



## COLORADO

Department of Local Affairs

Division of Local Government

### The LOMA Program: State funding for IIJA local match requirements

The Department of Local Affairs' (DOLA) Division of Local Government works directly with all local governments, tribal governments, and political subdivisions of the state and plays a key role in providing financial assistance and resource navigation services.

**What is LOMA:** LOMA is Colorado State General Fund dollars to be used for local governments to support their non-federal match requirement when they are applying directly to the federal government for an Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Program. Detailed information along with the sample application and scoring matrix can be found [here](#).

**Who is eligible to apply:** Those eligible to apply are Colorado Counties, Municipalities, Special Districts, and federally recognized tribes who have or intend to apply for a federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act program that requires a non-federal match.

#### **Where can I find a list of Federal Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act Programs:**

Various external resources are available for tracking IIJA, for example: the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) [Funding Opportunity Tracker](#); the National Governors Association [IIJA Implementation Tracker](#); the [BIL Launchpad](#); and the [IIJA Substack](#), which sends email notifications when new funds are released.

**Are all Federal IIJA Grants eligible for LOMA?** In order to pursue LOMA funding, the federal IIJA grants must:

1. Require a Local Match. Not all federal IIJA grants require a match; you are still encouraged to apply for all IIJA funding, but if there is no local match requirement, then you will not be eligible for additional LOMA funding. Exceptions will be made for IIJA programs that do not require a match for projects located in rural areas, a historically disadvantaged community (HDC), or an area of persistent poverty (APP), but where a local match provides for a more competitive federal application.
2. Be administered by a federal agency directly. If a State agency is administering federal IIJA dollars, any match is not eligible for LOMA funding.

**How to apply:** Applications will be submitted through the [DOLA Grant Portal](#).

**How are awards determined:** Members of the state review committee, made up of IIJA leadership and DOLA, Division of Local Government, will each review and score the application according to the scoring matrix:

- Alignment with Governor's Policy Priorities;
- Justification of Need;
- Projected Equitable Impacts;
- Impacts on Workforce/Job Creation;
- Long-term Community Impact Depth;
- Shovel-Ready Status; and
- Exceptional Circumstances.

#### **Find out more:**

- LOMA program application assistance: Contact [snow.staples@state.co.us](mailto:snow.staples@state.co.us)
- IIJA additional resources and questions: Contact [snow.staples@state.co.us](mailto:snow.staples@state.co.us).
- For more information on IIJA generally, visit: <https://coforward.colorado.gov/>
- For more information about funding: [Local Community Funding Guide](#)