

Agriculture, Wildlife, & Rural Affairs

Community Level Wildfire Technology	
Pitkin County	
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Co-Sponsoring Counties/Commissioners:	TBD
Who is your subject matter expert?	Jeffrey Woodruff, BoCC Chair - Pitkin County, 970.710.0649
Has this proposal been approved by your BoCC?	Yes.
Have you reviewed the CCI Instructional Memo?	Yes.
Supplemental Materials	https://drive.google.com/open?id=1ZF8F35gLVaBkc5H9wV139NWfAao1Kt7i
Describe the problem your proposal will solve.	There is a lack of funding for community-level wildfire detection technology, which has led to late fire detection and massive wildfires with large costs.
Areas of Impact:	Day-to-day operations of the county, Functionality of county programs or services, General community advancement
What is the ultimate source of this problem?	Community-level wildfire detection technology is expensive - not only to acquire the hardware, but also in software and subscription costs.
What is your initial proposal to solve this problem?	Create an enterprise fund dedicated to funding community-level wildfire detection/response technology. Possible funding sources include, but are not limited to, utilities or insurers, as well as FEMA in a risk-reduction model (with rate payer protections)
Please provide sample language for this solution.	TBD
Are there any solutions that do not require state-level legislation? Has your county explored these alternatives?	Not currently
Has CCI or any other organizations sought a solution to this problem before?	No, although a similar framework (on the parcel level) was deployed with SB26-155.

What possible organization(s) would support your proposed solution?	Division of Insurance, fire districts, perhaps utilities and insurers. Local, state and federal governments.
What possible organization(s) would oppose your proposed solution?	Perhaps utilities and insurers, depending on the funding mechanism,
Have you spoken with any legislators about your proposed solution? If so, what was their response?	Not yet.
What are the financial implications of this problem to your county? Are there any financial implications to this solution either?	Costs of emergency response/rehabilitation, loss of property, economic vitality. No negative impacts, depending on funding mechanisms.
What are the financial implications of this problem to any other impacted parties? What are the financial implications of this solution to any other impacted parties? Please consider any relevant Colorado State Departments.	Increased insurance rates and lack of availability, replacement costs for wildfire-related losses. Increased losses for insurers. Impacts to businesses and schools. Disruption to residents, visitors, workforce, and travelers. Likely some impact to those who are funding the enterprise. However, by lowering the risk profile, perhaps the cost is offset by the subsequent reduction in losses. The enterprise will pay for its own administration.
Staff Feedback	<u>Risk/Difficulties:</u> <u>Time Commitment:</u>