

Public Works Director



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## MEMORANDUM

September 16, 2021

To: Council of Governments  
Thomas C. Fisher, County Manager

From: Derrick Radke, PE - Summit County Public Works Director

Re: Transportation Initiative Sales Tax - Small Cities Grant

At the Council of Governments (COG) meeting in May of 2021, the Council of Governments voted to recommend adding \$24,177 to the Small Cities Grant amount for 2021. In 2017 when the Grant Program was set up by the COG and County Council, an amount of \$250,000 was established to help small cities improve their roads. This was approximately 6% of the estimated \$4.1M anticipated to be collected from the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Transportation Sales Tax. Current revenue averages have been closer to \$5M. A suggestion has been made that the Small Cities Grants should be increased to reflect the increased revenue. A proportionate increase would take the Grant Fund to \$300,000 annually.

A couple things to consider:

1. The primary intent of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Sale Tax is to make road improvements to reduce congestion. Typical Small Cities Projects have been for roadway preservation.
2. While each small municipality has received funds, the amounts received are not the same; though it is really a function of applications received.
  - a. How can the COG better encourage participation?
  - b. Should the proportionate amounts be adjusted based on certain criteria or left to the individual applications submitted every year?

The intent of this session is just to start the discussion and seek any advice from this Council of Governments.

I look forward to beginning the discussion. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact me.

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