

MEMORANDUM

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To: Executive Leadership Team

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CC: Finance Liaisons and Department Heads

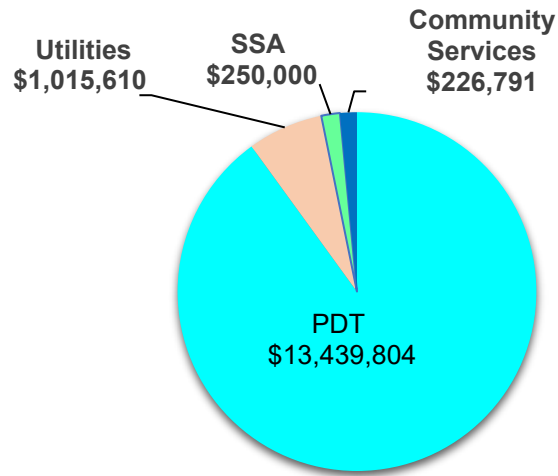
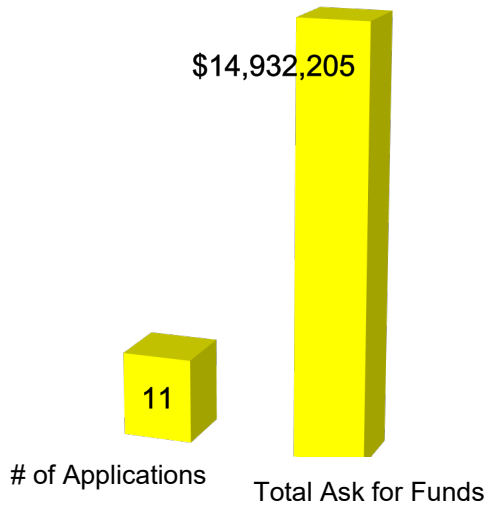
Subject: **Q4 2023 Grants Update**

Summary

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on grant opportunities pursued during Q4 2023 and notices of award received during Q4 2023, as well as a view of Q1 2024 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 Q4

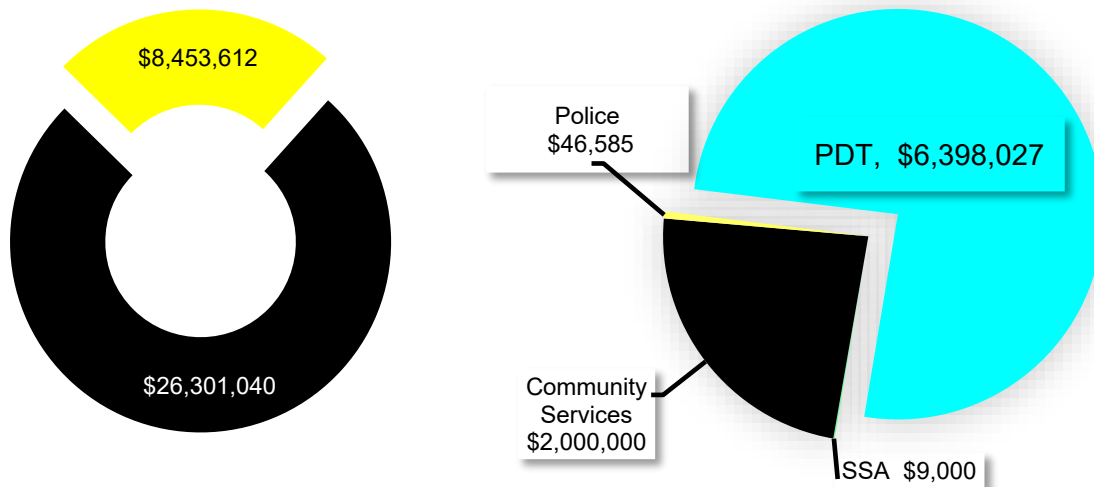


Q4 2023 - Ask for Funds by Service Area

A total of 11 funding opportunities were pursued during Q4 2023, totaling \$14,932,205, with asks varying from multi-million-dollar infrastructure upgrades and investments to cultivating career pathways. Specifically:

