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SMART ACT REPORT

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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.

Renewable and Clean Energy Initiative HB21-1253 Grant Program

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 awards 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, 2022, 10 applications were received with five of those projects awarded funds and 5 projects not awarded funding.

Program Awards

The appropriation for FY 22-23 is \$5,000,000 with all requests to date totaling \$8,664,367. As of December 31, 2022, \$5,000,000 in HB21-1253 funds have been awarded and contracted.



Table 1 - HB21-1253 Awards 2022-2023

| 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 |
| Pitkin Co Microgrid Phase 1(a) Implementation | Solar | \$ 2,500,000 | \$ 855,000 | \$ 1,700,000 | \$ 3,355,000 |
| TOTAL | | \$ 7,112,806 | \$ 5,952,050 | \$ 5,000,000 | \$ 13,064,856 |