



**TOWN OF MILLIKEN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

To: Mayor Woodcock and Town Board of Trustees From: Martha Perkins, Community Development Director Via: Kent Brown, Town Administrator		Public Meeting Date: October 12, 2016	
Agenda Item #	Action: x	Discussion:	Information:
Agenda Title: For Review and Recommendation for Approval of Resolution No. 16-21, "A Resolution of the Town of Milliken to Sponsor an Application for a Hazards Implementation Project CDBG-DR Planning Grant".			
Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval by the Town Board Attachments: Resolution No. 16-21 "A Resolution of the Town of Milliken to Sponsor an Application for a Hazards Implementation Project CDBG-DR Planning Grant"			

PURPOSE

To adopt Resolution No. 16-21 "A Resolution of the Town of Milliken to Sponsor an Application for a Hazards Implementation Project CDBG-DR Planning Grant" by the Town Board of Trustees authorizing Milliken staff to file a Colorado Department of Local Affairs CDBG-DR Planning Grant application.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The passage of the Resolution demonstrates that the Board will provide the necessary engagement, support, and consent to implement changes in the Land Use Code, regulations, programs, and/or incentives that are identified through the hazards implementation project as opportunities for reducing the community's vulnerability of hazards.

On June 8, 2016, at the Board's request, staff presented some of the existing inconsistent, arduous, and vague land use regulations that exist in the Land Use Code. It is extremely hard to decipher what regulations, design principles, and development standards apply to commercial, industrial, downtown and residential development. Other regulations are impossible to enforce such as the requirement to provide a fifty (50) foot landscape setback along state highways.

At the June 8, 2016 Board meeting, the Board discussed several options for updating the Land Use Code: updating the Code as needed in-house; using another municipality's

code and revising it to “fit” Milliken, or budgeting for an outside consultant. The Board decided to discuss hiring an outside consultant within the 2017 Town Budget.

The current land use regulations are hurting the Town’s ability to encourage downtown redevelopment and commercial development as well as strategically reduce the community’s vulnerability to natural hazards and recover from them in a timely manner reducing the cost and related health impacts to the community.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs is soliciting proposals from professionals to gather local community input, review the existing local land use regulations and maps to identify viable changes into the Town’s land use regulations, standards and programs that could provide additional disaster resiliency. They have budgeted up to \$45,000 for changes to the Land Use Code that specifically address hazard mitigation, which the Town could use as part of the overall Land Use Code update.

RECOMMENDATION

Town Staff recommends approval by the Town Board of Resolution No. 16-21 “A Resolution of the Town of Milliken to Sponsor an Application for a Hazards Implementation Project CDBG-DR Planning Grant”.

SUGGESTED MOTION

“I move to approve Resolution No. 16-21 “A Resolution of the Town of Milliken to Sponsor an Application for a Hazards Implementation Project CDBG-DR Planning Grant”.

**TOWN OF MILLIKEN
RESOLUTION NO. 16-21**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MILLIKEN TO SPONSOR AN APPLICATION
FOR A HAZARDS IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT CDBG-DR PLANNING GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Milliken desires assistance from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs to apply for a Hazards Implementation Project CDBG-DR Planning Grant for the purpose of updating the Town of Milliken's Land Use Code; and

WHEREAS, in February 2016, the Town of Milliken adopted an update of the 2010 Comprehensive Plan entitled *Envision Milliken: An Update to the Town of Milliken's Comprehensive Plan and Disaster Resiliency Update for the Town of Milliken, Weld County, Colorado* ("2016 Comprehensive Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan necessitates revisions to the Town's Land Use Code; and

WHEREAS, at a Town Board meeting on June 8, 2016, the Town Board of Trustees identified as a priority within the 2017 Town Budget revisions to the Land Use Code to implement the policies set forth in the 2016 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, an update to the Land Use Code will incorporate hazard and emergency mitigation elements as identified in the 2016 Comprehensive Plan to provide additional disaster resiliency and recovery within the community of Milliken; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Milliken, if awarded the grant, shall not be required to provide a match; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Milliken must demonstrate that they have the necessary engagement and consent from elected officials in order to implement changes in the Land Use Code, regulations, programs and/or incentives that are identified through the project as opportunities for reducing the community's vulnerability to natural disasters; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby authorizes Town staff to file a Colorado Department of Local Affairs CDBG-DR Planning Grant application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and hereby authorizes the Mayor and Town Administrator to take all necessary actions in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.

Dated this 12th day of October, 2016.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF MILLIKEN, COLORADO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Cheryl Powell, Town Clerk

Beau Woodcock, Mayor