Appendix J: Potential Sources of Funding

There are numerous sources to explore for funding actions identified in this CWPP. They include, but are not limited to: El Pomar Foundation, FEMA, NRCS, BLM, CSFS and many more.

BLM is still funding the WUI Community Assistance program which is intended to support fire departments, local government, communities, community service organizations and non-profits in implementing wildland fire related projects. Successful applicants are awarded project funding through a Financial Assistance Agreement under a 90:10 cost share.

The Funding Opportunity Announcement is posted on <u>grants.gov</u> for 60 days, usually in April or May. Typical awards have been running between \$8,000 and \$12,000.

Colorado State Forest Service maintains a couple of databases that can assist communities looking for grant opportunities to fund implementation of their CWPP. Their website has two locations that will be of interest. The "Landowner & Community Assistance Programs for Forestry & Agroforestry in Colorado" is one and the "Natural Resources Grants & Assistance Database" is the other.

There is also the:

Ready, Set, Go! Program Grants for Fire Department Fuels Mitigation

The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and American International Group, Inc. (AIG) are pleased to offer direct funding no cost-share grants of approximately \$5,000 to help RSG members with their community fuels mitigation programs.

Scope:

RSG Fuels Mitigation Grants are intended for the purpose of establishing or enhancing a fire department's community fuels mitigation program while educating members of the community about community wildfire readiness and encouraging personal action.

Funding can be used for a fuels mitigation trailer, equipment, chipper purchase or rental, debris disposal costs and incentives or any combination of these.

Grant Criteria:

• Applicant must be a member of the Ready, Set, Go! Program

- Application must be submitted to the IAFC as outlined below
- Awardee is expected to record efforts funded by the grant in AMS
- Awardee must indicate whether reimbursement or advanced funding is preferred
- Awardee must assist with award delivery by submitting requested financial process documentation
- Grant funds must be used within 6 months of award