

# 2019 Annual Grant Report

## Background

The City of Montrose Grant Management Policy (Title 3, Chapter 7 of the City of Montrose Regulations) outlines the city's philosophy and framework behind pursuing grants. The grant management policy was promulgated by the city manager on July 19, 2018. The following excerpt is taken from Section 1 of the policy and provides an understanding of the benefits of applying for and receiving grants.

"The city strives to improve the quality of life for Montrose residents and businesses by providing exceptional services and addressing the public infrastructure needs of the community. The operations of the city are funded primarily through sales tax revenues and through fees for service, including water and sewer revenues. While the city regularly completes public infrastructure improvements, limited funds and the cost of improvements restrict the number of projects which can be implemented in any given calendar year.

Grant funding may offset costs to provide services and to implement public infrastructure projects by maximizing and leveraging local tax dollars. The city has received numerous grants from both the state and federal governments. Pursuing state and federal grants allows the city to recapture tax dollars which have left the community and to re-invest those revenues in Montrose.

Successful grants are those which are pursued collaboratively and strengthen the relationship between other local governments, nonprofit organizations, and businesses for the benefit of the community. Our successful grants have: designed and constructed capital projects; constructed or improved recreational amenities; facilitated economic development; assisted with operational and equipment expenses for the police department; supported the expanded capacity for nonprofit organizations which serve our community; and, provided young adults career-learning opportunities.

The city pursues grants to:

- Leverage local tax dollars to incentivize economic growth, strengthen city infrastructure, and improve delivery of city services.
- Foster transparency and accountability through responsible financial management of local tax revenues;
- Provide social, cultural, and recreational opportunities for the community; and
- Establish and strengthen relationships with other local governments, nonprofit organizations, and businesses to better meet the needs of the community."

## 2019 Awarded Grants

The City of Montrose was awarded an estimated **\$1,245,233** in grants in calendar year 2019 supporting approximately \$2,390,923 in city and community projects. Grants were secured for a variety of projects serving the following community objectives:

- Public Safety
- Economic Development
- Environment & Recreation

- Animal Well-Being
- Pedestrian Connectivity
- Tourism
- Public Health
- Historic Preservation

The amount of grant revenues awarded during the calendar year is different than revenues received during the calendar year. The city primarily receives grant revenues on a reimbursement basis from funding agencies upon project completion. Also note, when the city serves as a fiscal sponsor for non-governmental organizations, pass-through grant funds are reflected as revenues in the city's financial spreadsheets and annual audit.

Agencies which awarded the City of Montrose grant funding in 2019 included the:

- Colorado Department of Local Affairs
- Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade
- Colorado Water Conservation Board
- Gunnison Basin Roundtable
- Colorado Tourism Office
- Downtown Colorado, Inc.
- Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund
- Animal Assistance Foundation
- LiveWelll Colorado
- Region 10
- History Colorado
- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
- Colorado Department of Public Safety - Division of Criminal Justice
- Colorado Department of Transportation
- Colorado Department of Human Services
- Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program
- Colorado Peace Officer Standards and Training, a unit of the Criminal Justice Section of the Colorado Attorney General's Office
- U.S. Department of Justice
- Walmart

Partnering with other organizations to secure funding and bring projects to fruition has earned the city a reputation as being a collaborative leader in the state. An example of this is the city partnered with the Center for Mental Health (CMH), a Colorado non-profit organization, to apply and receive a federally-funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs. The \$267,450 grant is being used to replace the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system (HVAC), as well as the roof, at the recently-opened CMH Crisis Walk-in Center in Montrose.

It is important to note, there is a level of risk associated with applying for grants, particularly when serving as a sponsor for non-governmental organizations. Some grant programs require non-

governmental organizations to have a government sponsor in order to receive grant revenues. The city seeks to minimize risk by vetting projects prior to applying, entering into memorandum of understandings, contract agreements, promissory notes, and through other legal documents. It is in the interests of all parties to ensure grant-funded projects are successfully completed and compliance requirements are fulfilled. By serving as a grant sponsor, the City of Montrose has secured millions of dollars for community organizations over the years for projects which have improved the quality of life for Montrose residents. The city strives to ensure all grant programs it pursues are in the best interests of our community.

All grants require community support, particularly when grant programs are becoming more competitive due to changes in agency priorities, funding, and leadership. One such example of demonstrated community support is the dedication of the River Advisory Committee, which was created to provide feedback on the design of the Uncompahgre River Improvements project slated to begin this fall. More than 30 people representing various entities have met on a regular basis over the past three years to provide feedback on the project's design. The committee has provided dozens of letters of support for grant applications that secured \$500,000 in grant funding in 2019. The City of Montrose is grateful for their support.

