

## Dolores Colorado

To: MAYOR AND TRUSTEES  
From: Ken Charles, Dolores Town Manager  
Dt: March 31, 2022  
RE: PROJECT UPDATES

As we enter the month of April with the change of board members, a project update has value for all. This is not an exclusive list but should provide insights as to what are in the plans.

### Grant Applications

Federal Emergency Management Agency-The town has submitted applications to the FEMA for funds to:

1. Purchase and install new emergency warning sirens;
2. Purchase and install a back-up generator for the Water Treatment Plant.

CDPHE - Healthy People, Healthy Colorado Program. The town has applied for a small grant to purchase and install the first pieces of adult exercise equipment at JRP. A \$5,000 grant request.

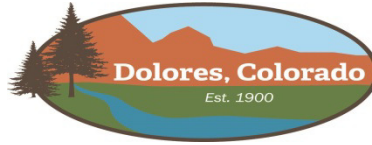
CDOT – Revitalizing Main Streets Program for the new restroom at Flanders Park. \$150,000 grant request

Department of Local Affairs-Innovative Housing Strategies-Preliminary Planning. We are seeking \$10,000 to match the town's budgeted amount of \$10,000 to help the town produce a plan for one or two of town owned properties that could be developed for workforce housing.

Also with DOLA- the town has received a matching \$25,000 Energy Impact grant to help fund the engineering of our next phase of water system improvements. The improvements include the replacing the old pipeline in the west part of town and install lines to connect un-looped sections of pipeline and research water tank size and sites.

### Colorado Parks and Wildlife

1. Fishing is Fun-requesting \$53,000 to improve access and fish habitat in the Dolores River.
2. CPW has a grant program to develop solutions to bear-human interactions. This would allow the town to purchase twenty bear proof containers and complete the conversion to all bear



proof trash containers. This is going to be a regional application that may include Cortez, Montezuma County, Rico.

Land Use Code-The code has been adopted, but there is clean-up to do and additional language to strengthen the town's affordable housing commitment.

Construction Standards-The town does not have adopted infrastructure and utility construction standards such as how to install a water or sewer line, build a new road. This will address that issue.

Equipment Costs-Staff is developing pricing for equipment such as an hourly rate for a backhoe or grader.

Finance Software-Staff will continue to implement the new Ampstun system with a goal to develop the on-line payment process.

Performance Contracting-Iconergy is the town's energy service company. They have produced a plan for the town's facilities that would make improvements to reduce energy consumption. The town will need to decide on what parts of the plan do we proceed with. This project along with the next phase of water system improvements will necessitate a utility rate increase.