



Public Works

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MEMO

TO: Boulder County Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Steve Durian, Director of Public Works
Shelly Fuller, Hazardous Materials Management Facility Manager
RE: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Environmental Justice Grant
Program Application
DATE: December 5th, 2023

The Public Works Department is requesting approval to submit a grant proposal to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) Environmental Justice Grant Program. The grant proposal would provide funding to co-create a household hazardous waste (HHW) collection program with and for mobile home park residents in Boulder County, preventing negative health and environmental impacts of hazardous materials.

The Environmental Justice Grant Program funds projects that measure, prevent, or reduce pollution in disproportionately impacted communities with the aim to improve public health or restore the environment. The projects can focus on a variety of topics including waste. The funding period for projects is one year, between July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

Since the mid-2000s, the Hazardous Materials Management Facility (HMMF) team has provided opportunities for residents to safely recycle and dispose of hazardous materials like paint, batteries, chemicals, and light bulbs. Residents can drop-off materials at the facility or bring them to collection events, held in partnership with local municipalities, in the summer months. The team has identified a path to increase equitable access of these services for disproportionately impacted community members, reducing transportation, language, and other barriers. The proposed project will leverage Boulder County's hazardous waste training and expertise with community knowledge by hosting HHW collection events in mobile home park communities. The requested funds will allow staff to:

- Create a working group of key partners and residents,
- Generate educational HHW materials in Spanish and English,
- Co-host HHW collection events at 5-7 mobile home parks with community connectors, and
- Share program findings with a wider audience through the development of a case study.

The project is supported internally (Housing and Human Services, OSCAR, Wildfire Mitigation Partners) and externally by bilingual community connectors, municipalities (Boulder, Lafayette, Longmont, Louisville), and a local hazardous waste contractor.

Under this funding opportunity, there is no match requirement.

The total request amount is NTE: **\$100,925.00**

Clair Levy, Board of County Commissioners

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