

FAQS

If I submit an idea, what am I or my agency committing to? One conversation with the Colorado Lab to learn more about your goals. That's it!

Will Colorado Lab Staff Conduct These Studies? In most cases the research team will be members of the Colorado Applied Research and Action Network. The Colorado Lab will serve as a connector and stay involved through the life of the project to ensure mutualism and effective communication.

What is the Colorado Applied Research and Action Network? Researchers-- primarily at Colorado institutions of higher education-- that the Lab has identified because of their strong commitment to mutualism and generating actionable research. The Colorado Lab's role is as a connector between state agencies and research teams. The Colorado Lab's role is also to facilitate the development of a communications plan to guide the process and final outputs of the research project.

If "selected," will the Colorado Lab fully fund my researching idea? The Colorado Lab seeks to elevate projects that would not happen "but for" the Lab. Colorado Lab in kind and financial resources will be applied to fill in the gaps or in some cases fully fund research projects.

Some level of in-kind and/or financial match is expected from state agencies. This can come in many forms and will be guided by the goal of "mutualism" where each partner brings resources to a project that benefit the whole.

Are there types of research ideas the Colorado Lab can't or won't fund? The Colorado Lab cannot fund direct services, policy or program implementation. The Lab will not fund, through this mechanism, projects that are relevant to only one agency. Projects must be "cross system."

What if my great idea is not selected? The Colorado Lab staff will do our best to offer resources, referrals, or consultation on how you and your agency might take the next steps.

All great ideas can be submitted [HERE](#).

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