to replace several light, medium, and heavy-duty vehicles, including a street sweeper. Request for funds was **\$910,000**.
- Transfort put forth an ask under two separate Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding opportunities - Low or no Emission Grant program and Buses and Bus Facilities Grant program - for replacement of four CNG buses that have reached their useful life with battery electric buses and associated charging equipment. This strategic ask under two separate funding opportunities aligns with the goal to be operating 100% electric fleet by 2040. Total costs for electric buses and associated charging equipment are \$9.7 million, with a request for **\$7.7 million** from FTA.
- PDT's FC Moves, in collaboration with Engineering, put forth an ask for the Taft Hill Road Active Modes Improvement Project in support of construction of a separated bike lane, side paths and installation of pedestrian beacons. The project will improve ~ .75 miles of road from Horsetooth to an existing trail south of Brixton Road in support of providing safety and connection for active mode users. Total project costs are \$3.3 million, with a request of **\$2.64 million** from Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for federal Transportation Alternatives Program pass-through funds.
- Sustainability Services' Environmental Sustainability group put forth an ask under the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) Waste Diversion on the Front Range enterprise fund. In support of the goal to increase waste diversion, Environmental Sustainability requested replacement of equipment at the Timberline Recycling Center that reached the useful life, as well as new equipment to increase recycling capacity. In addition to replacement and addition of recycling equipment, the ask included a metal storage container for safe battery storage, a need demonstrated by the December 2022 battery fire. The Timberline Recycling Facility not only supports those living within Fort Collins but also neighboring cities and towns, as many have closed recycling drop-off centers. Total costs for replacement and addition of equipment are \$384,000, with a request for **\$295,000** from CDPHE.

## Funding Opportunities Awarded Q2 2023

\$14,113,157 Awarded out of \$22,229,813 in Applications



Q2 2023 - Grant Awards by Service Area  
Total \$14,113,157

A total of 7 awards, totaling \$14,113,157 were received during Q2 2023, corresponding to efforts by many departments in support of furthering existing programs, as well as supporting new opportunities that align with several strategic objectives of service areas. Specifically:

- Transfort being successful in an ask for **\$10.7 million** under Department of Transportation's (DOT) highly competitive Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant program in support of the Foothills Transit Station in the West Elizabeth transit corridor, with a roundabout at the intersection of Overland Trail and West Elizabeth. The project will support the future West Elizabeth BRT from Overland Trail to Laurel Street.
- FC Moves being awarded its full ask of **\$745,587** from CDOT's Safe Route to Schools Program. The funded project will support safety improvements within vicinity of Zach Elementary School. Infrastructure measures to improve safety for the K-5 school includes an enhanced crosswalk with median refuge and replacement of a bike-pedestrian crossing with full signalization.
- The City's Water Reclamation and Biosolids Division, which operates and maintains two wastewater treatment plants for treatment of domestic, commercial, and industrial wastewater was successful in the ask to the CDPHE under the new Per-and Polyflouroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Grant program. The ask was to utilize the state's contractor to complete sampling for PFAS at both wastewater treatment plants, as well as significant industrial users, as a measure to evaluate the presence and severity of PFAS. Services provided by the state's contractor are

valued at **\$30,000**. The EPA provides some background on PFAS <https://www.epa.gov/pfas/pfas-explained>.

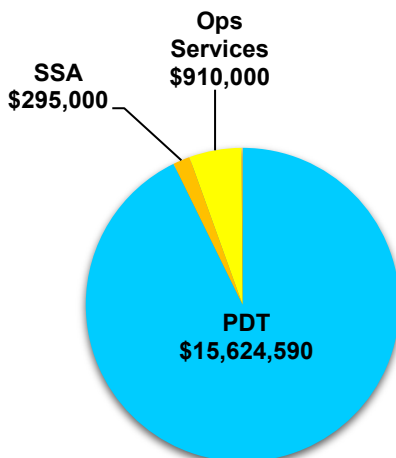
- FC Moves successful ask under the Colorado Energy Office’s Electric Vehicle (EV) Readiness Grant program, providing **\$40,000** to update the City’s 2017 EV Readiness Roadmap (EVRR). An updated EVRR supports the City incorporating EV infrastructure that aligns with newer technology and offerings for use by the City internally, as well as in service offerings to the community. FC Moves, Operation Services and Utilities (Light & Power and Energy Services) will be collaborating on the EVRR to ensure that internal and external EV offerings through infrastructure and operation align with the goals of each service area. Once complete the City will have numerous opportunities to apply for infrastructure and operational funding offerings through state departments and federal agencies. Therefore, we can anticipate many efforts by departments in 2024 in seeking these funds.

