

Special Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting date: November 5, 2025

Agenda Item #: 12

State-required regional plan elements

Agenda item type: Informational briefing

Summary

Overview of approach to state required regional plan components

Background

The [Sustainable Affordable Housing Assistance Act \(Colorado Senate Bill 2024 – 174\)](#) addresses a wide range of requirements aimed at supporting the development of housing across the state of Colorado. In addition to requirements for housing needs assessments that we have discussed at previous DRCOG Board meetings, the new law updates the Colorado Revised Statutes related to county, municipal and regional plans, requiring that these plans be amended to include a water element and a strategic growth element by December 31, 2026. This new law also makes the development of housing action plans a requirement for most local communities across the state with some exceptions by January 1, 2028.

The Department of Local Affairs has established the Housing Planning Grant Program to assist with new state-required plan elements. DRCOG plans to seek funding to support the two required elements for regional plans and, potentially, to further DRCOG's regional housing work to support local governments in the development of the required local housing action plans.

DRCOG is in the process of developing a Regional Housing Strategy to develop regionally scaled strategies that will support local governments' efforts to address housing needs identified in the Regional Housing Needs Assessment and local assessments. DRCOG plans to seek funding to develop additional specific elements for housing action plans called out in the new state law with the intent of providing applicable technical assistance to local governments for use in the development of required local housing action plans. This will enhance regional efforts started with the Regional Housing Strategy and support local governments in meeting state requirements.

Staff will provide an overview of DRCOG's intent for these planning activities and allow the opportunity for board members to provide guidance and ask questions as we shape this funding proposal.

Action by others

None

Previous discussion/action

None



Recommendation

None

Attachment(s)

None

For more information

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