- Utilities' Water Quality Services Division put forth an ask under Colorado State Forest Service's **Forest Restoration & Wildfire Risk Mitigation Grant Program** in support of protecting the City's Michigan Ditch. Michigan Ditch, originally built in 1902, has been owned by the City since 1971. The Ditch redirects water from the Michigan River on the western slope to the Poudre River. The ask for **\$1,015,610** supports forest treatments in areas identified with the greatest risk of post-fire erosion. A total of 150 acres of high-elevation spruce-fir located within Colorado State Forest are proposed for tethered treatment and helicopter treatment all in support of protecting Michigan Ditch infrastructure. Colorado State Forest Service is allocating \$500,000 of federal pass-through dollars in support of the project. Utilities is providing an additional \$631,000 in cash and in-kind staff time in support of the project.
- Community Services' Gardens on Spring Creek put forth an ask under the Institute of Museum and Library Services' **Museums for America Grant Program** in support of offering a Cultivating Career Pathways Program with the goal to provide clear and accessible pathways for career learning in green careers, specifically, botanic gardens. The proposed project serves students in middle school through college by providing age-appropriate opportunities to inspire, explore and learn. Total project costs are \$626,815, with a request for **\$226,791** and the City contributing the remaining \$400,024 from in-kind staff time and other budgeted funds.
- PDT's Community Development & Neighborhood Services put forth an ask under FEMA's **Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program** to develop an Environmental Master Plan (EMP) that will provide the nexus between stormwater management design criteria and natural habitat protections on private property, and sustainable infill development. The resulting framework for integrating nature-based solutions and natural habitat design standards will support the City's development review process. The EMP will be an attachment to the Larimer County Hazard Mitigation Plan and inform updates to the City's Land Use Code. Total project costs are \$563,000, with an ask of **\$345,000** from FEMA and the City providing \$218,000 from in-kind staff time.
- There were **BIG** efforts by FC Moves, Engineering and Transfort in response to the **North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization's (NFRMPO) 2023 Call for Projects**. A total of **\$13.1 million** was requested for numerous projects, ranging from major trail, corridor and roadway infrastructure projects, design and implementation of pedestrian and bicycle facilities, ADA bus stop upgrades and purchase of battery electric buses. As noted below, they were VERY successful in this competitive ask for federal funds, competing against many other municipalities within Larimer County and Weld County.

Funding Opportunities Awarded Q4 2023



Q4 2023 - Grant Awards by Service Area

A total of **8 awards, totaling \$8,453,612** were received **during Q4 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:

- Recreation received **\$2 million** under the new **Climate Resilience Challenge Grant program**, part of the state's Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Fund, to support design and construction of the Southeast Community Recreation Center. The award supports funding for building proposed Phase II of the Southeast Community Center, which increases the size and scope of the facility. The ask aligns with priorities of both the City and the Governor, including providing equitable access to recreational experiences and multimodal transportation options; reaching goal of 100% renewable energy through a LEED, Gold build that incorporates solar power; providing affordable and accessible childcare; and utilizing the facility as a communication hub to support the community during an emergency event.
- PDT's successful collaborative efforts by FC Moves, Streets and Engineering under the DOT's highly competitive **FY23 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant program** for funding both planning and demonstration activities. DOT awarded the City \$964,480, with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs awarding the City \$241,120 to cover the required match, funding in full total project costs of **\$1,205,600**. This will support:
 - A **supplemental planning project** that expands on the [Active Modes Plan](#) to identify specific causes of crashes and explore feasibility of various arterial improvements such as separated bike lanes, protected intersections, lane diets and road diets. The study will include 27 miles of arterial

roadways bounded by College Avenue, Horsetooth Road, Overland Trail and Laporte Avenue. Community engagement will be a major component of the study.

- A **demonstration activity** to test the effectiveness of temporary protection along Centre Avenue from Worthington Circle to Bay Drive. The project proposes the use of temporary separators (flexible posts) to compare before and after data on multimodal usage and vehicular speeds. The goal is to test the effectiveness of countermeasures as a means of providing access to safe active modes of transportation, with results being used to inform future active modes of transportation infrastructure.
- Transfort's successful ask under the **NFRMPO 2023 Call for Projects** for **\$538,000** in support of upgrading several of the City's remaining bus stops. This project supports the goal of having all four hundred and fifteen bus stops owned and maintained by Transfort fully compliant with ADA standards.
- Engineering also successful under the **NFRMPO 2023 Call for Projects**, receiving:
 - the remaining **\$1.7 million** needed for the College and Trilby Intersection Reconstruction project, projected to cost ~\$17 million. The City has funds committed through other federal and state grants, as well as City funds to support the multi-million-dollar project **and**
 - the remaining **\$3.2 million** for completing the last gap in the Power Trail, providing connectivity from the Poudre River Corridor to the Big Thompson Corridor. Total project costs are estimated at \$11.2 million, which is being funded through other successful funding efforts and committed City funds.

