



~ Agenda ~  
For a Regular Meeting of the  
**SOUTHWEST COLORADO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

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**Friday, June 6, 2014**

**12:00 AM**

**Board Room**

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[The Board reserves the right to hold Executive Session per CRS 24-6-402(4)]  
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**I. Introductions**

**II. Consent Agenda**

1. May 2014 Minutes
2. April 2014 Financials

**III. Discussion Items**

**IV. Decision Items**

1. Meeting Schedule
2. Fort Lyons Grant

**V. Reports**

1. Director's Report
2. Housing Report
3. Community Updates

ITEM NO. (ID # 1877)

DATE: 06/6/2014

## AGENDA REQUEST

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**MEETING GROUP:** Southwest Colorado Council of Governments

**STAFF RESOURCE:** Miriam Gillow-Wiles, Director

**REQUESTING DEPT:** Southwest Colorado Council of  
Governments

**TYPE:** SWCCOG Item

**SUBJECT:** May 2014 Minutes

**BACKGROUND:**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- May 2014 Meeting Minutes (DOCX)

Southwest Colorado Council of Governments  
 May Board Meeting  
 2 May 2014  
 PCC Mancos Campus

Board in Attendance:

Michael Whiting – Archuleta County  
 Ernie Williams – Dolores County  
 Bobby Lieb – La Plata County  
 William Tookey – San Juan County  
 Dick White – City of Durango  
 Ron LeBlanc – City of Durango  
 Michelle Nelson – Town of Bayfield  
 David Mitchem – Town of Pagosa Springs  
 Brian Carlson – Town of Silverton

Staff in Attendance:

Miriam Gillow-Wiles – Executive Director  
 Sara Trujillo – Admin/Accountant

Guests in Attendance:

Ken Charles – DoLA  
 Gloria Kaasch-Buerger – City of Durango  
 Shirley Jones – Region 9  
 Lori Johnson – All Hazards

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:47pm

**II. Introductions**

**III. Consent Agenda: Minutes & Financials**

***Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda: Willy Tookey, Second: Ernie Williams. Passed by a unanimous voice vote.***

**IV. Strategic Plan**

Staff to send thank you card to DoLA staff, Elyse; Michael Whiting to sign. Dick White mentioned the “last next step” dealing with the bi-annual budget. A bi-annual evaluation of budget information was suggested to help form the 2016 budget. A present evaluation will give logical time to review budget information and would be revisited and revised mid next year. Miriam to get draft to Will (Michael Whiting’s business partner) and they will work together, with potential help from the Board to provide a polished version of the Strategic Plan.

**V. Discussion Items:**

SCAN:

SCAN business plan was received late and needs revision of numbers, verbiage tense, and rate information. Dr. Rick is to update and send to Miriam who will email the SCAN business plan.

This is not time sensitive as it is mostly rate information. Noted was that Dr. Rick's contract ended March of 2014. The original intention of plan was to identify the cost to operate, maintain, anticipate maintenance, and recognize revenue sources. This has not been provided and should be. It is believed there was such a document; staff to search for updated information, as last document was dated 2013.

Broadband White Paper:

Miriam spoke with Roger with the La Plata Economic Development Alliance regarding the lack of education with state elected officials. Correspondence will be sent to officials to explain and provide knowledge pertaining to the importance of broadband with a focus on Southwest Colorado.

Housing Coordinator Funding:

Housing Coordinator, Antony Casale (Tony), is funded through May 2014 with anti-homelessness initiative funds ending June 2014. Jennifer Lopez of the Department of Housing has suggested Tony's position be moved to the Community Foundation. However, moving the position does not change the funds involved or the work commitment as neither SWCCOG nor the Community Foundation provide direct service. Michael Whiting noted that Tony's position and mission is more in alignment with the COG rather than the Community Foundation as the Community Foundation can help acquire funds but not take on more admin or complexity.

It was discussed that Tony's position and progress have created lasting value for communities and this position should be preserved. However, last minute funds and decisions on this position should be avoided in the future. David Mitchem recommended the COG coordinate ongoing funding for this position to the point of the next budget cycle in a manner in which the COG does not put forth funds for this position. In addition, as the next budget cycle is handled, all parties will be put on notice that if this position has not identified a full year of funding, the position will be terminated.

***Motion to Approve Recommendation: Dick White, Second: Michelle Nelson. Passed by a unanimous voice vote.***

**VI. Decision Items:**

New Plan - Regional Trails:

To increase tourism, boost economic wealth and growth, and promote healthy environment and personal lifestyles, creating and marketing regional trails was discussed. Creating multi-use trails to accommodate off-road vehicles, equine, hiking, and cycling can increase the region's standing as a boundless recreational destination. Ernie Williams pointed out that the forest service and BLM have put something similar in the works. Staff will continue research to ensure plans do not overlap with the forest service or BLM and that trail goals work in conjunction with these organizations.

SW Connect:

Both Durango Adult Ed and the COG expressed interest in nullifying the contract from October 2013 since the COG no longer is involved with SWConnect.

***Motion to Nullify Contract: Ernie Williams, Second: Bobby Lieb. Passed by a unanimous voice vote.***

CIRSA:

Renewal of CIRSA contract for 2015 was presented for signatures and renewal authorization. There is not an increase in premium.

***Motion to Renew CIRSA Contract: Michael Whiting, Second Ernie Williams. Passed by a unanimous voice vote.***

**VII. Reports**RREO Grant:

The SWCCOG has received a new grant, the Recycling Resources Economic Opportunity Grant (RREO), to do a waste audit at the region to find out how successful a region recycling facility and single stream recycling across the region would be. Michael Whiting stated that Archuleta County would have a high level of interest in this subject.

AAA:

Michael Whiting would like AAA and seniors to be put back on priority list for next meeting discussion. The staff is to coordinate with Christina at AAA.

RPD:

Rural Philanthropy Days will be held in Pagosa Springs June 11-13. This is a great opportunity to get involved with some of the prominent philanthropists in the area. Early childhood education and daycare along with housing were two top areas on the philanthropists' interest list, which is in conjunction with SWCCOG efforts. Michael Whiting encourages all to attend RPD.

Community Updates:

Ernie Williams would like to see community updates as taking back information to his community of special events happening shows progress and initiative of the SWCCOG and will help communities communicate and support each other.

DoLA News:

Ken Charles commented that DoLA isolates funds from time to time and awards those funds for certain initiatives. Currently, the initiatives encompassing compressed natural gas are getting attention, specifically in the area of the school district busses. Collaborating with the energy office would be a great opportunity for our region to take advantage of in the near future.

