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The Honorable Maria de Cambra, Executive Director  
Colorado Department of Local Affairs  
1313 Sherman St, Denver, CO 80203

Dear Ms. Maria de Cambra,

Eagle County strongly supports our joint application with the Town of Avon for a \$200,000 Local Planning Capacity Grant with a \$40,000 local match to undertake the “Eagle County Regional Housing Authority Planning Project.” Due to the population and size of Eagle County, high volume of demand for workforce housing, the number of towns and metropolitan districts, and the particular complexities of forming a regional housing authority, Avon and Eagle County desire to lead an intensive planning process to research such an authority and conduct extensive community outreach. This project will build on the Eagle County Regional Housing Action Plan by focusing on one of the most substantial strategies for increasing our regional capacity to deliver more workforce housing faster.

Eagle County and its six municipalities are currently collaborating on a regional housing plan and updating a housing needs assessment that will form the foundation of its regional land use strategies and action plan to increase workforce housing. The current estimated housing gap for Eagle County is over 6,000 workforce housing units. Communities in Eagle County have recognized the need for regional collaboration.

This project will specifically focus on understanding the potential structure of a regional housing authority, goals and expectations, and potential additional revenue sources to support development of more workforce housing. Avon and Eagle County will use funding from DOLA’s Local Housing Capacity Grant to compile existing housing authority information in Eagle County, conduct bi-lingual stakeholder outreach, explore existing housing authority models, analyze and model potential revenue streams for an Eagle County Housing Authority, and conduct voter polling to gage potential voter support for any potential tax ballot question. Eagle County is ready and willing to provide a \$20,000 local cash match and work with the Town of Avon to lead the Eagle County Regional Housing Authority Planning Project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeff Shroll  
County Manager