

Common Challenges & Obstacles

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PROJECT PLANNING

- Always check ICIP
- Capital Outlay is not guaranteed
- City uses state capital to leverage our decade plan projects
- Non-profits create challenges



ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY

- City has three grant administrators for Capital Outlay
 - Municipal Development for DFA and DOT
 - Senior Affairs for ALTS
- We have multiple staff working on capital outlay yet still have challenges



TECHNICAL CAPACITY

- Albuquerque has strong technical capacity
- We have the technical staff to be able to spend grant funding in a responsible, timely manner



FUNDING FOR NON-PROFIT ORGS

- We are creating a process to support non-profit organizations
- Projects are usually not on the ICIP
- Some projects still get through
- Some projects still violate anti-donation

**Our largest
pain point**



RIGHT SIZING STATE SUPPORT

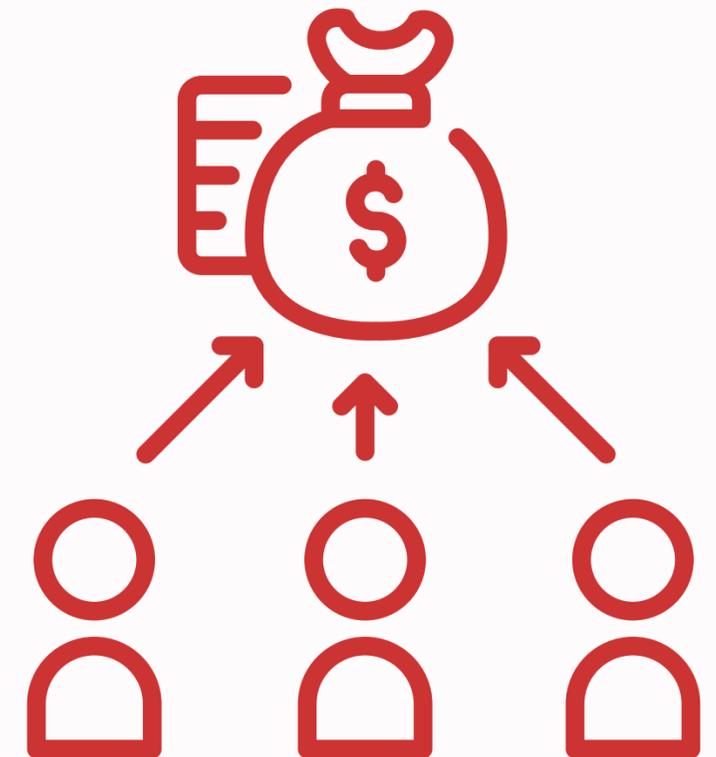
**DFA | DOT | CABQ
working together**



- Relationship has been improving
- Communication is key

PIECEMEAL FUNDING

- We would prefer projects be fully funded
- When we receive funding for projects on the ICIP:
 - Capital leverages GO bond projects
 - Those projects can be completed more quickly



INCREASING COSTS

- Westgate Community Center
Phase II
 - Architect Est: \$550 sq/ft
 - Renovation estimates
coming in at \$250 sq/ft

Bubble or New Normal?