Future Meetings:

Scheduled meeting locations are requested to be put out a year in advance for more notice to assist in personal planning of board members. Due to the holiday schedule for July, the board meeting may be cancelled. Staff to email an updated year-long meeting schedule.

**VIII. Adjourned at 3:34pm**

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**STAFF RESOURCE:** Miriam Gillow-Wiles, Director

**REQUESTING DEPT:** Southwest Colorado Council of  
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**TYPE:** SWCCOG Item

**SUBJECT:** April 2014 Financials

**BACKGROUND:**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- April 2014 Financial for June Board Meeting Packet (PDF)

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Accrual Basis

**Southwest Colorado Council of Governments  
Combined Balance Sheet by Class  
April 2014**

	100-General	125-SWIMT	200-All Hazards	830-Telecom	900-SCAN	TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>						
<b>Current Assets</b>						
Checking/Savings	42,388.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	42,388.27
1001 - 1st Southwest Bank	151.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	151.39
1010 - Petty Cash	42,539.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	42,539.66
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>						
Accounts Receivable	22,025.95	11,734.88	0.00	-4,744.04	720.11	29,736.90
1200 - Accounts Receivable	22,025.95	11,734.88	0.00	-4,744.04	720.11	29,736.90
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>						
Other Current Assets	70,606.66	8,843.49	16,221.96	-98,946.65	3,274.54	0.00
1090 - Due To/ Due From	0.00	0.00	1,204.00	0.00	0.00	1,204.00
1210 - miscellaneous receivable	70,606.66	8,843.49	17,425.96	-98,946.65	3,274.54	1,204.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>						
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>135,172.27</b>	<b>20,578.37</b>	<b>17,425.96</b>	<b>-103,690.69</b>	<b>3,994.65</b>	<b>73,480.56</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>135,172.27</b>	<b>20,578.37</b>	<b>17,425.96</b>	<b>-103,690.69</b>	<b>3,994.65</b>	<b>73,480.56</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>						
<b>Liabilities</b>						
<b>Current Liabilities</b>						
Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00	5,016.05	0.00	0.00	5,016.05
21000 - AP #2	0.00	0.00	5,016.05	0.00	0.00	5,016.05
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>						
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,016.05</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,016.05</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>						
<b>Equity</b>	<b>49,245.32</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-2,443.10</b>	<b>33,080.96</b>	<b>5,649.05</b>	<b>85,532.23</b>
32000 - Retained Earnings	85,926.95	20,578.37	14,853.01	-136,771.65	-1,694.40	-17,067.72
Net Income	135,172.27	20,578.37	12,409.91	-103,690.69	3,994.65	68,464.51
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>135,172.27</b>	<b>20,578.37</b>	<b>17,425.96</b>	<b>-103,690.69</b>	<b>3,994.65</b>	<b>73,480.56</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>135,172.27</b>	<b>20,578.37</b>	<b>17,425.96</b>	<b>-103,690.69</b>	<b>3,994.65</b>	<b>73,480.56</b>

**Southwest Colorado Council of Governments  
Profit & Loss by Class  
April 2014**

	100-General	125-SWIMT	200-All Hazards	900-SCAN	TOTAL
<b>Income</b>					
4010 · Grant-DOLA Admin	13,036.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,036.95
<b>Total Income</b>	13,036.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,036.95
<b>Gross Profit</b>	13,036.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,036.95
<b>Expense</b>					
5009 · Bookkeeper	65.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	65.00
5200 · All Hazard Project	0.00	0.00	7,256.26	0.00	7,256.26
5401 · Software Maintenance (E-Tic)	0.00	0.00	0.00	700.00	700.00
5505 · Bank Fees	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00
5510 · Travel Exp	36.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	36.97
5512 · Meeting Exp	195.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	195.74
5523 · Payroll Processing Fees	56.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	56.66
5526 · Internet Connectivity (100 Mb)	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
5550 · Supplies	130.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	130.90
5558 · Insurance-Health	634.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	634.35
5566 · SWIMT Contract Reimb Exp	0.00	1,116.33	0.00	0.00	1,116.33
5580 · Salary & Wages	191.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	191.11
5585 · Payroll Tax Expense	2,403.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,403.85
<b>Total 5580 · Salary &amp; Wages</b>	2,594.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,594.96
5587 · Worker's Compensation	1,450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,450.00
5638 · Region 9 EDD	1,628.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,628.00
5643 · Transit	750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	7,544.58	1,116.33	7,256.26	1,950.00	17,867.17
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>5,492.37</b>	<b>-1,116.33</b>	<b>-7,256.26</b>	<b>-1,950.00</b>	<b>-4,830.22</b>



