

June 28, 2022

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Kendra Davis
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Commissioners' Office
5334 S. Prince Street
Littleton, Colorado 80120

Dear Kendra:

The I-70 Regional Economic Advancement Partnership (REAP) is eager to submit its request for 2023 funding. REAP looks forward to making its case during the July 5th in-person interview.

To justify the request, please see the index of metrics that covers only seven months of activity, my short tenure as executive director. Also, please see the attached news article. It demonstrates a new REAP workforce development priority.

The initial REAP priorities in late 2022 changed with the times. In 2023 REAP will play a unique and refocused role in eastern Arapahoe County. It sees a changing economic environment and will seize new opportunities like EV charging stations and transit service. It will connect state, county and local jurisdictions for better transportation coordination. And it will advocate for and help create pockets of economic development in Byers and Deer Trail. REAP's approach will be creative, entrepreneurial, fast acting and collaborative.

REAP has a solid relationship with Arapahoe County. And you can count on it to actively support county initiatives and requests at all levels of government.

Arapahoe County would do well to support REAP at the level it thinks appropriate. In 2022 it was \$25,000. In 2021 it was \$30,000. Whatever the 2023 level, it will get best bang for the buck.

In any event, REAP wishes Arapahoe County success in all endeavors.

Sincerely,

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REAP Mission Statement

Stimulate private investment in order to increase opportunities for employment, expand the tax base, broaden the economy, and generally improve the quality of life of our citizens.