

## **Request for Proposal (RFP)**

**Title:**

Data Analysis and Strategic Planning for Energy Transition and Economic Diversification in Western Garfield County

**Issued by:**

Colorado River Valley Economic Development Partnership (CRVEDP)

**Issue Date:**

Wednesday January 15, 2025

**Proposal Submission Deadline:**

**Friday, January 24, 2025**, by 5:00 PM MT

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### **Purpose**

The CRVEDP is seeking proposals for a data-focused project that will inform strategic planning to advance energy transition and economic diversification in Western Garfield County. This project aligns with the objectives of the [Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant \(EECBG\)](#) grant awarded to the CRVEDP in 2024 and aims to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, support sustainable development, and strengthen the local economy.

Preference will be given to applicants with demonstrated knowledge of Western Garfield County, its economic and environmental challenges, and experience working with regional stakeholders.

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### **Project Background**

Western Garfield County is transitioning from an oil- and gas-based economy to one focused on renewable energy and diversified industries. The region requires targeted data analysis to support actionable strategies for GHG reduction and economic development. This project will integrate local knowledge and stakeholder engagement to create a tailored roadmap for success.

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### **Scope of Work**

The contractor will:

### 1. Data Collection and Analysis:

- Compile and analyze local and regional economic data, focusing on industry trends, workforce demographics, and energy transition impacts.
- Assess opportunities for renewable energy projects and economic diversification specific to Western Garfield County.

### 2. Strategic Framework Development:

- Develop strategies for reducing GHG emissions and promoting renewable energy adoption.
- Identify funding opportunities and partnerships to support sustainable growth.

### 3. Stakeholder Engagement:

- Conduct focus groups and interviews with local stakeholders to ensure strategies align with community needs.
- Present findings to regional leaders and community members for feedback and validation.

### 4. Reporting and Recommendations:

- Deliver a comprehensive report with data findings, actionable recommendations, and an implementation roadmap.
- Include metrics to track progress and success over time.

### 5. Timeline:

- Project must be completed by November 30, 2025
- Successful applicant will be required to report out on majority of findings at the CRVEDP Q4 meeting October 28, 2025

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#### Budget

The total budget for this project must not exceed **\$65,000**, inclusive of all costs.

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#### Proposal Requirements

Proposals must include:

**1. Introduction:**

- Overview of the organization, relevant experience, and key personnel.
- Demonstrated knowledge of Western Garfield County and its unique challenges.

**2. Proposed Approach:**

- Methodology for data collection, analysis, and community engagement.
- Timeline for deliverables.

**3. Budget:**

- Itemized cost breakdown with justifications.

**4. Qualifications:**

- Résumés of team members.
- References for similar projects, with emphasis on local or regional work.

**5. Deliverables:**

- Detailed descriptions of interim and final deliverables.

**6. Preference Statement (Optional):**

- Applicants are encouraged to describe their local experience and existing relationships within Western Garfield County.

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**Evaluation Criteria**

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

**1. Relevance to Regional Needs:**

Understanding of Western Garfield County's economic and sustainability challenges.

**2. Expertise and Local Knowledge:**

Preference will be given to applicants with experience working in Western Garfield County or similar rural regions.

3. **Alignment with Grant Objectives:**

Strategies that promote GHG reduction, economic diversification in alternative energy and other industries, and energy transition.

4. **Community Engagement:**

A clear plan for involving local stakeholders and incorporating community input.

5. **Cost-effectiveness and Feasibility:**

A realistic budget and timeline for project completion.

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**Submission Instructions**

Submit proposals electronically by the deadline to:

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**Additional Notes**

CRVEDP values local knowledge and encourages submissions from organizations or individuals based in or with substantial experience in Western Garfield County. CRVEDP reserves the right to reject proposals or request additional information to clarify submissions. For more information, visit [www.crvedp.org](http://www.crvedp.org).