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Accrual Basis

**Southwest Colorado Council of Governments**  
**P&L Budget vs. Actual 2014**  
 January through December 2014

	100-General			
	Jan - Dec 14	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>				
4001 · Fiber Access (ramp) fee	0.00			
4002 · Internet Usage	0.00			
4004 · SWIMT Rev	0.00			
4005 · E-tics	0.00			
4006 · Dues Revenue	117,632.01	120,000.00	-2,367.99	98.0%
4007 · TPR	0.00	10,500.00	-10,500.00	0.0%
4009 · Fiber Lease Revenue	0.00			
4010 · Grant-DOLA Admin	13,036.95	14,000.00	-963.05	93.1%
4020 · Grant DOLA-Construction	0.00			
4040 · Grant-Transit	2,250.00	7,800.00	-5,550.00	28.8%
4041 · All Hazards Grant	0.00			
4950 · Match-GOV Admin	0.00			
4951 · Match-GOV Construction	0.00			
4952 · Region 9-Matching Funds	0.00			
4953 · Housing Matching Funds	0.00	6,700.00	-6,700.00	0.0%
4955 · In Kind Project Match- Construc	0.00			
4956 · In Kind Project Match- Admin	0.00			
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>132,918.96</b>	<b>159,000.00</b>	<b>-26,081.04</b>	<b>83.6%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>132,918.96</b>	<b>159,000.00</b>	<b>-26,081.04</b>	<b>83.6%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
5009 · Bookkeeper	65.00			
5200 · All Hazard Project	0.00			
5401 · Software Maintenance (E-Tic)	0.00			
5403 · Fiber Leasing Expe.	0.00			
5410 · Rent	40.00	12.00	28.00	333.3%
5505 · Bank Fees	3.00			
5510 · Travel Exp	2,352.94	4,500.00	-2,147.06	52.3%
5512 · Meeting Exp	1,171.37	500.00	671.37	234.3%
5515 · Legal Fees	3,484.80	2,500.00	984.80	139.4%
5517 · Data Back Up Exp	0.00	325.00	-325.00	0.0%
5520 · Advertising	25.00	250.00	-225.00	10.0%
5521 · Telephone/Website/Internet	564.97	2,240.00	-1,675.03	25.2%
5523 · Payroll Processing Fees	591.74	1,800.00	-1,208.26	32.9%
5525 · Audit	5,625.00	7,500.00	-1,875.00	75.0%
5526 · Internet Connectivity (100 Mb)	0.00			
5530 · RAMP Fees	0.00			
5532 · Postage	36.80	125.00	-88.20	29.4%
5535 · Printing/Reproduction	45.58	500.00	-454.42	9.1%
5540 · Membership/Sub	350.00	400.00	-50.00	87.5%
5545 · Equipment/Computers	46.25			
5550 · Supplies	2,300.21	1,212.00	1,088.21	189.8%
5555 · Liability Insurance	2,212.00	2,203.00	9.00	100.4%
5558 · Insurance- Health	3,806.10	8,220.00	-4,413.90	46.3%
5565 · SWIMT Contract Wages	0.00			
5566 · SWIMT Contract Reimb Exp	0.00			
5568 · SWIMT Team Exp.	0.00			
5570 · Car Allowance/Mileage	1,500.00	6,100.00	-4,600.00	24.6%
5580 · Salary & Wages	25,019.34	87,500.00	-42,480.66	37.1%
5587 · Worker's Compensation	1,450.00			
5636 · Admin Project Expense	0.00			
5637 · SCAN GM	0.00			
5638 · Region 9 EDD	1,628.00			
5639 · Infor Services-Project Mgmt	0.00			
5640 · Consulting	0.00			
5641 · Regional Project Mgmt	0.00			
5642 · Project Engineering & Mgmt	0.00			
5643 · Transit	5,950.00	7,800.00	-1,850.00	76.3%
5645 · Project Construction	0.00			
5650 · Conference/Seminars/Training	225.00	1,000.00	-775.00	22.5%
5660 · Contract Services	13,085.00	6,700.00	6,385.00	195.3%
5955 · In Kind Project expense- Constr	0.00			
5956 · In Kind project Exp.- Admin	0.00			
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>71,578.10</b>	<b>121,387.00</b>	<b>-49,808.90</b>	<b>59.0%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>61,340.86</b>	<b>37,613.00</b>	<b>23,727.86</b>	<b>163.1%</b>

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4001 · Fiber Access (ramp) fee	0.00			
4002 · Internet Usage	0.00			
4004 · SWIMT Rev	53,877.76	54,000.00	-122.24	99.8%
4005 · E-tics	0.00			
4006 · Dues Revenue	0.00			
4007 · TPR	0.00			
4009 · Fiber Lease Revenue	0.00			
4010 · Grant-DOLA Admin	0.00			
4020 · Grant DOLA-Construction	0.00			
4040 · Grant-Transit	0.00			
4041 · All Hazards Grant	0.00			
4950 · Match-GOV Admin	0.00			
4951 · Match-GOV Construction	0.00			
4952 · Region 9-Matching Funds	0.00			
4953 · Housing Matching Funds	0.00			
4955 · In Kind Project Match- Construc	0.00			
4956 · In Kind Project Match- Admin	0.00			
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>53,877.76</b>	<b>54,000.00</b>	<b>-122.24</b>	<b>99.8%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>53,877.76</b>	<b>54,000.00</b>	<b>-122.24</b>	<b>99.8%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
5009 · Bookkeeper	0.00			
5200 · All Hazard Project	0.00			
5401 · Software Maintenance (E-Tic)	0.00			
5403 · Fiber Leasing Expe.	0.00			
5410 · Rent	0.00			
5505 · Bank Fees	0.00			
5510 · Travel Exp	0.00			
5512 · Meeting Exp	0.00			
5515 · Legal Fees	0.00			
5517 · Data Back Up Exp	0.00			
5520 · Advertising	0.00			
5521 · Telephone/Website/Internet	0.00			
5523 · Payroll Processing Fees	0.00			
5525 · Audit	0.00			
5526 · Internet Connectivity (100 Mb)	0.00			
5530 · RAMP Fees	0.00			
5532 · Postage	0.00			
5535 · Printing/Reproduction	0.00			
5540 · Membership/Sub	0.00			
5545 · Equipment/Computers	0.00			
5550 · Supplies	0.00			
5555 · Liability Insurance	0.00			
5558 · Insurance- Health	0.00			
5565 · SWIMT Contract Wages	0.00	41,700.00	-41,700.00	0.0%
5566 · SWIMT Contract Reimb Exp	33,299.39			
5568 · SWIMT Team Exp.	0.00	8,200.00	-8,200.00	0.0%
5570 · Car Allowance/Mileage	0.00			
5580 · Salary & Wages	0.00	4,100.00	-4,100.00	0.0%
5587 · Worker's Compensation	0.00			
5636 · Admin Project Expense	0.00			
5637 · SCAN GM	0.00			
5638 · Region 9 EDD	0.00			
5639 · Infor Services-Project Mgmt	0.00			
5640 · Consulting	0.00			
5641 · Regional Project Mgmt	0.00			
5642 · Project Engineering & Mgmt	0.00			
5643 · Transit	0.00			
5645 · Project Construction	0.00			
5650 · Conference/Seminars/Training	0.00			
5660 · Contract Services	0.00			
5955 · In Kind Project expense- Constr	0.00			
5956 · In Kind project Exp.- Admin	0.00			
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>33,299.39</b>	<b>54,000.00</b>	<b>-20,700.61</b>	<b>61.7%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>20,578.37</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>20,578.37</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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4002 · Internet Usage	0.00			
4004 · SWIMT Rev	0.00			
4005 · E-tics	0.00			
4006 · Dues Revenue	0.00			
4007 · TPR	0.00			
4009 · Fiber Lease Revenue	0.00			
4010 · Grant-DOLA Admin	0.00			
4020 · Grant DOLA-Construction	0.00			
4040 · Grant-Transit	0.00			
4041 · All Hazards Grant	42,456.39	244,800.00	-202,343.61	17.3%
4950 · Match-GOV Admin	0.00			
4951 · Match-GOV Construction	0.00			
4952 · Region 9-Matching Funds	0.00			
4953 · Housing Matching Funds	0.00			
4955 · In Kind Project Match- Construc	0.00			
4956 · In Kind Project Match- Admin	0.00			
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>42,456.39</b>	<b>244,800.00</b>	<b>-202,343.61</b>	<b>17.3%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>42,456.39</b>	<b>244,800.00</b>	<b>-202,343.61</b>	<b>17.3%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
5009 · Bookkeeper	0.00			
5200 · All Hazard Project	21,893.92	224,448.00	-202,554.08	9.8%
5401 · Software Maintenance (E-Tic)	0.00			
5403 · Fiber Leasing Expe.	0.00			
5410 · Rent	0.00			
5505 · Bank Fees	0.00			
5510 · Travel Exp	0.00	566.00	-566.00	0.0%
5512 · Meeting Exp	0.00			
5515 · Legal Fees	0.00			
5517 · Data Back Up Exp	0.00			
5520 · Advertising	0.00			
5521 · Telephone/Website/Internet	0.00			
5523 · Payroll Processing Fees	0.00			
5525 · Audit	0.00			
5526 · Internet Connectivity (100 Mb)	0.00			
5530 · RAMP Fees	0.00			
5532 · Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5535 · Printing/Reproduction	0.00			
5540 · Membership/Sub	0.00			
5545 · Equipment/Computers	0.00			
5550 · Supplies	37.84	1,288.00	-1,250.16	2.9%
5555 · Liability Insurance	0.00			
5558 · Insurance- Health	0.00			
5565 · SWIMT Contract Wages	0.00			
5566 · SWIMT Contract Reimb Exp	0.00			
5568 · SWIMT Team Exp.	0.00			
5570 · Car Allowance/Mileage	0.00			
5580 · Salary & Wages	0.00	15,762.00	-15,762.00	0.0%
5587 · Worker's Compensation	0.00			
5636 · Admin Project Expense	0.00			
5637 · SCAN GM	0.00			
5638 · Region 9 EDD	0.00			
5639 · Infor Services-Project Mgmt	0.00			
5640 · Consulting	2,098.25	2,100.00	-1.75	99.9%
5641 · Regional Project Mgmt	0.00			
5642 · Project Engineering & Mgmt	0.00			
5643 · Transit	0.00			
5645 · Project Construction	0.00			
5650 · Conference/Seminars/Training	0.00			
5660 · Contract Services	0.00			
5955 · In Kind Project expense- Constr	0.00			
5956 · In Kind project Exp.- Admin	0.00			
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>24,030.01</b>	<b>244,164.00</b>	<b>-220,133.99</b>	<b>9.8%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>18,426.38</b>	<b>636.00</b>	<b>17,790.38</b>	<b>2,897.2%</b>

