



June 1, 2018

Dear Public Service Agency Partner,

As part of the 2019 budget process, La Plata County is currently accepting applications from public service agencies for providing services to La Plata County citizens. The application form is available at: [http://co.laplata.co.us/government/departments/finance\\_procurement/budgets/](http://co.laplata.co.us/government/departments/finance_procurement/budgets/) and completed applications must be received by July 27, 2018.

As you are completing your application, please be aware that the County is in a multi-year revenue slump, prompting the County to trim operating costs through staff-related expense reductions, scaling down service levels, and exploring additional revenue options going forward. In addition, preliminary estimates indicate the new Residential Assessment Rate (RAR) will likely be in the area of 6.2% from the current 7.2%, in the 2020 residential property tax revenue, triggered by Gallagher Amendment. For La Plata County this would be an additional decline in the County's property tax revenue of approximately \$760,000. As a result of these circumstances, the Board of County Commissioners has indicated it is likely the County's contributions will decline in 2019 and again in 2020. Accordingly, we encourage any public service agency applicants to submit requests at or below their 2018 funding levels. Please be aware that past support does not imply future funding.

1. Requirements for funding:
  - a. Must have a relationship to some activity that the County has statutory authority to perform
  - b. No funding allowed to any church or sectarian society
  - c. La Plata County funds may not be used for capital campaigns or construction projects
  
2. Priority for funding will generally be given to those requests that demonstrate:
  - a. A relationship to some activity that the County is statutorily mandated to perform and/or influence on the County's provision of services
  - b. Cooperation between organizations and agencies to reduce service delivery inefficiencies, duplication of effort, and duplication of administrative overhead
  - c. Actual benefits resulting from past funding (if applicable)

Your funding request will be considered as part of the development of La Plata County's 2019 budget process, and you may be requested to present your application to a review committee or to the Board of County Commissioners. This will be the only application period for funding for 2019 and the Board does not generally consider out-of-cycle funding requests. Final award decisions shall generally be made by December 11, 2018. If funding is granted, monies will be available no earlier than March 2019 and may be subject to ongoing reporting and/or audit requirements.

If you have any questions regarding the application form or process, please contact Josh Davidson at [josh.davidson@co.laplata.co.us](mailto:josh.davidson@co.laplata.co.us) or (970) 382-6320.

Sincerely,

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