

# CENTENNIAL PROGRAM FAQs

**Dream it. Do it. See it through.**

## 1. What is the Centennial Program?

Our 2020 Strategic Plan identifies investing in high-value, once-in-a-generation visions and projects that will create lasting impacts on the state and future generations. Through this effort we encourage collaborations and partnerships, recognizing that projects of significant scale are most effectively addressed through local and regional stakeholder efforts. Overall, we will commit \$50M to accelerate local projects through planning and implementation, with the expectation that partners may request up to \$10M in support of their work.

## 2. What is Centennial Visioning?

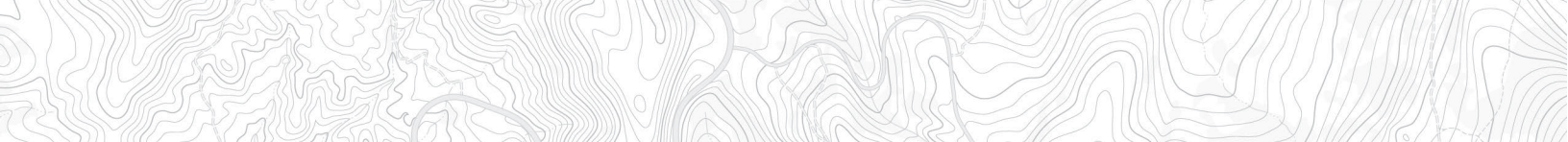
As part of the Centennial Program, we support the opportunity for communities to authentically bring people and partner organizations together to coalesce around shared visions for transformational initiatives. In addition to traditional planning efforts, our funding supports community engagement, resident-led initiatives, and opportunities that advance working with underserved and diverse populations to improve planning outcomes.

## 3. What is the Centennial Program timeline?

We are currently accepting proposals for visioning opportunities and urgent land acquisitions. For capital projects, please contact your regional officer and look for concept paper materials on the webpage starting January 2023. We will begin the concepting phase for capital improvement projects in May 2023 and anticipate multiple cycles.

## 4. Can you outline the process for submitting a grant application?

Centennial projects follow the same process outlined for our base programs. Regional officers are here to work with you through an iterative concepting process which can take several months or longer to bring forward a competitive concept paper. We will



accept draft concepts on a rolling basis starting in May 2023 and suggest connecting with your regional officer early on in your project so that they can solicit feedback from our team and provide you with guidance moving forward. Competitive proposals will be recommended to submit a full concept. Once staff reviews all concept papers, we select projects to move forward to application, where applicants provide additional information and indications of community support. A panel of outside experts and staff undertake a peer review of applications and make recommendations for award.

**5. When should I contact my regional officer about a project?**

We want to hear about your near-term projects right away and recommend arranging a meeting with your regional officer. We are also interested in learning about opportunities years away and recommend using our [request for information survey](#) to get those on our radar. Regional officers can provide feedback and guidance well in advance and throughout your project. We are also happy to conduct site visits to better understand your project and community.

**6. What do I need to know about match requirements?**

GOCO does not have predefined match requirements. We expect that GOCO funding will be only a portion of the overall project budget and will be matched by diverse resources that reflect a strong commitment to the outcomes of the project. You should explore opportunities for strategic project partnerships, which can include both cash and in-kind resources.

**7. If awarded funding, how much time do we have to complete our project?**

We have flexibility regarding your project timeline and understand that the scale of Centennial projects will often require a multi-year approach.

**8. Where can I find more information?**

Check out the program [webpage](#). There you can find contact information to connect with a regional officer, a webinar about the program, and complete the [request for information survey](#) to alert GOCO staff of Centennial opportunities in your community.

**9. Will GOCO continue the Centennial Program in the future?**

The current Centennial Program is part of our 2020-2025 spending plan. Based on the outcomes and needs identified by our partners we will evaluate the program and identify the best way to continue to accelerate transformational, once-in-a-generation opportunities across the state.