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Accrual Basis

**Southwest Colorado Council of Governments**  
**P&L Budget vs. Actual 2014**  
 January through December 2014

## 830-Telecom

	Jan - Dec 14	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>				
4001 - Fiber Access (ramp) fee	0.00			
4002 - Internet Usage	0.00			
4004 - SWIMT Rev	0.00			
4005 - E-tics	0.00			
4006 - Dues Revenue	0.00			
4007 - TPR	0.00			
4009 - Fiber Lease Revenue	0.00			
4010 - Grant-DOLA Admin	15,897.72			
4020 - Grant DOLA-Construction	169,081.93			
4040 - Grant-Transit	0.00			
4041 - All Hazards Grant	0.00			
4950 - Match-GOV Admin	778.50			
4951 - Match-GOV Construction	107.75			
4952 - Region 9-Matching Funds	2,034.54			
4953 - Housing Matching Funds	0.00			
4955 - In Kind Project Match- Construc	95,399.21			
4956 - In Kind Project Match- Admin	1,847.31			
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>285,146.96</b>			
<b>Gross Profit</b>				
	285,146.96			
<b>Expense</b>				
5009 - Bookkeeper	0.00			
5200 - All Hazard Project	22,079.00			
5401 - Software Maintenance (E-Tic)	0.00			
5403 - Fiber Leasing Expe.	0.00			
5410 - Rent	0.00			
5505 - Bank Fees	0.00			
5510 - Travel Exp	0.00			
5512 - Meeting Exp	0.00			
5515 - Legal Fees	619.20			
5517 - Data Back Up Exp	0.00			
5520 - Advertising	0.00			
5521 - Telephone/Website/Internet	0.00			
5523 - Payroll Processing Fees	0.00			
5525 - Audit	0.00			
5526 - Internet Connectivity (100 Mb)	0.00			
5530 - RAMP Fees	0.00			
5532 - Postage	0.00			
5535 - Printing/Reproduction	0.00			
5540 - Membership/Sub	0.00			
5545 - Equipment/Computers	0.00			
5550 - Supplies	0.00			
5555 - Liability Insurance	0.00			
5558 - Insurance- Health	0.00			
5565 - SWIMT Contract Wages	0.00			
5566 - SWIMT Contract Reimb Exp	0.00			
5568 - SWIMT Team Exp.	0.00			
5570 - Car Allowance/Mileage	0.00			
5580 - Salary & Wages	5,250.00			
5587 - Worker's Compensation	0.00			
5636 - Admin Project Expense	5,541.94			
5637 - SCAN GM	0.00			
5638 - Region 9 EDD	8,811.87			
5639 - Infor Services-Project Mgmt	4,940.00			
5640 - Consulting	3,670.80			
5641 - Regional Project Mgmt	7,476.50			
5642 - Project Engineering & Mgmt	2,164.10			
5643 - Transit	0.00			
5645 - Project Construction	286,197.68			
5650 - Conference/Seminars/Training	0.00			
5660 - Contract Services	0.00			
5955 - In Kind Project expense- Constr	95,399.21			
5956 - In Kind project Exp.- Admin	1,847.31			
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>443,997.61</b>			
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-158,850.65</b>			

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 January through December 2014

