



Community Assessment Program

Purpose:

In an effort to advance the plans and strategies of rural communities, the Community Assessment Program will provide tailored assessments to meet the unique needs of the awarded communities.

Goals:

The scope of the assessment will be defined by the community and will demonstrate alignment with local needs and goals.

Each assessment will provide the awarded communities with customized resources designed to support a locally conceived and executed economic development plan.

Benefits:

Benefits include, but are not limited to:

- Development of community alignment around common goals and objectives,
- Engagement of local input to ensure the community is the driving force behind the assessment direction,
- Presentation of an outside perspective that is responsive to an insider's point of view.

Requirements:

The program structure is results driven and consequently will have the following requirements:

- A 2:1 match is required and the match can be in-kind. Examples of acceptable matches include, but are not limited to property, space, food/beverage, and/or donated time for assessment related events.
- Community must demonstrate ability to implement the assessment recommendations.
- Assessment recipients must identify lead(s) within the community that will be responsible for implementation.
- Community will be required to include resources they have available for implementation.
- The local community must be the driving factor in the prioritization of the issues and finalization of the strategic plan.
- Written response within one month of the final assessment report being issued.
- Submission of implementation progress reports annually for the first two years following the assessment.



Funding:

The total funding for the program is \$39,000 and will be divided among community assessment recipients.

Process:

The application process is as follows:

- Applicants will complete Community Assessment Program application.
- Applications and all supporting documents must be submitted to Meridith.marshall@state.co.us by February 28th.
- Award decisions will be made by March 10th and notifications will be sent to all applicants.
- Interested communities are encouraged to contact OEDIT to discuss project eligibility prior to applying.

Evaluation Criteria:

Applications will be evaluated by a selection committee utilizing the following decision making elements:

- Likelihood to succeed
- Qualifications and commitment of local leadership team involved in the assessment
- Willingness of community partners to assist with the coordination of the onsite assessment
- Proven ability to implement local initiatives

Postliminary obligations:

- Community will provide a written response detailing the recommendations they intend to pursue within one month of the final assessment report being issued.
- Community will submit annual implementation progress reports for the first two years following the completion of the assessment. This information will be used to track progress and record community success stories.

Note: The fact that an application meets all of the program's general policy guidelines does not mean that the project will be approved. This is a competitive grant funding process with limited funding. Not all requests that meet the program criteria will receive funding.





2017 Community Assessment Program Application

Region or community served:
Primary Contact Name:
Primary Contact Title:
Primary Contact Phone:
Primary Contact Email:
Primary Contact Physical Address:

What are you hoping to accomplish through the community assessment?

How will the CAP help you achieve these goals?

How will you measure success?

Please attach your letter of intent and include past examples of successful initiatives demonstrating your ability to implement community-lead projects:

Who is the local project lead in charge of implementing the assessment recommendations? Please explain why this individual is well suited to lead this effort and include a brief bio:

Has your community received an assessment in the past? If so, when? What were the outcomes?

Please explain how you and community will support the onsite coordination of assessment related activities. Examples include: securing meeting space, sending out invitations to participants, coordinating catering etc.

Can you demonstrate broad-community support for this project?

Please provide a list of individuals and organizations that support this effort:

We certify that we will provide a written response detailing the recommendations we intend to pursue within one month of the final assessment: Yes No

We certify that if awarded we will submit implementation progress reports annually for the first two years following the assessment: Yes No

Please describe the resources you have available, either financing or in-kind, for the required match:

If you have any questions about this application, or the Community Assessment Program, please contact either Meridith Marshall, (303) 892-3850 or meridith.marshall@state.co.us, or Danielle Lendriet, (303) 844-3711 or danielle.lendriet@state.co.us.



