



July 11, 2016

Public Service Agency Representative:

As part of the 2017 budget process, La Plata County is currently accepting applications for funding for public service agencies providing services to the citizens of La Plata County. Public service agencies seeking County funding should fill out and return a completed application form. The application form is available on the County's website at:

<http://www.co.laplata.co.us/cms/one.aspx?portalId=1323753&pageId=1632995>

Property tax revenues in 2017 are expected to be less than property tax revenues were in 2014; in which the County saw its greatest dip. In 2017 property tax revenues are expected to decrease by \$3.4 million or 18.2% from 2016. Accordingly, we encourage any public service agency applicants to submit requests at or below their 2016 funding levels. Please be aware that any new requests or requests for increases will require substantial justification to be considered and 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 to help with 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)

Applications must be received no later than August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 by email to [Kimberly.Wiggins@co.laplata.co.us](mailto:Kimberly.Wiggins@co.laplata.co.us). Requests will be considered as part of the development of La Plata County's 2017 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 2017 and the Board does not generally consider out-of-cycle funding requests. Final award decisions shall generally be made by December 8, 2016. If funding is granted, monies will be available no earlier than March 2017 and may be subject to ongoing reporting and/or audit requirements.

If you have any questions regarding the application form or process, please contact Kimberly Wiggins by email at [Kimberly.Wiggins@co.laplata.co.us](mailto:Kimberly.Wiggins@co.laplata.co.us) or by phone at (970) 382-6314.

Sincerely,

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