## 900-SCAN

	Jan - Dec 14	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>				
4001 - Fiber Access (ramp) fee	0.00	12,600.00	-12,600.00	0.0%
4002 - Internet Usage	0.00	15,000.00	-15,000.00	0.0%
4004 - SWIMT Rev	0.00			
4005 - E-tics	8,400.00	8,400.00	0.00	100.0%
4006 - Dues Revenue	0.00			
4007 - TPR	0.00			
4009 - Fiber Lease Revenue	6,210.00	11,700.00	-5,490.00	53.1%
4010 - Grant-DOLA Admin	0.00	10,200.00	-10,200.00	0.0%
4020 - Grant DOLA-Construction	0.00			
4040 - Grant-Transit	0.00			
4041 - All Hazards Grant	0.00			
4950 - Match-GOV Admin	0.00			
4951 - Match-GOV Construction	0.00			
4952 - Region 9-Matching Funds	0.00			
4953 - Housing Matching Funds	0.00			
4955 - In Kind Project Match- Construc	0.00			
4956 - In Kind Project Match- Admin	0.00			
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>14,610.00</b>	<b>57,900.00</b>	<b>-43,290.00</b>	<b>25.2%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>14,610.00</b>	<b>57,900.00</b>	<b>-43,290.00</b>	<b>25.2%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
5009 - Bookkeeper	0.00			
5200 - All Hazard Project	0.00			
5401 - Software Maintenance (E-Tic)	3,500.00	8,400.00	-4,900.00	41.7%
5403 - Fiber Leasing Expe.	0.00	11,115.00	-11,115.00	0.0%
5410 - Rent	0.00			
5505 - Bank Fees	0.00			
5510 - Travel Exp	0.00			
5512 - Meeting Exp	0.00			
5515 - Legal Fees	0.00			
5517 - Data Back Up Exp	0.00			
5520 - Advertising	0.00			
5521 - Telephone/Website/Internet	0.00			
5523 - Payroll Processing Fees	0.00			
5525 - Audit	0.00			
5526 - Internet Connectivity (100 Mb)	6,250.00	15,000.00	-8,750.00	41.7%
5530 - RAMP Fees	0.00	12,600.00	-12,600.00	0.0%
5532 - Postage	0.00			
5535 - Printing/Reproduction	0.00			
5540 - Membership/Sub	0.00			
5545 - Equipment/Computers	0.00			
5550 - Supplies	0.00			
5555 - Liability Insurance	0.00			
5558 - Insurance- Health	0.00			
5565 - SWIMT Contract Wages	0.00			
5566 - SWIMT Contract Reimb Exp	0.00			
5568 - SWIMT Team Exp.	0.00			
5570 - Car Allowance/Mileage	0.00			
5580 - Salary & Wages	0.00			
5587 - Worker's Compensation	0.00			
5636 - Admin Project Expense	0.00			
5637 - SCAN GM	5,359.40	10,200.00	-4,840.60	52.5%
5638 - Region 9 EDD	0.00			
5639 - Infor Services-Project Mgmt	0.00			
5640 - Consulting	0.00			
5641 - Regional Project Mgmt	0.00			
5642 - Project Engineering & Mgmt	0.00			
5643 - Transit	0.00			
5645 - Project Construction	0.00			
5650 - Conference/Seminars/Training	0.00			
5660 - Contract Services	0.00			
5955 - In Kind Project expense- Constr	0.00			
5956 - In Kind project Exp.- Admin	0.00			
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>15,109.40</b>	<b>57,315.00</b>	<b>-42,205.60</b>	<b>26.4%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-499.40</b>	<b>585.00</b>	<b>-1,084.40</b>	<b>-85.4%</b>

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	TOTAL			
	Jan - Dec 14	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>				
4001 - Fiber Access (ramp) fee	0.00	12,600.00	-12,600.00	0.0%
4002 - Internet Usage	0.00	15,000.00	-15,000.00	0.0%
4004 - SWIMT Rev	53,877.76	54,000.00	-122.24	99.8%
4005 - E-tics	8,400.00	8,400.00	0.00	100.0%
4006 - Dues Revenue	117,632.01	120,000.00	-2,367.99	98.0%
4007 - TPR	0.00	10,500.00	-10,500.00	0.0%
4009 - Fiber Lease Revenue	6,210.00	11,700.00	-5,490.00	53.1%
4010 - Grant-DOLA Admin	28,934.67	24,200.00	4,734.67	119.6%
4020 - Grant DOLA-Construction	169,081.93	0.00	169,081.93	100.0%
4040 - Grant-Transit	2,250.00	7,800.00	-5,550.00	28.8%
4041 - All Hazards Grant	42,456.39	244,800.00	-202,343.61	17.3%
4950 - Match-GOV Admin	778.50	0.00	778.50	100.0%
4951 - Match-GOV Construction	107.75	0.00	107.75	100.0%
4952 - Region 9-Matching Funds	2,034.54	0.00	2,034.54	100.0%
4953 - Housing Matching Funds	0.00	6,700.00	-6,700.00	0.0%
4955 - In Kind Project Match- Construc	95,399.21	0.00	95,399.21	100.0%
4956 - In Kind Project Match- Admin	1,847.31	0.00	1,847.31	100.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>529,010.07</b>	<b>515,700.00</b>	<b>13,310.07</b>	<b>102.6%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>529,010.07</b>	<b>515,700.00</b>	<b>13,310.07</b>	<b>102.6%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
5009 - Bookkeeper	65.00	0.00	65.00	100.0%
5200 - All Hazard Project	43,972.92	224,448.00	-180,475.08	19.6%
5401 - Software Maintenance (E-Tic)	3,500.00	8,400.00	-4,900.00	41.7%
5403 - Fiber Leasing Expe.	0.00	11,115.00	-11,115.00	0.0%
5410 - Rent	40.00	12.00	28.00	333.3%
5505 - Bank Fees	3.00	0.00	3.00	100.0%
5510 - Travel Exp	2,352.94	5,066.00	-2,713.06	46.4%
5512 - Meeting Exp	1,171.37	500.00	671.37	234.3%
5515 - Legal Fees	4,104.00	2,500.00	1,604.00	164.2%
5517 - Data Back Up Exp	0.00	325.00	-325.00	0.0%
5520 - Advertising	25.00	250.00	-225.00	10.0%
5521 - Telephone/Website/Internet	564.97	2,240.00	-1,675.03	25.2%
5523 - Payroll Processing Fees	591.74	1,800.00	-1,208.26	32.9%
5525 - Audit	5,625.00	7,500.00	-1,875.00	75.0%
5526 - Internet Connectivity (100 Mb)	6,250.00	15,000.00	-8,750.00	41.7%
5530 - RAMP Fees	0.00	12,600.00	-12,600.00	0.0%
5532 - Postage	36.80	125.00	-88.20	29.4%
5535 - Printing/Reproduction	45.58	500.00	-454.42	9.1%
5540 - Membership/Sub	350.00	400.00	-50.00	87.5%
5545 - Equipment/Computers	46.25	0.00	46.25	100.0%
5550 - Supplies	2,338.05	2,500.00	-161.95	93.5%
5555 - Liability Insurance	2,212.00	2,203.00	9.00	100.4%
5558 - Insurance- Health	3,806.10	8,220.00	-4,413.90	46.3%
5565 - SWIMT Contract Wages	0.00	41,700.00	-41,700.00	0.0%
5566 - SWIMT Contract Reimb Exp	33,299.39	0.00	33,299.39	100.0%
5568 - SWIMT Team Exp.	0.00	8,200.00	-8,200.00	0.0%
5570 - Car Allowance/Mileage	1,500.00	6,100.00	-4,600.00	24.6%
5580 - Salary & Wages	30,269.34	87,362.00	-57,092.66	34.6%
5587 - Worker's Compensation	1,450.00	0.00	1,450.00	100.0%
5636 - Admin Project Expense	5,541.94	0.00	5,541.94	100.0%
5637 - SCAN GM	5,359.40	10,200.00	-4,840.60	52.5%
5638 - Region 9 EDD	10,439.87	0.00	10,439.87	100.0%
5639 - Infor Services-Project Mgmt	4,940.00	0.00	4,940.00	100.0%
5640 - Consulting	5,769.05	2,100.00	3,669.05	274.7%
5641 - Regional Project Mgmt	7,476.50	0.00	7,476.50	100.0%
5642 - Project Engineering & Mgmt	2,164.10	0.00	2,164.10	100.0%
5643 - Transit	5,950.00	7,800.00	-1,850.00	76.3%
5645 - Project Construction	286,197.68	0.00	286,197.68	100.0%
5650 - Conference/Seminars/Training	225.00	1,000.00	-775.00	22.5%
5660 - Contract Services	13,085.00	6,700.00	6,385.00	195.3%
5955 - In Kind Project expense- Constr	95,399.21	0.00	95,399.21	100.0%
5956 - In Kind project Exp.- Admin	1,847.31	0.00	1,847.31	100.0%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>588,014.51</b>	<b>476,866.00</b>	<b>111,148.51</b>	<b>123.3%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-59,004.44</b>	<b>38,834.00</b>	<b>-97,838.44</b>	<b>-151.9%</b>

