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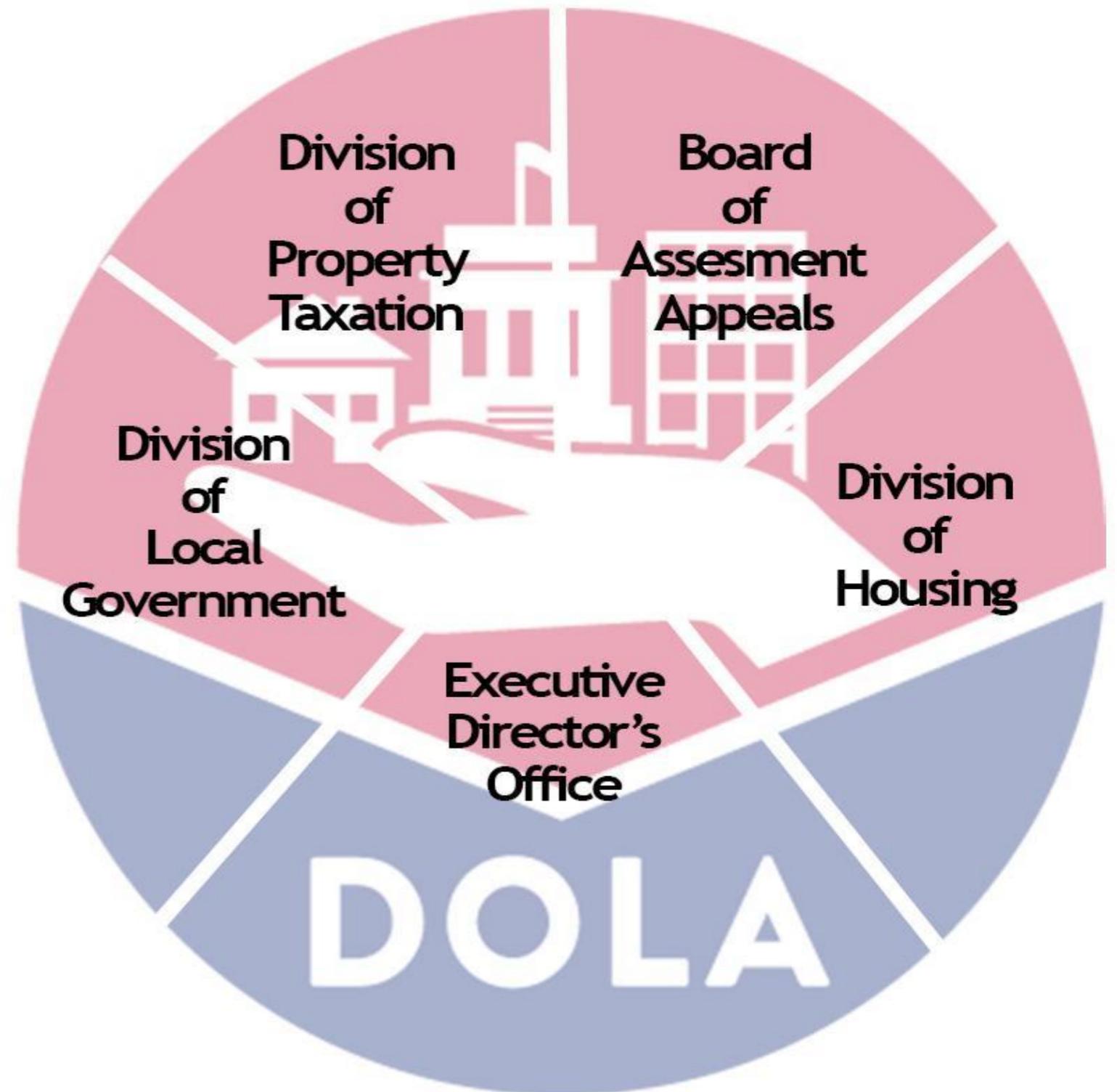


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Department of Local Affairs (DOLA)

DOLA Vision: The Department of Local Affairs is responsible for strengthening Colorado's local communities through accessible, affordable, and secure housing; implementing property tax law; and increased capacity in building strategic training, research, technical assistance, and funding to localities.

Mission: Strengthen Colorado Communities.