Descriptions of grants awarded in 2019 are provided below. Questions about grant awards may be forwarded to the city's grant coordinator, Kendall Cramer, [kcramer@cityofmontrose.org](mailto:kcramer@cityofmontrose.org), (970) 497-8531.

#### **Certified Local Government**

Grantor: History Colorado

Grant Award: \$25,000

Project: In 2019, the City of Montrose was designated as Colorado's 62<sup>nd</sup> Certified Local Government (CLG) by the U.S. Department of the Interior. The city was also awarded a \$25,000 grant from History Colorado to develop a survey plan that identifies and prioritizes future historic resource surveys within the city. The survey plan will assist the newly-established CLG and the Historic Preservation Commission by providing a clear and concise document to survey Montrose's historic resources. A match was not required for this project. The project is underway.

#### **Opportunity Zone Technical Assistance**

Grantor: Department of Local Affairs

Grant Award: \$25,000

Project: The City of Montrose in partnership with Montrose County, received \$25,000 from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs to create an Opportunity Zone Prospectus highlighting the city and the county's three designated Opportunity Zone Census Tracts on the east side of the county. The prospectus outlines the community's priorities and was created through a community visioning process and includes demographic data on the community and population, a profile of strategic advantages, and an outline of important projects in Montrose accepting Opportunity Zone investments. The grant was matched with \$25,000, with both the county and city providing \$12,000. The project was completed in 2019.

#### **Technical Assistance Grant**

Grantor: Colorado Department of Local Affairs – Colorado Main Street

Grant Award: \$14,500

Project: The City of Montrose was awarded funding by the Colorado Main Street, a program managed by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, to develop a marketing strategy and associated Opportunity Zone video. The video and prospectus speak to the collective value of Opportunity Zones located in the heart of Southwest Colorado. Montrose is a central hub for outdoor recreation. The video notes the \$2 billion annual outdoor recreation economy on the Western Slope, more than 241 regional outdoor businesses, Montrose’s vibrant airport with direct flights to both coasts, and the city’s \$10 million investment in developing a fiber-optic network to become a Gigabit City. A match was not required for this project. The project was completed in 2019.

#### **Opportunity Zone Technical Support Grant**

Grantor: Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade

Grant Award: \$10,000

Project: The Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade awarded the City of Montrose \$10,000 to market the *Montrose, CO Opportunity Zone Prospectus: Invitation to Invest* and associated video highlighting the city and county’s three designated Opportunity Zones on the east side of the county. The city was granted a match waiver due to the previous \$25,000 investment provided by the city and county. The project will be implemented in 2020.

#### **Colorado Watershed Restoration Grant Program**

Grantor: Colorado Water Conservation Board

Grant Award: \$400,000

Project: The City of Montrose was awarded \$400,000 from the Colorado Water Conservation Board’s Watershed Restoration Grant Program. Grant funds will be used to begin Phase 1 of river restoration improvements on 0.65 miles (3,400 feet) of the Uncompahgre River, traversing through the Colorado Outdoors Project, the “Uncompahgre River Improvements Project.” The project will include reestablishing a resilient channel, connecting the river to its floodplain, creating a stable riparian zone, improving fish and other aquatic habitats, stabilizing the river banks, and providing river access to the public. The total estimated project cost is \$1.6 million. Matching funds will be provided through additional grants and the Montrose Urban Renewal Authority. The project is slated to begin in fall 2020.

#### **Colorado Water Supply Reserve Fund**

Grantor: Colorado Water Conservation Board – State Basin Fund / Gunnison Basin Roundtable

Grant Award: \$100,000

Project: Additional funding for the Uncompahgre River Improvements Project was awarded through the Colorado Water Conservation Board’s Water Supply Reserve Fund. The board approved the city’s grant request of \$60,000 from the State Basin Fund and \$40,000 from the Gunnison Basin Roundtable. Matching funds will be provided through additional grants and the Montrose Urban Renewal Authority. The project is slated to begin in fall 2020.

#### **Governor’s Downtown Excellence Award**

Grantor: Downtown Colorado, Inc.

Grant Award: Recognition Only

Project: Storm King Distilling Company received the Governor’s Award for Downtown Excellence at the 2019 Downtown Colorado, Inc. conference. The City of Montrose nominated the distillery for Best Adaptive Reuse or Rehabilitation. David and Greg Fishing purchased the former Montrose Potato Growers Cooperative Association site at 39 West Main Street in 2017. The Fisherings completed an extensive renovation on the metal warehouse on the property and opened Storm King Distilling Co., the first legal distillery in Montrose County, in June 2018.

#### **Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund**

Grantor: Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund – A fund created by Colorado State Legislature

Grant Award: \$15,000

Project: The City of Montrose Animal Shelter was awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund to help offset the cost of spay and neuter surgery for pets as well as micro-chipping of animals. The license plate grant program through the Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund (CPOF) uses the revenue generated from the Adopt-A-Shelter Pet license plate to provide funding for the spay, neuter, veterinary care, and micro-chipping of animals that do not yet have a home and are in the care of shelters and rescues throughout Colorado. A match was not required for the grant. Program funds were utilized in 2019.