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ITEM NO. (ID # 1882)

DATE: 06/6/2014

## AGENDA REQUEST

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**MEETING GROUP:** Southwest Colorado Council of Governments

**STAFF RESOURCE:** Miriam Gillow-Wiles, Director

**REQUESTING DEPT:** Southwest Colorado Council of  
Governments

**TYPE:** SWCCOG Item

**SUBJECT:** Meeting Schedule

**BACKGROUND:**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Memo Meeting Schedule 2014 (DOC)
- 2014 Meeting Schedule (DOCX)

# 2014 Meeting Schedule

To: SWCCOG Board of Directors  
From: Miriam Gillow-Wiles  
Date: 6 June 2014

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Comments: The July SWCCOG meeting falls on July 4, 2014. Options are below:

1. Move meeting to following Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. However, I am taking PTO for travel to a bike race that day.
2. Move meeting to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Only 2 weeks from August meeting.
3. Pick a different day of the week to have the July's meeting
4. Not have a meeting in July.

Also, do you want to continue having the meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday? We always have to move it January to accommodate New Year's Day.

Do we want a yearly retreat? Half or full day? February or different month?



# 2014

## JANUARY

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## JULY

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## SEPTEMBER

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## OCTOBER

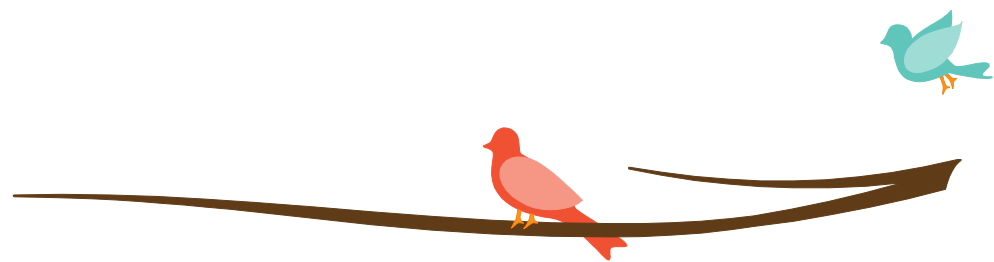
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## DECEMBER

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DATE: 06/6/2014

## AGENDA REQUEST

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**MEETING GROUP:** Southwest Colorado Council of Governments

**STAFF RESOURCE:** Miriam Gillow-Wiles, Director

**REQUESTING DEPT:** Southwest Colorado Council of  
Governments

**TYPE:** SWCCOG Item

**SUBJECT:** Fort Lyons Grant

**BACKGROUND:**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Memo Ft Lyons FY2014-15 Grant (DOC)

# Fort Lyons Grant

To: SWCCOG Board of Directors  
From: Miriam Gillow-Wiles  
Date: 6 June 2014

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Comments: The SWCCOG was awarded the Fort Lyons Grant to work on an antihomelessness in November 2013, although the program was released in June. Between June and November, no other regional organization chose to take on the grant, so the State approached the SWCCOG.

Since then, the SWCCOG has worked with two independent contractors to fulfill the terms of the grant. There are two main requirements to the Ft. Lyons grant: 1) outreach and education about the project and 2) case management (both prior to attending the program and especially upon return to the community).

Although this grant has been challenging due to the low population in the region, transportation to and from the facility in Las Animas, overwhelming need and immediate popularity in Nov-Jan from the Front Range (which equaled a lack of spaces for the Western Slope), and relatively low funds for the work needed/involved (\$25,000).

Tony and I have been trying to find an organization to take the FY2014-15 grant, but without any success (for the same reasons that it was unsuccessful initially). With 7-10 community members from the SW Region, I am concerned about forgoing the grant, as these people are expecting case management and help upon their return to the region. However, the SWCCOG is not a direct service agency. If this grant leaves the region, we will be doing a disservice to the homelessness in the region, and those that are currently at Fort Lyons.

Options:

- 1) Keep the grant, keep working as a direct service agency through contractors.
- 2) Keep the grant, try to find a direct service nonprofit to funnel the money into (while keeping some for overhead).
- 3) Forgo, and hope another organization picks up the grant.

