**Crowley County Projects Summary**

**Access To Capital**

The region has moderate to strong capacity in the availability of debt capital, though the lack of a regional SBA 504 packager is a need to be addressed. There is a need to strengthen existing Revolving loan funds to increase capacity and perhaps to offer niche products. Within Pueblo County, there are strong incentive programs for specific types of industries and job creations. The region, however, is an equity desert, with little access to capital for startups, follow on funding, or private equity funds to help existing businesses to pivot or grow. The strategy is to increase access to equity capital in the region and develop an entrepreneurial ecosystem that supports startups in the tech sector and the intellectual property sector.

**SCEDD Regional Programs**

Program- **SoCo Angels Support**. Provide three years of operational support to develop an early Angel startup network of Accredited Investors to fund the seed stage for tech and intellectual property startups.

Status of Program- Development

Lead- SCEDD, SCIL, SoCo Angels,

Program Cost Estimate--$300k per annum

Funding Options- EDA technical assistance grant, Foundation grants

Program: **Angel fund.** Adjunctive to SoCo Angels, the development of a separate fund can support individual angel investments with an institutional investment or a “sidecar” fund created by accredited investors who want to supplement individual investments with group efforts.

Status of Program—Conceptual

Lead: SCEDD, SCIL, SoCo Angels

Program Cost Estimate: Institutional fund--$500k; Sidecar fund $500k

Funding options: Institutional: Foundations; Sidecar: Accredited investors of SoCo Angels

Program: **SBA 504 Packaging.** Re-enter this SBA program with either a stand-alone entity or in partnership with adjoining packagers. This product is a critical credit enhancer for collateral-oriented commercial banks considering startups of between $1 million and $5 million that have commercial real estate for collateral.

Status of Program—Early Development

Lead: SCEDD

Program cost estimate: Approximately $100k per annum at start, with additional costs dependent on deal flow and generation of fees.

Funding Options—Startup loans, Foundation grants, Commercial bank support

Program: **Rural** **Downtown Mixed-Use Revitalization Program.** A revolving low interest loan fund for mixed-use properties in the 8 counties in the southeastern plains that offer low interest loans for both the downstairs commercial and upstairs residential units.

Status of Program—Early Development

Lead: SCEDD and SECED

Program cost estimate: $1million

Funding Options- Grant $800 DOLA/OEDIT and $200K County match

**Agriculture/ Ranching**

Project – Large animal vet clinic / vet supply.

Status of Project – Concept

Lead – Crowley County

Project Cost Estimate – N/A

Funding Options – Grants – matching; Loan

Project – **USDA Certified Processing Facility.**

Status of Project –

Lead –

Project Cost Estimate -

Funding Options – USDA, EDA

Project – **Certified Industrial Scale?**

Status of Project –

Lead –

Project Cost Estimate -

Funding Options –

**Broadband Development**

Program—**Broadband Support Office**. SCEDD will create a two to three person office to take the lead in implementing broadband with a regional approach. Local projects need to be rolled up into regional and sub-region initiatives to secure adequate funding and to manage fewer, but larger projects. Part of that effort will be to create a region-wide grant match gap funds to assist with securing funds.

Status of Program—In development

Lead—SCEDD

Project Cost Estimate--$250k per annum in operational support; $1M per annum in grant match gap fund

Funding options—EDA technical assistance grant, DOLA, Electricity providers, County government, Foundation grants

**Business Development**

Project – **Town of Ordway Main Street Sidewalk Replacement.** Tear out and replace broken sidewalk in 200-300 block of Main Street.

Status of Project – Bids Received/Part of CDOT Grant

Lead – Town of Ordway

Project Cost Estimate – $28,000

Funding Options – CDOT

**Critical Infrastructure**

Project – **Crowley County Water Storage.** 200,000 gallon water storage north of Crowley. 300,000 gallon water storage tank north of Ordway.

Status of Project – Engineered

Lead – Crowley County

Project Cost Estimate - $900,000

Funding Options – Grants - match

Project – **Crowley County** **Water Line Installation.** Installation of 8” line to bypass Ordway to move needed potable water to northeast area of county system.

Status of Project – Ready to bid project.

Lead – Crowley County

Project Cost Estimate - $700,000.00

Funding Options – Water reserve funds, Relief Funds

Project – **Crowley Wastewater Lift Station Repair.**  Repair lift station at lagoons at wastewater plant.

Status of Project – Concept

Lead – Town of Crowley

Project Cost Estimate – Awaiting Estimate

Funding Options –

Project **– Town of Ordway Reservoir and Non potable Pipeline Improvements.**  Make improvements as recommended at city’s water storage reservoir and to the non-potable pipeline.

Status of Project – Planning

Lead Town of Ordway

Project Cost Estimate - $650,195

Funding Options

**Workforce Housing Strategies**

Project – **Educational Staff Housing.** Build a duplex or 4-Plex to provide housing to recruit and retain teachers.

Status of Project – Concept

Lead - Crowley County Schools

Project Cost Estimate – N/A

Funding Options –

Program **– Revolving Loan Fund.** Revolving Loan Fund to cover appraisal gaps.

Status of Project – Planning

Lead – Crowley County

Project Cost Estimate - $200,000.00

Funding Options – American Rescue Plan Funds

Project – **Regional (Bent, Crowley, Otero) Single Family rehabilitation for LMI**. 20 units per year of single-family, owner-occupied rehabilitation for LMI, expected to be modified to 120% AMI.

