



# Arapahoe County

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## Board Summary Report

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**To:** Board of County Commissioners

**Through:** Michelle Halstead, Director, Commissioners' Office

**Prepared By:**

Michelle Halstead, Director, Commissioners' Office

**Presenter:** Louis Dupart and Ron Eritano, The Normandy Group

**Subject:**

10:00 AM \*Federal Funding Opportunities

**Purpose and Request:**

The purpose of this study session is to provide information on how the county can secure more funding through congressionally directed spending at the federal level.

**Background and Discussion:**

Congress has begun the earmark process again; communities and counties across the U.S. are receiving millions of dollars in Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) projects. Arapahoe County can engage in this process and secure additional funding. The Normandy Group provides federal lobbying services to Accelerate Colorado, a statewide partnership organization that works to address federal policy affecting Colorado, of which Arapahoe County is a member.

The County did approve a coordinated grant pilot program last year (meeting link attached), securing a consultant (LSI) to help develop a coordinated grant pilot program that could help define how to manage the overall grant process, maximize the benefits of grant funding, and help determine how the County should manage grant procurement into the future. LSI's project scope includes three phases: 1) a grant funding needs assessment, strategy & implementation plan, 2) grant funding research & support activities, and 3) grant application development.

The Board requested a briefing from The Normandy Group to describe what is available through the CDS process and how best the County could avail itself of opportunities. For reference, attached are examples of how local communities can secure significant federal funding.

**Alternatives:** N/A

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:**

- Be fiscally sustainable
- Provide essential and mandated service
- Be community focused

**Staff Recommendation:** For information only.

**Fiscal Impact:** TBD

**Concurrence:** N/A