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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Amending and Supplementing Executive Order D 2025 005 Regarding Strategic Growth through Compliance with State Laws

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order amending and supplementing Executive Order D 2025 005 regarding strategic growth through compliance with State laws.

I. <u>Background and Purpose</u>

As stated in Executive Order D 2025 005 (Regarding Strategic Growth through Compliance with State Laws), the Strategic Growth Laws passed by the Legislature and that I signed into law in 2024 and 2025 provide mechanisms to foster a stable quality and quantity of housing for Coloradans of all income levels in all parts of the State. Especially at a time of economic uncertainty and federal policies negatively impacting State revenue, it is important to ensure that State funds are spent on local projects that lower the cost of living for Coloradans, including housing and transportation costs, and ease the pressure on our climate and natural resources. As many Local Governments are making great progress to address these critical issues and taking steps to direct sustainable growth in Colorado, this Executive Order supplements Executive Order D 2025 005 to support communities that are meeting Colorado's housing goals and complying with Strategic Growth Laws.

In support of Local Governments that are working to ensure that every Coloradan has an affordable place to call home, I issued Executive Order D 2025 005 on May 16, 2025. In the Executive Order, I directed the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) to summarize the framework, criteria, and benchmarks within HB24-1007 (Prohibit Residential Occupancy Limits), HB24-1152 (Accessory Dwelling Units), HB24-1304 (Minimum Parking Requirements), HB24-1313 (Housing in Transit-Oriented Communities), SB24-174 (Sustainable Affordable Housing Assistance), HB25-1273 (Residential Building Stair Modernization), and SB25-002 (Regional Building Codes for Factory-Built Structures), (collectively referred to as "Strategic Growth Laws"), to determine compliance with these laws. As directed, DOLA

published compliance guidelines for Strategic Growth Laws on its website¹ and made the information publicly available.

Executive Order D 2025 005 also directed the Department of Transportation (CDOT), the Colorado Energy Office (CEO), DOLA, and the Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) (collectively referred to as "Relevant Agencies"), to identify Funding Opportunities for Local Governments, in areas of housing development, land use, transportation, infrastructure, historic preservation, mixed-use incentives, conservation, energy, or climate that are administered by the Relevant Agencies and within the scope of Executive Order D 2025 005. As directed, each Relevant Agency submitted a list of potential Funding Opportunities for review by the Governor's Office. Consequently, this Executive Order defines the Funding Opportunities, amends and supplements Executive Order D 2025 005, and directs prioritization of Funding Opportunities for Local Governments that comply with Strategic Growth Laws.

II. <u>Definitions</u>

The following definitions amend and replace the definitions in Executive Order D 2025 005, as applicable, and apply within this Executive Order. Unless noted below, all other defined terms and definitions remain the same as written in Executive Order D 2025 005.

- A. "Funding Opportunities" means only those competitive or discretionary grants, contracts, loans, incentive programs, and discretionary tax credits that provide support to Local Governments in areas of housing development, land use, transportation, infrastructure, historic preservation, mixed-use incentives, conservation, energy, or climate that are administered by the Department of Transportation (CDOT), the Colorado Energy Office (CEO), the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), and the Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT), and
 - a. Listed in Appendix A of this Executive Order; or
 - b. Later designated by CEO, CDOT, DOLA, OEDIT, or the Governor's Office to be a Funding Opportunity subject to the requirements of Executive Order D 2025 005 and this Executive Order through the process described below.

¹ DOLA, "Compliance Framework and Guidelines Executive Order D 2025 005," https://dlg.colorado.gov/compliance-framework-and-guidelines.

- B. "Local Governments" means a home rule, territorial charter, or statutory county, city and county, city, or town. Local Governments do not include individuals, non-profit organizations, or federally recognized Tribes and tribal governments.
- C. "Strategic Growth Laws" means HB24-1007, HB24-1152, HB24-1304, HB24-1313, SB24-174, HB25-1273, and SB25-002.
- D. "Application Process" refers to the formal request for submission materials that are evaluated to determine grant awards. Letters of intent are considered a pregrant cycle activity.

III. Applicable Funding Opportunities Subject to Prioritization of Funding

The Funding Opportunities subject to prioritization requirements based on Strategic Growth Laws compliance are published in Appendix A. Each Funding Opportunity will be administered according to the requirements and priorities set forth in statute and the guidelines or other program documents published by the Relevant Agency.

The Relevant Agency shall establish and administer a scoring criteria or ranking for the applicable Funding Opportunity that:

- A. Uses DOLA's Compliance Framework and Guidelines;
- B. Is in accordance with statutory requirements and Relevant Agency's policies and procedures, and
- C. Is consistent with Executive Order D 2025 005 and this Executive Order.

Going forward, each Relevant Agency will, on a quarterly basis, publish a list of any new Funding Opportunities established after this Executive Order and determined to be subject to the requirements of Executive Order D 2025 005 and this Executive Order. That list will be determined by each Relevant Agency and approved by the Governor's Office prior to publication. Those Funding Opportunities will be incorporated into this Executive Order by reference in the grant information and application. Only Funding Opportunities with a grant cycle or Application Process beginning on or after October 6, 2025, and rolling applications submitted on or after that date, will be subject to the requirements of the above Executive Orders.

IV. <u>Declarations and Directives</u>

A. I direct the Relevant Agencies to establish and administer a scoring criteria or ranking for each Funding Opportunity consistent with Executive Order D 2025 005 and this Executive Order and in accordance with applicable statutory requirements and Relevant Agency's policies and procedures.