Project Status – Active; re-contracting for 2022

Lead – Total Concept

Project Cost Estimate - $1,033,008

Funding Options – CDBG, NPO RLF, Section 4, Intermediary Funders

**Education/Work Force Development**

Project – **Education Facility Renovation.** Renovate an existing one hundred two year-old high school along with placing K-6 under one roof instead of two campuses that splits Principals, Counselor, Music Teacher, choir Teacher and interventionists.

Status of Project – Concept

Lead – Custer County Schools

Project Cost Estimate – N/A

Funding Options – Grants – Matching and In-kind

Project **– Southeast Colorado Region Entrepreneurship programming for 5th – 12th grade** public school, private school and home school students in the seven-county area of SE Colorado

Status of Program – Implemented w/continuing programming

Lead – SEBREA Fiscal Agent

Project Cost Estimate – N/A

Funding Options – Possible grant funding from the Rawlings Foundation, El Pomar, Daniels Fund, and other regional foundations.

**Recreation and Tourism**

Program – **Recreation District.** Developing a Recreation District with Crowley County and Town of Ordway to better maximize the use of recreation space the District owns.

Status of Project – Concept

Lead – ?

Project Cost Estimate – N/A

Funding Options – Grants – Matching and In-kind.

Project- **All Weather Track and Field**. weather track to be shared by our athletes and community. We do not have a track, although do we have students who excel in track and adults who want a safe place to walk and/or run. We need to upgrade our football field and bleachers which are very unsafe. Could the two projects be tied together?

Status of Project – Concept

Lead – ?

Project Cost Estimate – N/A

Funding Options – Grants – Matching and In-kind.

Project- **Town of Ordway Dog park**. A public necessity to help create and maintain sanitary outdoor recreation areas for local citizens.

Status of Project – Concept

Lead – Town of Ordway

Project Cost Estimate – N/A

Funding Options – Grants – Matching and In-kind.

Project-**Crowley County Recreation Facility Upgrades**. Somehow utilize the existing features (Path, Frisbee golf and baseball fields) and provide a much-needed upgrade to bring the facilities up to code.

Status of Project – Concept

Lead – Crowley County Schools

Project Cost Estimate – N/A

Funding Options – Grants – Matching and In-kind.

Project- **Crowley County Recreation Bathroom upgrades**. Recreation Install a sewer system to bathroom instead of using pumps.

Status of Project – Concept

Lead – Crowley County Schools

Project Cost Estimate – N/A

Funding Options – Grants – Matching and In-kind.

Project – **Crowley County** **Fairgrounds Facilities.** Build concession, meeting area, and bathrooms at Fairgrounds.

Status of Project – Not Given

Lead – Crowley County

Project Cost Estimate – N/A

Funding Options – Conservation Trust – General Fund

Project – **Lake Meredith** **Install new boat ramp.** Upgrades to existing boat ramp due to low water.

Status of Project – Planning

Lead – Crowley County

Project Cost Estimate - $65,000.00

Funding Options – Conservation Trust Funds, GOCO, CPW Grants

Project – **Town of Ordway North Park Renovation/Rehabilitation.** Tear out and replace concrete basketball court slab. Add multi-sport court, benches and tables with a goal of covering at some point in the future.

Status of Project – Planning

Lead – Town of Ordway

Project Cost Estimate - $144,930

Funding Options – Kaboom Grant

Project – **Town of Ordway Railroad (South) Park New Playground.** Addition of new playground at the Railroad (South) Park location.

Status of Project – Planning

Lead – Town of Ordway

Project Cost Estimate - $87,000

Funding Options – Kaboom Grant

**Health Care/Public Health/ Mental Health**

Project – **Mental Health Enhancement.** Find a partner (CU Health, Southeast Wellness Group, etc.) to provide better mental health for our students.

Status of Project – Concept

Lead – Custer County Schools

Project Cost Estimate – N/A

Funding Options- Grants – Matching and In-kind

**Other**

Project – **Town of Crowley Heritage Center Ramp.** Ramp to the Heritage Center (which is on the National Register) Museum and Town Hall.

Status of Project – Concept

Lead – Town of Crowley

Project Cost Estimate – N/A

Funding Options –

Project – **Town of Crowley Heritage Center Electrical Upgrade.** Upgrade electrical in the Heritage Center. Date last restored was 1995.

Status of Project – Concept

Lead – Town of Crowley

Project Cost Estimate – N/A

Funding Options –

Project – **Town of Crowley Heritage Center Roof Replacement.** Replace roof which is original (with repairs) since 1995.

Status of Project – Concept

Lead – Town of Crowley

Project Cost Estimate – N/A

Funding Options –

Project – **Town of Crowley Heritage Center Track Upgrade.** Upgrade track behind Heritage Center – fine grade, seal, widen and add lights and bleachers.

Status of Project – Concept

Lead – Town of Crowley

Project Cost Estimate – N/A

Funding Options –

Project – **Town of Ordway Cemetery Fence Replacement/Repair.** Replace and repair wrought iron fencing at cemetery located on Highway 71.

Status of Project – Planning

Lead – Town of Ordway

Project Cost Estimate - $20,000

Funding Options