#### **Animal Assistance Foundation**

Grantor: Animal Assistance Foundation

Grant Award: \$13,500

Project: The City of Montrose Animal Shelter was awarded \$13,500 for the purchase of spay and neuter equipment including a surgery table, portable anesthesia machine, and dual lamp. The equipment will enable the Animal Shelter to improve efficiency and complete more surgeries. A match was not required for the grant. Equipment will be purchased in 2020.

#### **Center for Mental Health – Community Development Block Grant**

Grantor: Colorado Department of Local Affairs

Grant Award: \$267,450

Project: In partnership with the City of Montrose, the Center for Mental Health (CMH) was selected to receive a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$267,450 from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) to replace the roof and HVAC (heating, ventilation, air conditioning) system on their Crisis Walk-in Center located at 300 North Cascade. Montrose County is one of the six counties served by the CMH, which has been identified by the State of Colorado as a “critical need area” for crisis services. To be eligible for CDBG funding, recipients must ensure that at least 51 percent of beneficiaries are of low-to-moderate income means. In 2018, 85 percent of patients served by the CMH met this criteria. A match is not required for the award. The City of Montrose serves as the fiscal sponsor and pass through for the grant. The project is underway.

#### **Administrative Planning Grant**

Grantor: Colorado Department of Local Affairs

Grant Award: \$10,000

Project: The City of Montrose was awarded a \$10,000 administrative planning grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs to supplement the city’s efforts to rewrite the city’s Comprehensive Plan,

*Envision 2040 Montrose.* Funds were awarded to assist with facilitation of public meetings and to provide Spanish translation services to improve engagement and meet the needs of the community. A match of \$10,000 will be provided by the City of Montrose. The project is underway.

### **Healthy Eating Active Living Cities and Towns Campaign Small Grants Program**

Grantor: LiveWell Colorado

Grant Award: \$5,000

Project: The City of Montrose, a Healthy Eating Active Living city, was awarded \$5,000 for crosswalk improvements for the intersection of Uncompahgre Avenue and Main Street. The crosswalk project included the installation of four new flashing crosswalk signs aimed at improving safety by helping to alert motorists to a pedestrian using the crosswalk. The crosswalk project aligns with HEAL policies adopted by the City of Montrose to improve traffic and pedestrian circulation, maintain downtown economic vitality, and encourage pedestrian-friendly plans and designs for streets, sidewalks and bicycle routes. The project contributes to the city's goal of having "complete streets" that encourage walking and healthy living. A local match of \$12,698 was provided.

### **Region 10 Small Grants Program**

Grantor: Region 10

Grant Award: \$2,210

Project: The City of Montrose was awarded a \$2,210 grant from Region 10 for improvements at La Raza Park including an overhead playground ladder (similar to monkey bars) and two soccer goals. An equal financial match was provided by the Governor's Healthy Community Award, which was awarded in 2018. The project was implemented in 2019.

### **Main Street Mini Grant**

Grantor: Colorado Department of Local Affairs

Grant Award: \$5,000

Project: The City of Montrose was awarded \$5,000 to assist with replacement of seasonal promotional banners throughout the downtown. A local match of \$22,782 was provided. The banners create a welcoming atmosphere and to promote Montrose. The project was implemented in 2019.

### **Saving Places Conference Scholarship**

Grantor: History Colorado

Grant Award: \$625

Project: A scholarship of \$625 was provided by History Colorado to assist with costs associated with sending a City of Montrose Historic Preservation Commissioner to the "Saving Places 2020: Focus on the Future" conference held the last weekend of January 2020 in Denver. The four-day conference, hosted by Colorado Preservation, Inc., attracts hundreds of professionals from across the country who work with historic and cultural places the opportunity to network and learn about practices.

### **Built Environment Grant**

Grantor: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

Grant Award: \$3,500

Project: The City of Montrose was awarded a \$3,500 Built Environment grant by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The funds were used to purchase commercial grade umbrellas for Demoret Park. The newly-installed umbrellas provide protection from the elements and a welcome environment for relaxation and picnicking at the park. A match was not required. The project was implemented in 2019.

**Colorado Rural Academy for Tourism (CRAFT)**

Grantor: Colorado Tourism Office

Grant Award: \$2,500

Project: The City of Montrose Office of Business and Tourism (OBT) was awarded a \$2,500 CRAFT Studio 201 grant for tourism efforts including billboards, trifolds, and social media ads which promote Montrose. A match was not required. The project is underway.