ITEM NO. (ID # 1886)

DATE: 06/6/2014

## AGENDA REQUEST

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**MEETING GROUP:** Southwest Colorado Council of Governments

**STAFF RESOURCE:** Miriam Gillow-Wiles, Director

**REQUESTING DEPT:** Southwest Colorado Council of Governments

**TYPE:** SWCCOG Item

**SUBJECT:** Director's Report

**BACKGROUND:**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Director's Report 6 June 2014 (DOC)
- AAA-SWCCOG Simple Financial Overview May 2014 (XLSX)
- RPD Housing Handout June 2014 (DOCX)
- Energy Department Announces \$15 Million to Help Communities Boost Solar Deployment \_ Department of Energy (PDF)

# Director's Report

To: SWCCOG Board of Directors  
From: Miriam Gillow-Wiles  
Date: 6 June 2014

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Comments: **AAA Meeting:**

Christina Knowell asked me to attend the AAA meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> to give an update of the SWCCOG and so her Board could get to know me and the SWCCOG better. The meeting went really well, answered a lot of questions from the providers in Montezuma and Dolores Counties. During that meeting they approved the 2014-2015 budget, so I was able to compare how much money each organization could save if we combined some overhead (attached). Christina will be at the SWCCOG meeting to take questions and continue the discussion of how the SWCCOG and AAA could work together. In June, we will have the subcommittee of the Boards get together and work on ironing out details and further answering questions.

**Housing:**

May was an interesting month for Housing, unfortunately the funding collaboration for the Housing Coordinator position were not fruitful. I am still working on trying to find more funding for the position. I also met with a handful of housing providers to better understand the needs, and therefore how the COG fits with the current providers, and then where does the COG's work fall. I have attached the two pager we have worked on for Rural Philanthropy Days.

**Montezuma County Meeting:**

I met with Melissa Brunner, Montezuma County Administrator, last week. We had a great conversation getting to know one another, and our respective organizations. It was very beneficial, as I learned quite a lot about the needs of the County. Plus I discovered some fantastic Mexican food in Cortez.

**Solar Deployment Grant:**

Four Corners Office of Resource Efficiency (4CORE) is interested in applying for a federal grant (see attached) to bring in money to increase solar energy creation in the region. This grant would conduct a study of the current grid, aid communities, who are ready to install a solar array (or arrays), and make sure county and municipal code is up to date and allows for installation of solar, as well as education of local planners to help ease the permitting process. The grant requires 20% match. The COG would likely help facilitate the code and planning aspect for the counties and municipalities. 4CORE submitted a letter of interest. If the concept is accepted, then Gregg Dubit and I will bring back more detail. Any funds for the COG would cover administration.

# Director's Report

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**Other Items:**

The SCAN Project Final Report is finished and up on the website, along with Region 9's Responsible Administrator's Report. Dolores and Mancos will soon be hooked up and purchasing their connectivity through Cortez.

## Simple Overview of AAA-SWCCOG Finances

AAA FY2014-2015

Item	AAA	SWCCOG	Total	Total Cost for Both Orgs	Reduction of SWCCOG Cost
Bookkeeper	10 hrs/week	20-30hrs/week	40hr/week FT Position	(dependent on pay)	(dependent on pay)
Liability/WC Insurance	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 1,250.00
Audit	\$ 11,700.00	\$ 8,250.00	\$ 19,950.00	\$ 9,975.00	\$ 4,125.00

Other Items to Consider

Internet/Phone	\$ 2,520.00	\$ 65.00	Both of these are going to vary, depending on space at the City of Durango. And if the		
Rent	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 1.00	AAA can/wants to move offices		
Health Care (year)	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 8,100.00	There are lots of unknowns here, who is covered, types of coverages etc...		



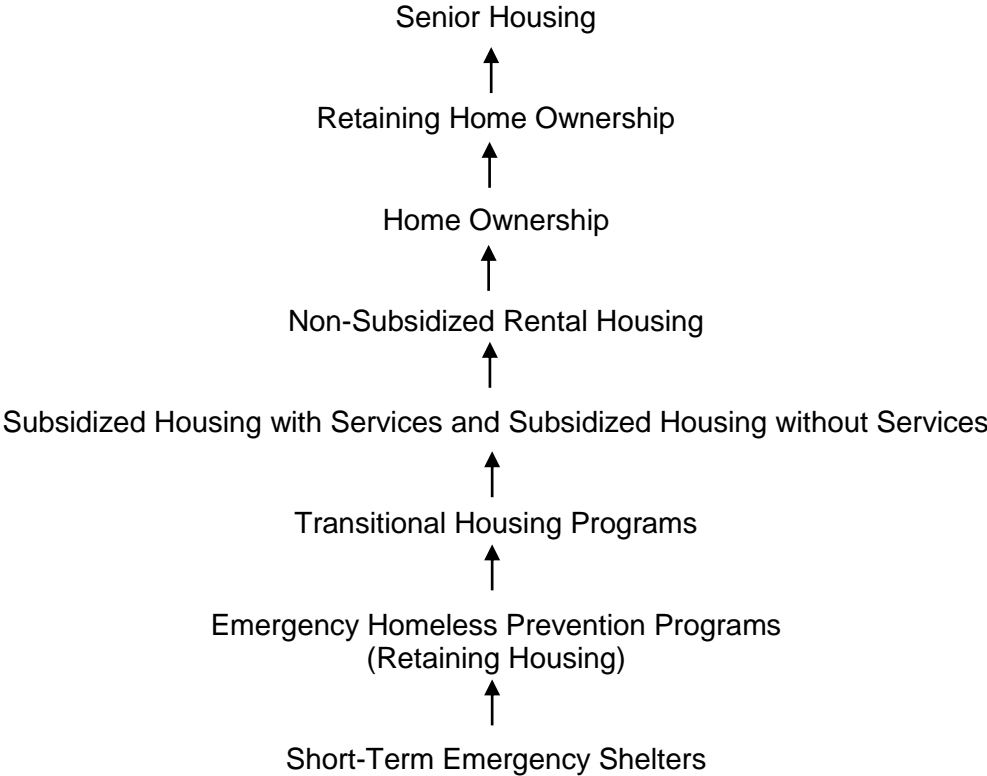


# Housing Overview

## La Plata County Perspective

There is significant and long-standing collaboration between housing service providers in Southwest Colorado. “Appropriate affordable accessible housing” is a catch-phrase that means something different to everyone. No one housing organization has the expertise or capacity to address all housing needs. Each housing organization brings unique funding sources, employee and volunteer expertise and community support, maximizing total availability of services. Organizations range from governmental entities to non-profits to faith-based volunteer groups and many more. Housing services operate on a continuum, with multiple agencies working together to support families and individuals in achieving housing stability. Services range from providing affordable housing to intense long-term counseling to address the barriers to long-term housing stability. At the very basic level, everyone needs a safe place to sleep for the night and at the other end of the spectrum, both renters and homeowners face challenges that threaten the stability of their housing situation. Families of all income levels can face housing challenges.