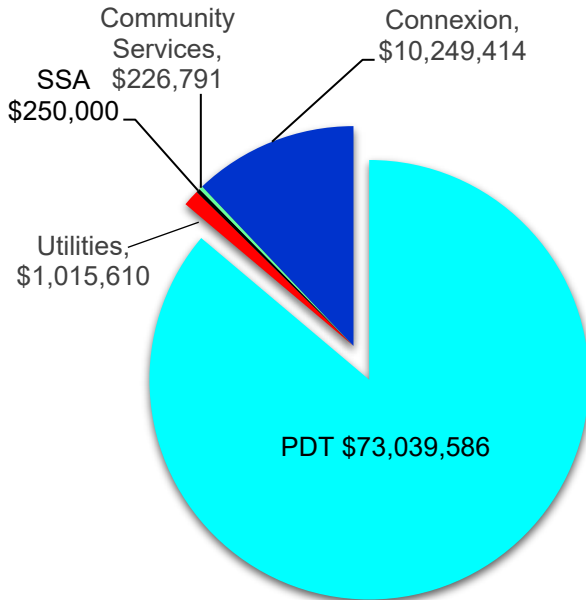
Outcome in relation to the \$26,301,040 in request for funds includes an ask for **\$6.3 million** under the DOT's **SS4A FY23** funding program in support of an infrastructure project along Harmony Road. The City is scheduled to have a debrief with the DOT at the end of January over the **Harmony Road Implementation project**, with hopes that such feedback will support a future ask under the next FY24 funding cycle proposed this spring. The project proposes incorporation of separated bike lanes, bike phasing at signals, traffic signal timing improvements and vehicle lane narrowing along the Harmony Corridor from JFK Parkway to I-25 West Frontage Road. Proposed mitigation measures support the City's (1) [Vision Zero Action Plan](#) to mitigate speed-related risks and to reduce serious injuries and fatal crashes and (2) [Active Modes Plan](#) to provide safe facilities in support of increased active modes users.

As discussed above, regardless of the BIG efforts by PDT, **~\$7.7 million** was not awarded under the highly competitive **NFRMPO 2023 Call for Projects**.

The City was awarded **32%** of total requested funds.

The City is awaiting the outcomes on several grant applications, with total asks of \$84.8 million.

Pending Funding Asks



10 Applications in Q3 and Q4 2023, Totaling \$84,781,401

A Look Ahead at Q1 2024

Success by **Connexion** in partnership with Larimer County under the Colorado Broadband Office's Capital Projects Fund Broadband Infrastructure Grant program, to fund broadband infrastructure for unserved and undeserved locations. A total of **\$10.2 million** was awarded from Colorado Broadband, with Larimer County and Poudre Valley REA contributing the remaining \$3.4 million of total project costs. Funds will support providing reliable and equitable broadband to the rural communities of: (1) Risk Canyon; (2) Poudre Park; (3) Red Feather Lakes and (4) Rustic to Colorado State University Mountain Campus.

Natural Areas pursues funds in support of improving the status of the Northern Leopard Frog that is listed as a Tier 1 species of greatest conservation need by Colorado Parks and Wildlife. More to come from the proposed water restoration project by Natural Areas in Q1 2024.

Utilities' Water Quality Services Division pursues planning funds for development of a Wildfire Ready Action Plan to identify future mitigation projects in higher elevation areas to protect City's water supply infrastructure

(Michigan Ditch and Joe Wright Reservoir). The planning ask includes partnership with City of Greeley and [Water Supply & Storage Company - Public and Environmental History Center \(colostate.edu\)](#). Both partners propose contributing funds in support of the planning project to support evaluating future mitigation measures to protect their water supply infrastructure.

PDT's **Engineering** pushes forward in collaboration with the Midtown Business Improvement District in another ask for funds for the **Midtown Business Improvement project**. While unsuccessful under the FY23 funding cycle, DOT highly rated the project under the [Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity \(RAISE\)](#) grant program, encouraging the City to pursue next funding cycle. The Midtown Business Improvement project will finalize plans for future construction in 2027 of the 1.33-mile corridor of College Ave from Boardwalk Drive to, and including, the West Drake Road intersection. The scope of the design covers infrastructure updates for the corridor to improve safety for all modes of travel, business access, ADA access, active modes infrastructure, access to the adjacent bus rapid transit line and regional Mason trail, and stormwater drainage.

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.