**Colorado Department of Local Affairs Training Grant**

Grantor: Colorado Department of Local Affairs

Grant Award: \$2,385

Project: The City of Montrose Office of Business and Tourism was awarded \$2,385 to assist with costs associated with sending staff to the National Main Street Conference. The conference provides local leaders the opportunity to network, identify solutions to problems, and learn about innovative techniques being implemented across the county that are helping communities thrive.

**Colorado Department of Local Affairs Training Grant**

Grantor: Colorado Department of Local Affairs

Grant Award: \$1,500

Project: The City of Montrose Development and Revitalization Team (DART) was awarded \$1,500 for training.

**2019 Awarded Police Department Grants**

**Law Enforcement, Public Safety & Criminal Justice Information Sharing Grant Program**

Grantor: Colorado Department of Public Safety

Grant Award: \$7,353

Project: The City of Montrose Police Department was awarded \$7,353 to join the Colorado Information Sharing Consortium (CISC) network. The CISC, which currently consists of 60 law enforcement agencies in Colorado, allows agencies to share law enforcement data. The project is currently underway. A match was not required for the grant. The project is underway.

**Peace Officer Mental Health Grant Program**

Grantor: Colorado Department of Local Affairs

Grant Award: \$42,639

Project: The City of Montrose Police Department was awarded a \$42,639 Peace Officer Mental Health Grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). Funds will be used to purchase an equipped vehicle with necessary safety equipment for the police department's mental health co-responder and to provide peer support training to police officers. A match was not required for this grant. The project will be implemented in 2020.

**Gray and Black Market Marijuana Enforcement Grant(s)**

Grantor: Colorado Department of Local Affairs

Grant Award: \$150,902

Project: The City of Montrose Police Department was awarded two (2) Gray and Black Market Marijuana Enforcement grants (\$69,446 and \$81,456, respectively) in 2019 totaling \$150,902. Program are used for expenses related to investigations and prosecutions of unlicensed marijuana cultivation and/or distribution operations. A match was not required for this grant. The project is underway.

**Colorado Opioid State Targeted Response Grant**

Grantor: Colorado Department of Human Services

Grant Award: 60 units of NARCAN valued at \$4,500

Project: City of Montrose Police Department received 60 units (two doses each) of NARCAN (naloxone) through the Colorado Department of Human Services State Targeted Response Grant, a value of \$4,500. The NARCAN is to be used solely by officers for the reversal of opioid exposure/overdose. A match was not required for this grant. The project was implemented in 2019.

**Bullet Proof Vest Grant**

Grantor: U. S. Department of Justice

Grant Award: \$3,914

Project: The Montrose Police Department was awarded \$3,914 from the U.S. Department of Justice to assist with the purchase of new and replacement bullet proof vests for sworn officers. Vests were purchased in 2019.

**Click it or Ticket**

Grantor: Colorado Department of Transportation

Grant Award: \$9,000

Project: In 2019, the Colorado Department of Transportation awarded \$9,000 to pay for overtime for seat belt enforcement. Various enforcement periods are held throughout the year. The project period for this grant runs through June 2020.

**High Visibility Enforcement Grant**

Grantor: Colorado Department of Transportation

Grant Award: \$14,000

Project: For the 2019-2020 DUI enforcement campaign, the city was awarded 14,000. The grant pays for overtime so officers can be dedicated to DUI enforcement during periods when intoxicated drivers are most likely to be out and about.

**POST Ammunition Grant**

Grantor: West Central Peace Officer Standards and Training Region

Grant Award: \$1,481

Project: Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) funds were used for the purchase of training ammunition.

**POST In-service Grant**

Grantor: Colorado Peace Officer Standards and Training

Grant Award: \$7,460.45

Project: Peace Officer Standards and Training funds were utilized for the purchase of training equipment.

**Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force**

Grantor: Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

Grant Award: \$1,675

Project: In 2019, the MPD received \$1,675 in grant funding from ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force) to send a detective to the national conference to learn about the latest tactics in protecting children from being victims of internet crimes.

**Local Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) Program**

Grantor: Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice

Grant Award: \$28,000

Project: Pays for 51% of the Victim Advocate base salary. The Victim Advocate provides assistance to victims of crimes and serves as a liaison between the police department and victims.

**Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Fund**

Grantor: Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice

Grant Award: \$68,640

Project: Pays for 49% of the Victim Advocate base salary for two years and a 2-year vehicle lease for mobile advocacy purposes.

**Police Department Facility Dog**

Grantor: Walmart

Grant Award: \$2,500

Project: The City of Montrose Police Department was awarded a \$2,500 Community Grant from the Montrose Walmart to assist with the costs of the police department's new facility dog. The grant will be used to assist with traveling expenses of sending the city's Victim Advocate to California to train with the dog and bringing the canine companion back to Montrose. The facility dog will be used to provide a calming environment for victims of crime and officers who might experience anxiety.