The prioritization process does not guarantee award of competitive or discretionary grants, contracts, loans, incentive programs, or discretionary tax credits.

- B. Non-profit organizations, nonpublic developers, and other for-profit entities that are not de facto agents of Local Governments applying for grants are not subject to this Executive Order and will maintain the same level of priority as prior to the implementation of this Executive Order and as required by statute and the Relevant Agency's policies and procedures.
- C. As directed in Executive Order D 2025 005, DOLA shall continue to maintain and publish a list of all Strategic Growth Compliant, Strategic Growth Compliance-in-Progress, and Strategic Growth Non-Compliant Local Governments. DOLA shall update the list at least quarterly and make the list available for Relevant Agencies for the purposes of establishing priority for applicable Funding Opportunities identified in Appendix A.

V. <u>Duration</u>

This Executive Order shall remain in effect unless modified or rescinded by a future Executive Order of the Governor. In the event of conflicting or inconsistent provisions between this Executive Order and Executive Order D 2025 005, the provisions of this Executive Order shall control. In all other respects, Executive Order D 2025 005 shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado this thirteenth day of August, 2025.

Jared Polis Governor

APPENDIX A: FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1. Department of Transportation (CDOT)

Funding Opportunity	Website ²
Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation	https://www.codot.gov/programs/planning/grants
Options Fund (MMOF)	/mmof-local
Transportation Alternatives Program	https://www.codot.gov/programs/planning/grants
(Statewide)	/tap-fiscal-years-2024-26
Safe Routes to School	https://www.codot.gov/programs/bikeped/safero
	utes
E-Mobility Education and Awareness Grants	https://www.codot.gov/programs/innovativemob
	ility/grants
Transportation Demand Management	https://www.codot.gov/programs/innovativemob
Innovation Grants	ility/grants
Roadside and On-Board Unit In-Kind Grant	https://www.codot.gov/programs/innovativemob
	ility/grants
Transportation Management Organization	https://www.codot.gov/programs/innovativemob
Seed Funding	ility/grants
Revitalizing Main Streets	https://www.codot.gov/programs/revitalizingmai
	nstreets

2. Colorado Energy Office (CEO)

Funding Opportunity	Website
Geothermal Energy Tax Credit	https://energyoffice.colorado.gov/geothermal-tax-
	credit
Charge Ahead Colorado EV Charging Grant	https://energyoffice.colorado.gov/charge-ahead-
	colorado
Geothermal Energy Grant Program	https://energyoffice.colorado.gov/geothermal-
	energy-grant
Energy Code Adoption & Enforcement Grants	https://energyoffice.colorado.gov/ec-adoption-
	grant
Automated Permit Processing For Solar (APPS)	https://energyoffice.colorado.gov/apps
Grant	
High Efficiency Electric Heating & Appliances	https://energyoffice.colorado.gov/buildings/fundi
Grant	ng-and-financing/high-efficiency-electric-heating-
	and-appliances-grant-program

² Websites in Appendix A are current as of August 13, 2025 and subject to change.

Public Building Electrification Grant	https://energyoffice.colorado.gov/buildings/fundi
	ng-and-financing/public-building-electrification-
	grant
CPRG Local IMPACT Accelerator	https://energyoffice.colorado.gov/local-impact-
	accelerator
CPRG Large Building Decarbonization Grants	https://energyoffice.colorado.gov/cprg
Direct Current Fast-Charging Plazas Grant	https://energyoffice.colorado.gov/transportation/g
	rants-incentives/dcfc-plazas

3. Department of Local Affairs (DOLA)

Funding Opportunity	Website
Energy/Mineral Impact Assistance Fund ³	https://dlg.colorado.gov/energy-mineral-impact-
	assistance
Housing Development Program	https://doh.colorado.gov/housing-development-
	grant-funds-hdg
Sustainable Affordable Housing	https://dlg.colorado.gov/housing-planning-grant-
	program
HOME	https://doh.colorado.gov/home-program
Housing Trust Fund (HTF)	https://doh.colorado.gov/national-housing-trust-
	fund-htf
Community Development Block Grant - Public	https://dlg.colorado.gov/community-
Facilities/Public Services	development-block-grant-cdbg
Community Development Block Grant -	https://doh.colorado.gov/community-
Housing	development-block-grant-cdbg
Local Match for Federal IIJA (LOMA)	https://dlg.colorado.gov/local-match-program-
	federal-infrastructure-investment-and-jobs-act
Transit Oriented Communities Infrastructure	https://dlg.colorado.gov/land-use-and-housing-
Grant Program ⁴	grants
Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Grant	https://dlg.colorado.gov/accessory-dwelling-
Program ⁴	units
Affordable Housing Investment Fund	https://doh.colorado.gov/affordable-housing-
	investment-fund
Transformational Housing Loan Fund	https://doh.colorado.gov/transformational-
	housing-loan-fund

³ Public health, public safety use, and/or economic development Funding Opportunities are not subject to the prioritization requirements outlined in this Executive Order; please see the program website for more details.

4. Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT)

Funding Opportunity	Website
ADU Financing Program ⁴	https://dlg.colorado.gov/accessory-dwelling-
	units
Strategic Fund Initiatives ³	https://oedit.colorado.gov/strategic-fund-
	initiatives-0
Enterprise Zone Contribution Project Tax ⁴	https://oedit.colorado.gov/enterprise-zone-
Credit	contribution-tax-credit
Space to Create Pre Development Grants	https://oedit.colorado.gov/space-to-create-
	colorado

⁴ Compliance requirement is already a part of these grant application processes; this Executive Order does not supersede the statutory requirements.