Outcome in relation to the \$22,229,813 in ask for funds includes \$5.8 million requested by PDT’s Engineering group under DOT’s FY23 RAISE funding opportunity, which was unsuccessful. The request was in support of infrastructure upgrades and incorporation along 1.33 miles of College Ave, including the intersection at Drake Road, to remove barriers in support of safe multi-modal transportation options for those of all ages and abilities. DOT advised that the project was part of the Highly Rated List and while not selected for a 2023 award is designated as Projects of Merit and, thereby, encouraged the City to apply in future funding cycles.

The City was awarded **63%** of total requested funds.

The City is awaiting the outcomes on several grant applications, with total asks of \$16.8 million.

### Pending Funding Asks



3 Applications in Q1, Totaling \$14,283,690  
4 Applications in Q2, Totaling \$2,545,900

**A Look Ahead at Q3 2023**

**BIG** news for the City, with Energy Services being awarded one of only twenty-seven national awards from the Department of Energy, with the City being the only municipality receiving an award. Funds will support a 5-year project by City and partners to develop and implement a zero-carbon code standard.

There are several funding opportunities with the state, as well as with federal agencies that City departments have put forth an application or are evaluating a potential ask for funds.

**NEW State Funding Opportunities**

***Climate Resilience Challenge***

In **upwards of \$5 million** for planning or infrastructure projects that supports climate mitigation and adaptation measures

***Main Street Live***

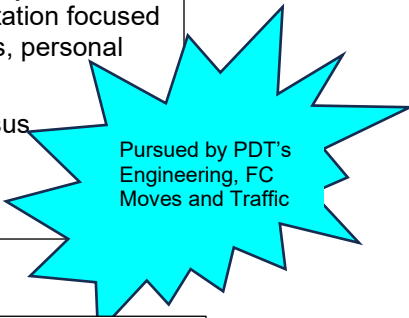
In **upwards of \$1.5 million** for planning or infrastructure projects that supports improving livability and vibrancy of downtown (direction of program is to support affordable housing development).

**Federal IJA Funding Opportunities**

***Safe Streets and Roads for All – in upwards of \$25 million***

To improve roadway safety by significantly reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries through safety action plan refinement and implementation focused on all users (pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, personal conveyance and micromobility users).

Separate funding available for planning and demonstration activities versus implementation measures.



Pursued by PDT's Engineering, FC Moves and Traffic

***Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) – minimum award of \$500k, with no maximum limit***

To fund planning and infrastructure projects to anticipate, prepare for, **or** withstand, respond to, or recover rapidly from disruptions from weather events or natural disasters.

Looking at resilience planning, evacuation route planning and preparation, and resilience improvement infrastructure projects (stormwater controls, drainage structures, reconstruct/replace surface transportation facility = road, street, right-of-way, bridge, tunnel . . .)

**Federal IIJA Funding Opportunities** continued

*Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods* – IIJA and IRA combined program with \$3.16 billion in available funds for 2023.

Two funding buckets:

- (1) **Capital Construction** – to fund both reconnecting focused projects and smaller projects focused on reducing environmental harm and improving access, with focus on such harm/barriers imposed on disadvantaged communities. Projects can address: a dividing facility; mitigating a burdening facility (a source of air pollution, noise, stormwater, et al); and *improving access* and building or improving Complete Streets.

There is **no award maximum \$amount**. For projects falling under IIJA funding requires a minimum of \$10 million in total project costs.

- (2) **Community Planning** – to fund planning activities for future **Capital Construction**

There is **no award maximum \$amount**. For projects falling under IIJA funding requires a minimum of \$2.5 million in total project costs.

The **Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)** has been slow in rolling out grant funding opportunities. The state is looking to pursue funding direct from federal agencies, currently working with local governments to identify programs and projects that local governments have identified as aligning with goals and objectives of the federal program and state related plans. These federal programs include the Solar for All grant program and Climate Pollution Reduction grant program through the EPA. Potential funding opportunities for local governments under these programs is projected in Q2 2024.

The City's Forestry group is awaiting guidance from Colorado State Forestry, which received \$4.9 million from the Department of Agriculture's Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Program for tree planting and related activities, with a priority for projects that benefit underserved populations. The state is working with National Forest Foundation to eventually roll out offerings to eligible entities, including local governments, to receive funds in support of tree planting. Therefore, more to come on Forestry's pursuit of funds in support of tree plantings/canopies.

News from the state under its' **Local Match (LOMA) grant program**. Beginning state fiscal year 2023-2024, July 1<sup>st</sup>, LOMA funds can be used to meet local match requirements under **both** IIJA and IRA funding opportunities.

**Reminder** - To support departments in their pursuit for federal and state grant funds, to ensure that we are capturing all pursuits, regardless of outcome, and to understand the time commitment and effort that goes into an application, it is incumbent upon each Service Area to ensure their FA's and/or FL's, along with Grants Administration, are aware of members' pursuit of these funding opportunities. Steps are in place, which include advising members to complete the [Grant Pre-Application Form](#) on the Grants Administration SharePoint page or to email [Grants.development@fcgov.com](mailto:Grants.development@fcgov.com).