

### NEEDS SURVEY RESULTS

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## The Survey

Sent to 75 people – PACOG / TAC and others involved with Infrastructure in Pueblo County

27% Response rate

50% Management, 23% Elected or Appointed Official, balance is staff/member/other

Needs list consisted of 26 area needs that had been brought up to RGN (grant navigator), as well as areas covered by IIJA / IRA grants coming available

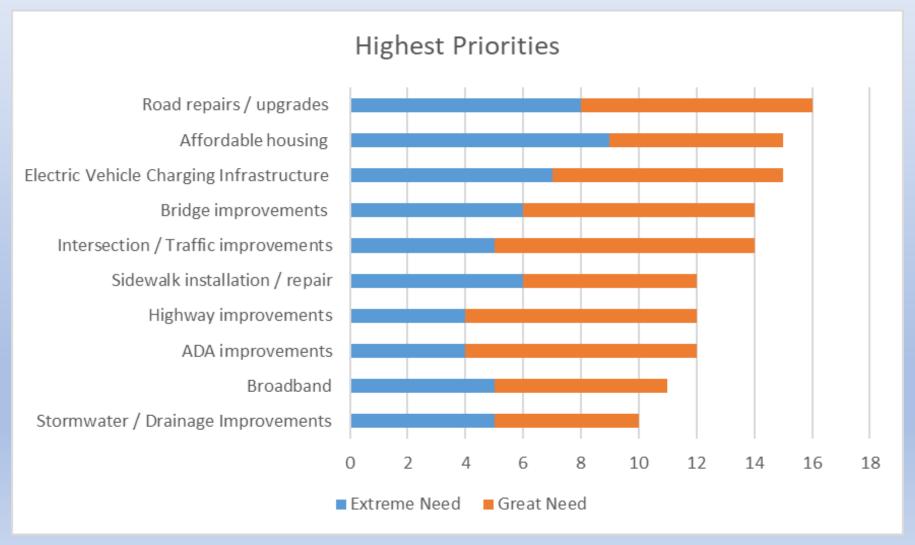
## IIJA / BIL Funding Priorities

- Airports
- Broadband
- Electric Vehicles and Buses
- Environmental
- Power and Grid
- Passenger and freight rail
- Public Transit
- Resiliency
- Roads and Bridges
- Safety and Research
- Water

### **State Priorities:**

- Broadband
- Water supply, quality and drought mitigation
- Transportation
- Disaster preparedness and resiliency (e.g. drought mitigation)
- Expanding access to affordable and secure clean energy
- Energy efficiency and affordability

## Top 10 Priorities Surveyed



### Next Priorities

The other surveyed needs are still relevant, and funding will be released towards these efforts, so they will also be on the radar for funding. In some cases, the lower ranking is just a matter of people not being involved in that area.

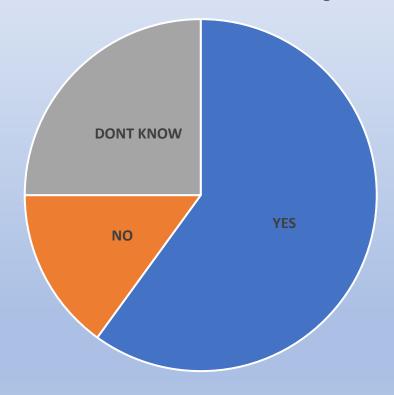
- Clean energy
- Electric fleet vehicles / buses expansion
- Fire Mitigation
- Paving of dirt roads
- Public Transportation
- Environmental Cleanup
- Biking infrastructure
- Water supply
- Water conservation measures
- Water quality

#### At least 25% "don't know":

- PuebloPlex improvements
- Wastewater improvements
- Rail improvements
- Airport expansion
- Water delivery improvements
- Airport improvements

# Need for Natural Disaster / Extreme Weather Planning





#### What is/are the greatest risk(s)?

- □ Older infrastructure and inadequate equipment
- □ Aging infrastructure
- Quality of Road and Bridges
- Energy grid resiliency
- Water supply
- □ Flooding and fire
- ☐ Flooding, Fire
- □ Flooding and Wildfires
- ☐ Flooding, fire, tornado, & high winds
- Wildland fire, extreme weather
- Wildfire
- Extreme weather
- Participation / enrollment in training and placement programs, which results in a shortage of skilled workers.
- ☐ Being unprepared as a community
- ☐ Risk of what?... Receiving awards for which we cannot make the match

# What non-infrastructure project would you most like to see funded?

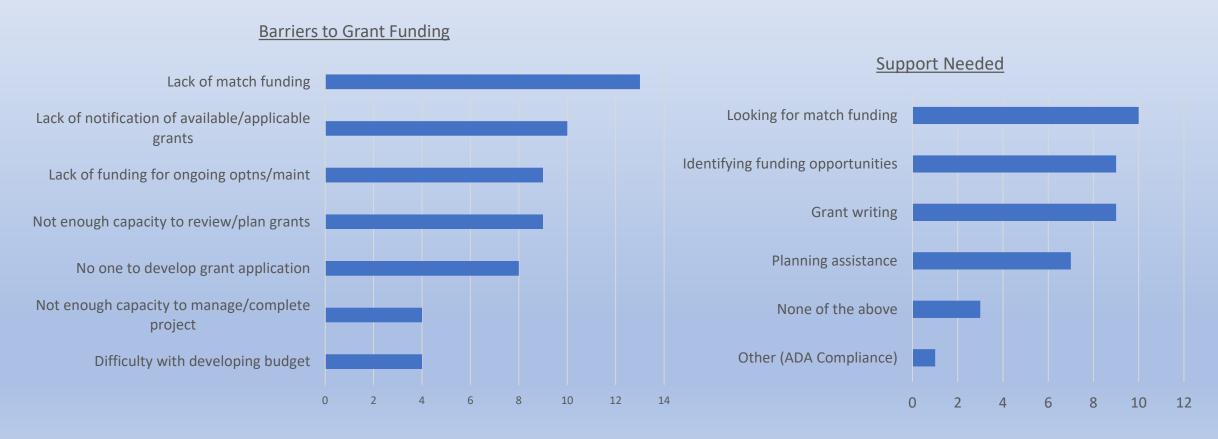
<u>Infrastructure</u>: Stormwater MS4 study, better bridges, Dam, replacement of Union Avenue Bridge, 10 Year Transportation improvement plan

#### **Recreation**:

- ☐ The St. Charles Mesa Park
- □ New and upgrades to existing parks in the City
- Community solar gardens
- ☐ Upgrades to equipment on our facilities that the public utilize. Turf, playground equipment, track, pickleball, tennis courts
- New city aquatics center
- Recreation

Other: ANY, Leadership Development, Housing, Real Time Crime Center

# What Barriers Have You Encountered When Looking for Grant Funding / Support Needed?



### What Now?

- Continue to develop contacts with local and state organizations
- Create web page on PACOG website for easy access to relevant info
- Compile and share grant contacts and resources available
- Continue to review and share information on upcoming grants
- Provide grant review, research or writing support
- Assist with finding match funding



## Thank you!

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