How DOLA Works with Local Communities

- Technical Assistance
- Financial Assistance and Grants
- Disaster Recovery support
- Affordable Housing and Homelessness
- Property Tax Administration



Recent DOLA Investments in Pueblo

Public Facilities Investment in Rehabilitation, Construction & Planning

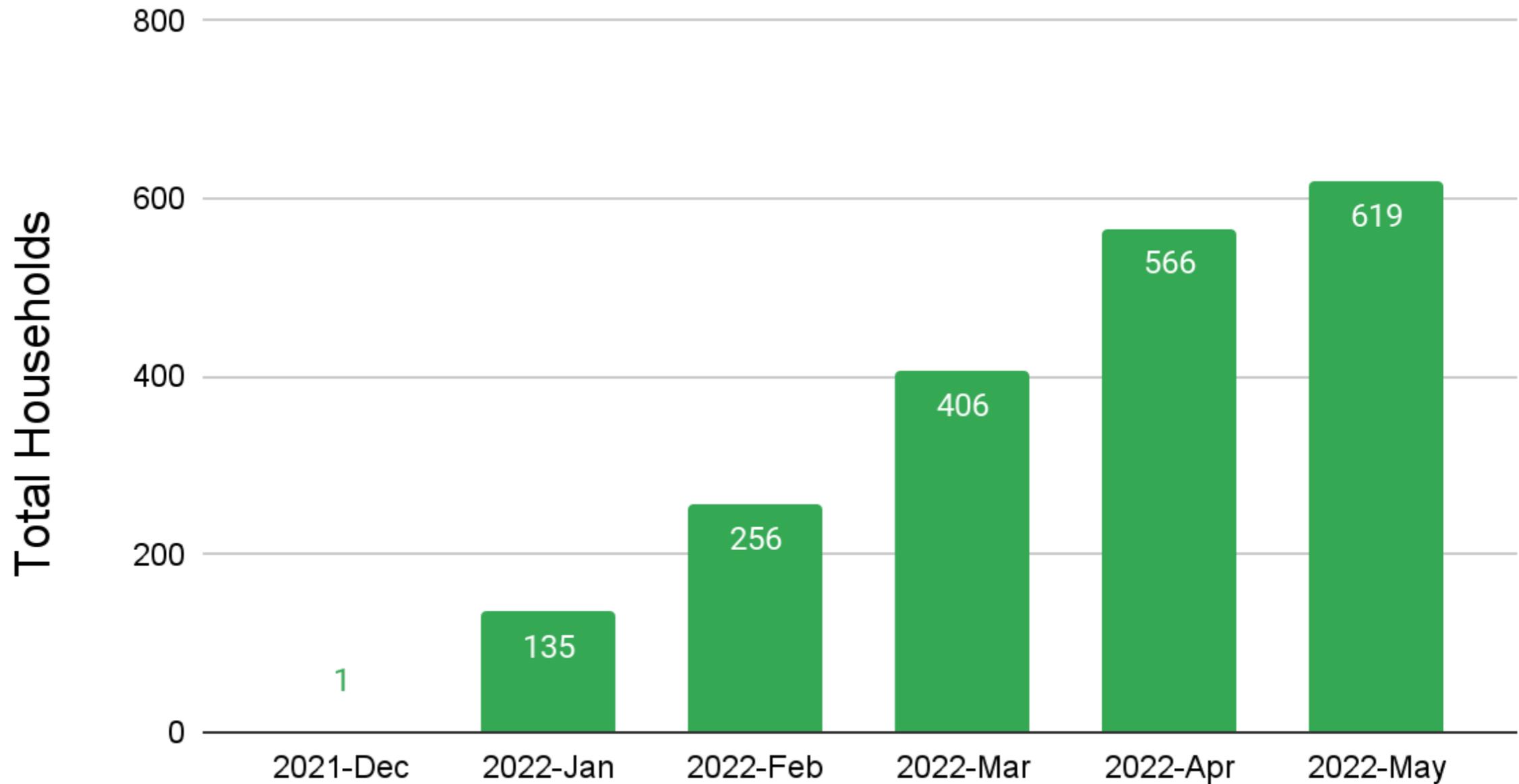
- Goodnight Barn \$530,000
- Aquatic Center \$25,000
- Arkansas River Levy Trail \$1,200,000
- Senior Center \$800,000

Housing Investment in a total of 337 units and 100 bed shelter

- Fuel & Iron \$3,560,000
- Crawford Townhomes \$3,430,000
- Hyde Park Gardens \$80,000
- Casa del Sol \$1,000,000
- Pueblo Rescue Mission \$1,303,000
- Sunset Senior SRO Housing \$738,581
- Mountain View Townhomes \$4,275,000
- The Right Place \$1,050,000



Running Total of Households Paid with HAF



Overview of Priorities - 2022 Budget and Legislative Session

Our priority is to encourage more supply of housing on the entire continuum of housing development, while ensuring the investment of these new resources are done in a manner that supports environmentally forward solutions and well-planned growth in alignment with our GHG goals.

