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#### AGNC AWARDS MINI-GRANTS TO COMMUNITIES IN NORTHWESTERN COLORADO

Parachute, CO – Associated Governments of Northwestern Colorado (AGNC) today announced that 17 local government entities in the counties of Garfield, Mesa, Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt will receive technical assistance grants for various projects across the region. AGNC was awarded \$100,000 from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) through a community development grant to be used for providing technical assistance grants for projects that communities might not otherwise be able to accomplish.

Awards are made to projects that help local governments make a positive, visible impact and demonstrate positive outcomes for the community. Award categories include:

- Increasing Economic Competitiveness
- Improving Safety and Health
- Improving planning and investment
- Increasing organizational capacity

Communities must match the funds awarded at least on a dollar for dollar basis. The \$100,000 awarded will leverage a total investment across the region of more than \$350,000.

“We are pleased to provide an opportunity for communities in our region to obtain funding that will help them complete smaller projects through the AGNC technical assistance grants,” said Mike Samson, AGNC Chairman. “While the projects are small, they can make a big and significant difference in many of our communities.”

Many of the grant projects are aimed at addressing needs that will enhance tourism opportunities including some Main Street revitalization efforts. Some of the projects will aid communities in marketing, strategic and comprehensive planning efforts as well as provide training and public safety opportunities.

The entities receiving technical assistance grants are:

- Garfield County, Parachute, Rifle, Silt, New Castle
- Mesa County, Grand Junction, Palisade
- Moffat County, Craig, Dinosaur
- Rio Blanco County, Meeker, Rangely
- Routt County, Steamboat Springs, Oak Creek

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