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TO: Mayor and Town Council  
FROM: Travis Elliott, Town Manager  
CC: TOP Staff  
DATE: June 17, 2022  
RE: Info Update

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#### CONGRATULATIONS!

We received notice from the Colorado DOLA this week that we received two grants: Our joint application with Garfield County for the expansion of broadband and fiber internet was funded in full. This is a \$1.7 million project, in partnership with New Castle, Silt, and Garfield County, that will be instrumental in bringing fast and reliable internet to our community at great value.

Our application for the reconstruction of Diamond Loop was funded up to \$300,000. This is a ~\$900,000 project, and we had requested a 50% grant. We will be evaluating the project budget to see what we can still accomplish with these funds.

Unfortunately, we didn't receive all good news. Our CDBG grant for PATS bus shelters was not awarded. We are going to re evaluate this project as well, and see if it can be made possible in 2023.

#### TID BITS:

- We hosted a pre-construction meeting with Loves and their contractors this week. They are tentatively planning to mobilize and begin putting erosion control materials in place next week.
- We are working with Tesla and Xcel to allow them to locate some electric utilities within our sewer easement.
- I attended a Regional Economic Development meeting in Rifle today with representatives from AGNC, CO DOLA, OEDIT, and jurisdictions from up and down the Colorado River Valley. There were a lot of great ideas discussed that will hopefully continue to materialize.
- There was some recent vandalism in the bathrooms at Cottonwood Park. Luckily, it wasn't major. We are investigating and taking steps to secure the bathrooms better at night
- Speaking of vandals, the Police Department is busy. We've seen a recent uptick in traffic accidents, brush fires, and transient individuals in Town
- We recently completed the installation of new electrical pedestals for the two food trucks at the TOP adventures lot.
- Our public works crew will be working on becoming compliant with the new CDL requirements over the next several months. They are also going through additional safety training.
- Our contractor is about halfway done with crack filling Town streets

- We expect some of our public works fleet equipment to arrive earlier than expected. We will be receiving a compactor and roller, just in time to complete the Wasson McKay project.
- The 2022 Comp Plan was finalized and approved this week!
- Upcoming Meetings and Events:  
*(please let us know if you plan to attend so we can track public noticing requirements)*
  - State of the Grand Valley Town Hall Meeting #2: June 22, 2022
  - Grand Valley Days will be August 19, 20, and 21<sup>st</sup>