### Housing Services Continuum:



### Client Success Stories

**Example One**— 3 agencies (Volunteers of America, Veteran’s Administration and Housing Solutions) Jack, a full-time employee and local veteran, and his son Thomas, came to the Volunteers of America Durango Community Shelter for emergency shelter last fall. Jack worked with two Volunteers of America Veterans Programs and received intensive case management. Volunteers of America connected Jack with Housing Solutions for the Southwest, who supported him in applying for a VASH voucher. Jack will now be moving into long-term affordable housing with his son, with on-going case management support through Veteran’s Affairs. Through the collaborative efforts of multiple agencies, and the tireless work of this father to stabilize his family, Jack and his son will now have a safe home to call their own.

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Attachment: RPD Housing Handout June 2014 (1886 : Director's Report)

**Example Two-** 2 agencies (*Housing Solutions and Regional Housing Alliance*) The Barkers, a close-knit family of four, made their dream of ownership possible by working with several local housing agencies. First, they worked with Housing Solutions to convert their Housing Choice Rental Voucher to a mortgage payment voucher. Using the voucher as a stable secondary source of income, the family also received a silent second mortgage from the Regional Housing Alliance. Now, the Barkers have a safe and stable home, with an affordable mortgage payment.

**Example Three-** many organizations (*Habitat for Humanity, Community Development Corporation and others*) The Community Development Corporation spearheaded the development of a subdivision in Bayfield for home ownership for low to moderate income families. Habitat for Humanity and Colorado Housing Inc. have built homes for families that earn less than the median income. Housing Solutions has offered to sell 14 lots which they purchased to Habitat. Funding sources are being explored for this joint venture.

**Example Four-** several organizations (*Southwest Center for Independence, San Juan Basin Health Department, Pine Ridge Nursing Home and others*) A young man who was in a car accident moved back to the area with quadriplegia after rehabbing in Denver, but his family home in the county was inaccessible and there was no transportation available for him. Through some creative work collaboration by local agencies he secured a subsidy in a local complex. He now has an accessible affordable appropriate apartment in Durango where he receives services to live well in the community.

### Recent Collaborative Initiatives

**Example One- Permanent Supportive Housing** (*Many Organizations!*) Local housing organizations, with training support from the State of Colorado and private foundations, are currently exploring opportunities to build Supportive Housing Programs which provides affordable housing and ongoing counseling and services. In La Plata County, Housing Solutions and the Regional Housing Alliance are leading an initiative to build a 30-unit supportive housing community on a parcel donated by the City of Durango. The project is in a pre-development phase and the partners are currently working on identifying capital, operating, and long-term service funding. The Program might serve clients of multiple organizations, such as S.W. Center for Independence, which supports independent living by and for people with disabilities.

**Example Two- New Veterans Programs** (*Multiple Organizations*) Volunteers of America started two programs for Veterans and their families in 2012, in close partnership with the Department of Veteran Affairs. The Volunteers of America Back Home Program and the Transitional Housing Program for Veterans both provide intensive case management and support in obtaining housing for homeless Veterans. Since the inception, these programs have served over 100 Veterans and their families, with over 90% obtaining or retaining stable housing. VASH Vouchers have been allocated to the region by the Veterans Administration for the first time, providing both case management and long-term housing for homeless veterans.

**Example Three- Emergency Assistance Program** (*Multiple Organizations*) CEAC is a collaborative multi-agency effort aimed at providing emergency assistance to individuals or families facing financial crisis. Funding agencies include the United Way of Southwest Colorado, the La Plata County Department of Human Services, the La Plata Electric Round-up Foundation and the Salvation Army Durango Area Service Unit. Housing Solutions serves as the administrative agency for CEAC and provides counseling to each applicant and United Way is the fiscal agent.



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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- In support of the Administration's goal of doubling renewable energy generation for a second time by 2020, the Energy Department today announced \$15 million to help communities develop multi-year solar plans to install affordable solar electricity for homes and businesses. The United States continues to be a global leader in solar, with total U.S. solar energy installations reaching 13 gigawatts last year. As the cost of solar energy continues to decline, more states and local communities are deploying solar energy projects to meet their electricity needs.

"As part of the President's all-of-the-above energy strategy, solar energy is helping families and businesses throughout the U.S. access affordable, clean renewable power," said Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz. "The Energy Department is committed to further driving down the cost of solar energy and supporting innovative community-based programs – creating more jobs, reducing carbon pollution and boosting economic growth."

As part of the Department's SunShot Initiative, the Solar Market Pathways funding opportunity aims to help communities develop solar deployment plans that focus on cutting red tape, building strong public-private partnerships to deploy commercial-scale solar. As part of these solar deployment plans, communities will establish innovative financing mechanisms and launch creative community-based initiatives, such as shared solar programs. **Shared solar programs** give families and businesses the opportunity to own, lease, or purchase electricity from a share of a larger solar project – reducing overall costs and giving more consumers access to renewable power.

Broadly, the Energy Department funding announced today will help drive affordable, efficient solar power in the United States and help industry partners meet the **SunShot Initiative** goal to make solar energy fully cost-competitive with traditional energy sources by the end of the decade. Find more information on the Solar Market Pathways funding opportunity, including application requirements, [HERE](#).

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**June 2014 Housing Report:****Housing Vouchers:**

There have been ongoing difficulties for voucher recipients in locating appropriate units in the timeline necessary. As a result some vouchers have been revoked, and recipients remain homeless or unstably housed. Barriers to lease-up include finding units in which rent amounts fall within HUD Fair Market Standards, and landlords who are interested in accepting vouchers along with the tenants who have been awarded them. It is apparent that significant and long-term efforts will need to focus on establishing relationships with property managers/landlords in addition to addressing the stigma around voucher recipients. Without this commitment the financial and social benefits represented by additional voucher allocations will be limited.

**Supportive Housing Toolkit:**

In the first week of June teams from Cortez and Durango presented their project concepts to an audience of 100+ people in Denver. Attendees included representatives from State and Federal housing departments in addition to foundation staff. Acknowledging the benefits associated with supportive housing development it is hopeful projects will receive Low-Income Housing Tax Credits when applied for. Tax credits are an important component to assist with development costs but additional funding is needed for ongoing operations and service provision.

**Fort Lyon:**

Census at the Ft Lyon program continues to increase at a rate deemed appropriate by funders and service providers, including 3 individuals from this region being admitted in the past month. The Housing Coordinator may transport 1 additional individual in the time between this report being written and the Board meeting taking place.

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