



July 8, 2020

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Colorado Air
& Spaceport

Dear Commissioner Baker,

The I-70 Regional Economic Advancement Partnership (REAP) is requesting \$30,000 for 2021 from Arapahoe County. This is the same amount approved in 2019 and 2020. In addition, Adams County will be receiving a similar request.

REAP is a 501(c) 6 non-profit corporation governed by an elected and appointed Board of Directors with established By-Laws and Policy Procedures and two part time employees.

REAP 's area of interest is the Eastern I-70 Corridor and includes Adams and Arapahoe Counties, Northeast Aurora, Watkins, Bennett, Strasburg, Byers and Deer Trail.

For 2020, Reap priorities include Agriculture, Agritourism, Aviation, Aerospace, Energy, Transportation & Infrastructure, Healthcare and Schools.

REAP schedules monthly public meetings around local corridor priorities to inform community leaders and gain support for the communities along I-70.

Recent presentations at these meetings included:

- 2020 Census
- Adams County Comprehensive Master Plan Update
- Arapahoe County Tier 1 Sub-Area Plan

REAP Mission Statement

Stimulate private investment to increase opportunities for employment, expand the tax base, broaden the economy and generally improve the quality of life of our citizens.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic virus, the Agritourism Committee decided to cancel the 2020 Farm Festivals. We are looking at ways to safely move forward with the 2021 Festivals.

When REAP can safely reopen meetings, we plan to explore the following meeting topics.

- Colorado Air and Space Port Updates
- New Developments Updates along the I-70 Corridor
- Health Issues Facing the I-70 Corridor
- Employment Issues
- Schools and Changes
- Transportation Update from the Communities along the I-70 Corridor
- 2021 Farm Festivals

The REAP's Board of Directors is grateful for Arapahoe County's support since its start in 2000. We hope your support continues in the future. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kirk Holwell
Chair

Julio Iturreria
Executive Director