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Section 39-29-110 (9), of the Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S) requires the Department of Local Affairs, Division of Local Government, provide an update regarding Renewable and Clean Energy Implementation Projects Grant program in the Department’s annual report as required by the “State Measurement for Accountable, Responsive, and Transparent (SMART) Government Act” part 2 of article 7 of title 2. This document serves as a response to this reporting requirement.

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Program Launch and History

In Colorado’s 2021 legislative session, House Bill 21-1253 created the Renewable and Clean Energy Implementation Projects grant program (RENEW) in Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S.) 39-29-110 (9).

The program gives grants to Colorado local governments with the purpose of providing financial assistance for Renewable and Clean Energy Implementation projects that meet the Department’s eligibility criteria for funding under the Department’s Renewable and Clean Energy Initiative Program.

Program Status

HB21-1253 was signed on June 14, 2021 with a directive to award the money by August 15, 2021, or as soon as possible thereafter. As of December 31, 2021, 9 applications were received with four of those projects awarded funds and 5 projects not awarded funding. DOLA staff have also compiled a backlog of six additional projects very close to being ready for application and another eight projects that could be ready for application in the next 6 months. The fourteen projects in this “pipeline” total over \$28 million.

Program Awards

The appropriation for FY 2021/22 is \$5,000,000 with all requests to date totaling \$6,164,367. As of December 31, 2021, \$3,300,000 in HB21-1253 funds have been awarded. Applications are accepted into the DOLA Grants Portal until all funds are expended and there is no cap on the amount that may be requested.



Table 1 - HB21-1253 Awards Fiscal Year 2022

Project	Project Type	Amount Requested	Matching Funds	Amount Awarded	Total Project Cost
Fountain Green Power Initiative	Solar	\$ 1,350,000	\$ 2,268,967	\$ 1,350,000	\$ 3,618,967
Craig Regional Solar Utility Development	Solar	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 1,800,000
Lyons Solar Farm & Battery Storage	Solar	\$ 1,385,250	\$ 461,750	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,847,000
Telluride School District Energy Resiliency	Solar	\$ 977,556	\$ 1,466,333	\$ 500,000	\$ 2,443,889
TOTAL		\$ 4,612,806	\$ 5,097,050	\$ 3,300,000	\$ 9,709,856