1. Strong Communities - Sustainable Infrastructure
2. Financing Green Energy Improvements for Affordable Housing
3. Housing Innovation Incentive
4. Colorado Housing and Finance Authority's Missing Middle



FY 21-22 session bills involving local govs in the works

HB22-1035: Modernization of the Older Coloradans' Act (3/24)

HB22-1013: Microgrids For Community Resilience Grant
Program

SB22-002: Resources for Volunteer Firefighters

HB22-1304: State Grants Investments Local Affordable
Housing

HB22-1356: Small Community-based Nonprofit Grant Program

SB22-083 Broadband Provider's Use of Public Rights-of-Way

Marshal Fire: HB-1012, SB-007, SB-002, HB-1007, HB-1011



HB-1271 and Strong Communities

Affordable Housing Development Incentives Grant (\$37.7M)

- To qualify, applicants must have adopted at least 3 qualifying land use strategies
- Currently reviewing first round of applications (15 applications for almost \$23M)
- \$250k for preliminary planning & analysis work to get projects to financial feasibility

Planning Grants (\$6.8M)

- Has awarded 29 grants to date for almost \$2.5M in 28 counties
- Model land use code update

Division of Housing's Housing Toolkit (\$1.6M)

- Cohort training and technical assistance program led by DOH
- workshops/1:1 coaching/training sessions

All funds must be spent by 6/30/2024

Strong Communities (HB22-1304)

- Local Investments in Transformational Affordable Housing Grant Program in DOH (\$150M) for infrastructure, gap funding, unit preservation, etc.
- Infrastructure and Strong Communities Grant Program in DLG (\$28M) for infill infrastructure and creation of sustainable land use best practices



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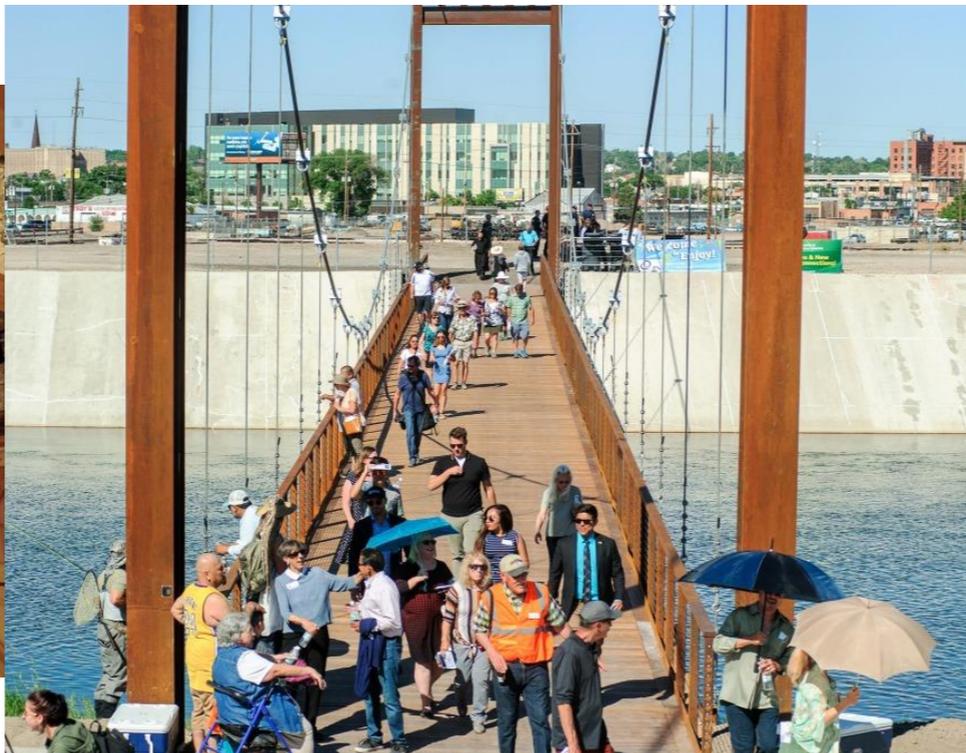
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How DLG works directly with the City

Energy Impact Assistance Funding Grants (EIAF)

- Funded by State Severance Tax & Federal Mineral Lease
- Grant cycles run 2-3 times per year
- Recent Investments in Public Facilities include:
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Conservation Trust Fund

- Provides funding for City Parks & Recreation areas
- 5 year total of funding to City - \$6,218,625

Community Revitalization Grant Program

- Pueblo Fuel & Iron Building
 - OEDIT program in partnership with DOLA
 - Support projects that advance Creative Industries
 - Provided an additional \$1,000,000 to DOH investment
- DOH investment is \$3,560,000

CVRF - CoronaVirus Relief Funding

- \$6,575,945 provided to the City
- Supported citizens and organizations impacted by COVID



How DLG works directly with the City

- Stay in regular contact with the Mayor's Office to provide technical assistance, understand City's priorities and provide research on available funding/support opportunities
- Participate in Just Transitions work which is a recent State supported program to assist communities that are in transition away from coal based energy sources
- Participate in regional organizations such as PACOG, Action 22 and Southern Colorado Economic Development District
- Attend monthly meetings held by DOH with Mayor's Office and City staff to work on developing support for housing projects.



Questions?



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