



# **Business Incentive Options in Logan County and Sterling, Colorado**

#### LOCAL

- *Rural Jump Start Zone* Income tax exemption for business and employees, state sales and use tax exemption, and business personal property tax exemption.
- Aviation Development Zone \$1,200 tax credit per new FTE with qualifying business locating in an ADZ.
- Enhanced Rural Enterprise Zone \$3,100 tax credit per new FTE each year for all businesses in an EREZ.
- Retail Development Policy Sales and use tax rebates for eligible projects to fund infrastructure upgrades.
- **Development Revenue Bond (Industrial) Policy** Assistance for off-site capital improvements including: streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, utility easements, water and sewer lines, traffic control devices, etc.
- Public Improvement Districts Designated area to allow bond issuance for businesses parcel development.
- Private Activity Bonds Annual bond allocation designated to assist with financing manufacturing businesses.
- Property Tax Incentive Up to 100% of incremental property tax for a period of time may be negotiated.
- New Market Tax Credits Designated NMTC eligible areas
- Opportunity Zones Capital gains deferral and exemption for eligible property investment. Several areas included.

### **Sterling Urban Renewal Authority**

- Downtown Building Improvement Grant Up to \$35,000 grants available for Downtown Sterling area buildings
- Downtown Facade Improvement Grant Up to \$15,000 grant available for Downtown Sterling area buildings
- Other URA incentive packages Other incentives can be customized based on project scope and location.

## **Other Financing Options**

- Northeast Colorado Revolving Loan Fund Specific to the region to assist with various projects
- Highline Electric Revolving Loan Fund Low interest limited loan program focused on economic development

\*\*\*The County/City has the <u>option</u> to negotiate these and additional incentives on a case by case basis\*\*\*

\*\*\*Incentive options are not guaranteed. All must be negotiated and approved by proper boards and meet eligibility criteria\*\*\*

#### **STATE**

- Enterprise Zone -Tax credit programs to encourage growth in designated areas of the state.
  - o Job Creation Tax Credits \$3,100 Per new employee or \$4,100 for Ag Processing (Same credit as EREZ above)
  - *Investment Tax Credit* Up to 3% of qualified purchases.
  - *Job Training Tax Credit* − Up to 12% of qualified expenses
  - Employer Sponsored Health Insurance \$1,000 tax credit per covered employee.
  - o Commercial Vehicle Investment Tax Credit 12% for qualifying vehicle purchases.
  - *Research and Development Increases* 3% tax credit for increases in R&D Expenditures.
- Foreign Trade Zone Adjacent zone is accessible for eligible businesses to provide international tariff relief.
- Job Growth Incentive Tax credit program for multi-state competitive projects.
- Strategic Fund Cash incentive for new businesses hiring employees at above county average wages.
- Colorado Credit Reserve (CCR) increases the availability of credit to small businesses in Colorado.
- Colorado Innovation Investment Tax Credit Tax credit for investments in Colorado businesses.
- Colorado First / Job Training Grant Programs assist with employee training costs for specific businesses.
- Colorado Export Development Grant Designed for exporters of products and services
- Business Loan Funds provide loans to businesses, primarily in rural areas.
- Rural Venture Capital Fund \$9 MM fund designated for rural businesses