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CITY OF SALIDA AWARDED \$1,000,000 DOLA GRANT *Salida Fire Station Construction*

Salida, Colorado

On July 21, 2023, Mayor Dan Shore was notified by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs that the city has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Fund to assist with the construction of the new Salida Fire Station.

Over the past 12 months the City has been working with Neenan Architecture, an integrated design and construction firm. In a collaborative approach, City and Fire Department staff met weekly with the architecture, design, interiors, engineering, preconstruction, and project management team. The resulting 21,000 SF facility is a unique solution to meet the specific needs of the firefighters and community.

Fire Chief Doug Bess noted that “competition for these funds is intense. This was a great team effort, and we are excited to see the fire station come to fruition.”

The Department of Local Affairs’ Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Fund program was created to assist political subdivisions that are socially and/or economically impacted by the development, processing, or energy conversion of minerals and mineral fuels. Funds are derived from the state severance tax on energy and mineral production and from a portion of the state’s share of royalties paid to the federal government for mining and drilling of minerals and mineral fuels on federally owned land.

Groundbreaking for the new firehouse is scheduled for October 2023.

The City of Salida, CO, is the statutory seat of Chaffee County with a population of approximately 5,700 residents. Salida is a family-friendly community ideally situated in central Colorado - known by many as the “Heart of the Rockies,” both for its geographic location and the abundance of arts, cultural and recreational amenities found here. The city is dedicated to maintaining a safe, fiscally responsible, and forward-thinking government where residents, businesses and visitors can thrive. Explore more about Salida at www.cityofsalida.com.