



SOUTHWEST COLORADO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

15 October, 2021

Katie Sickles
Town of Bayfield
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Bayfield, CO 81122

Re: SWCCOG 2022 Dues Modification Request

Dear Ms. Sickles:

In June 2021, the SWCCOG sent estimated dues for FY-2022 to each of our members. Since then, the SWCCOG has applied for and is planning to apply for a number of grant opportunities related to ongoing broadband infrastructure development, new housing initiatives, continued workforce development, and enhanced regional mobility management and transit coordination. These opportunities are the result both of cumulative efforts over many years and to help the region to realize long-term benefits from the one-time pandemic recovery funds. Each of these projects support the goals and priorities of the SWCCOG as a whole and each of our member jurisdictions individually.

In order to execute these efforts effectively and appropriately, the SWCCOG requires a high-level staff person that would be able to keep track of a number of projects and programs and provide back up for the Executive Director and Finance positions. The intent is to hire someone who could learn about the various grants and initiatives, but not necessarily have a great deal of specialized experience in just one area of expertise. This critical support will allow the SWCCOG to address the immediate projects identified above as well as establish adequate staffing resources into the future.

The total funding increase the SWCCOG is seeking is \$100,814. Staff have written this position into multiple grants which, if awarded, will reduce the actual amount to be requested from membership. In the interest of future fiscal prudence, staff is requesting any modification to the FY-2022 dues as one-time additional funding. In the event all the grants are awarded, staff plans to reserve the difference to put towards FY-2023 staff costs.

This position is critical for the growth and development of the organization. It should also be noted that this one-time modification could also be used as match for additional funding to help support the position, and as a result, additional projects into the future. Furthermore, this additional staff support will allow the organization not only to accomplish the projects it is currently seeking to undertake, but also the support to identify outside funding for future initiatives.

The breakdown of the total additional request has been calculated using the same formula of 20% divided evenly across membership and 80% based on population without any grant funding. The previously identified dues and the maximum requested modification is detailed on the next page.

FY-2022 Dues and Modification Request:

Dues Modification Request	\$4,980
FY-2022 SWCCOG Dues	\$7,903
FY-2022 SWTPR Dues	\$343
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FY-2022 Total	\$13,226

We would like to thank you for your consideration of this request. Staff is available to provide additional information or present this proposal to member boards and staff if requested. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (970) 779-4592.

Sincerely,



Miriam Gillow-Wiles
SWCCOG Director