

RESOURCES BULLETIN

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2019 REGIONAL ECONOMIC SUMMIT

Save the Date! Thursday, May 2, 2019 at the Silverthorne Pavilion

Keynote Speaker: **Betsy Markey, Executive Director, Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade**

Opening Presentation: **Elizabeth Garner, State Demographer** - demographic and economic trends for the NWCCOG Region

...and much, much more! Agenda and registration information coming soon!

This event is sponsored by:



Funding & Technical Assistance

Apply to host a Colorado Downtown Streets Workshop

Community Builders is teaming up with the Colorado Department of Transportation, Department of Public Health and Environment, and the Department of Local Affairs to offer FREE and INTERACTIVE workshops to downtowns seeking to strike a balance among these varying demands.

Attendance is free, but a limited number of workshops are available. Communities must apply to be a host and receive additional support from the training team. **Applications are due March 1, 2019** and workshops will be held in April and May. Host communities are eligible to receive (1) a free technical assistance session to problem solve a key issue in their community (to follow the workshop), and (2) funds to help cover the cost of hosting. [Click for more information & to apply now!](#)

Peace Officer Mental Health Support Grants

Support grant program is available for local law enforcement agencies to engage mental health professionals who can provide on-scene response services to support peace officers' handling of persons with mental health disorders, and counseling services to peace officers. Applications will be reviewed in the order of receipt with a date and time stamp on each application. Deadline: April 30. For more information on the program, [Click Here](#).

USDA Rural Business Development Grants

Deadline: March 29. The technical assistance grants in Colorado average around \$25,000, and a revolving loan fund request is \$50,000. This program is a competitive grant designed to support targeted technical assistance, training, and other activities leading to the development or expansion of small and emerging private businesses in rural areas that will employ 50 or fewer new employees and have less than \$1 million in gross revenue. For more information, visit [USDA website here](#) or contact P.J. Howe, business program specialist, at 970-329-3151 or p.j.howe@co.usda.gov.

U.S. Conference of Mayors: CommunityWINS Grant Program

The CommunityWINS (Working/Investing in Neighborhood Stabilization) Grant Program, administered by the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) and funded by Wells Fargo, supports local nonprofits in promoting long-term economic prosperity and quality of life for their community.

Recognizing Neighborhood Stabilization, Economic Development, and Job Creation. All programs must be initiated with the full support of the mayor to be eligible, including those developed and implemented in collaboration with the private sector, community groups, and other partners. The application deadline is March 22, 2019. Visit the [USCM website](#) to learn more about the program.

Grants Promote Innovative Pre-K-12 Projects

Ezra Jack Keats Foundation: Mini-Grant Program

The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation offers mini-grants to public schools, public libraries, and public preschool and Head Start programs in the United States and its territories. The Foundation accepts proposals for creative, innovative projects that give teachers and librarians a unified, flexible way to meet Common Core goals as well as offer students a fun experience, a sense of achievement, and a source of pride. The application deadline is **March 31, 2019**. Visit the [Foundations website](#) to learn more about the application process.

Colorado Companies Invited to Apply for Grant Funding to attend Hannover Messe Trade Show in Hanover, Germany

Colorado companies interested in exporting industrial technologies such as energy efficiency, lightweight construction, and additive manufacturing technologies are encouraged to apply for the State Trade Expansion Program (STEP) for the opportunity to attend the Hannover Messe Trade Show, April 1 - 5, 2019. The Global Business Development division of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) will sponsor a Colorado booth at Hannover Messe that will showcase up to eight companies to promote Colorado's advanced manufacturing and energy industries. OEDIT's support will allow companies to connect with foreign buyers and increase their presence in the European market, resulting in export sales and job creation and retention in Colorado. Awarded companies will receive a travel stipend of up to \$3,500 and exhibit space in the Colorado booth. [The application is available online here](#). **Applications are due February 25, 2019**. This is a competitive grant process with limited opportunities for funding.

USDA Community Facilities Grant Program

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings. The Colorado Rural Development Office has changed the submission deadline for Community Facility Grant applications in Fiscal Year 2019 to February 28, 2019. All grant applications must be received in either the State or Local Field Offices by COB, February 28, 2019 to be considered for Colorado Rural Development State funding. Applications received after this deadline will compete for National Office funding. [More info here](#).

Community Assistance offered by Community Builders

Every year, Community Builders offers a limited number of assistance opportunities to communities in Colorado. This is an opportunity for local leaders to acquire necessary tools and information to build prosperous, livable communities. Assistance projects address a range of community and economic development issues intended to help build local livability. These include transportation and mobility, housing choices, land use and redevelopment, and local economic development. Applicants are encouraged to contact Jillian Sutherland to discuss the proposed project and application process prior to submitting. **Contact Jillian at (970) 928-3411 or jillian@communitybuilders.org . Deadline: March 1, 2019. [Apply here](#).**

The Laura Jane Musser Fund Environmental Initiative Program

Deadline: March 19, 2019. [Full details here](#). The purpose of the Environmental Initiative Program component is to support the initiation or implementation of projects that enhance the ecological integrity of publicly owned open spaces, while encouraging compatible human activities. The ultimate goal of this component is to promote public use of open space that improves a community's quality of life and public health, while also ensuring the protection of healthy, viable, and sustainable ecosystems by protecting or restoring habitat for a diversity of plant and animal species. Funding will be provided for either planning projects or implementation projects.

The Laura Jane Musser Fund Rural Arts General Operating Support Program

Deadline: March 12, 2019. [Full details here](#). The purpose of the Rural Arts General Operating Support Program component is to assist nonprofit organizations in rural communities to develop, implement, or sustain exceptional artistic opportunities for adults and children in the areas of literary, visual,

music, and performing arts. The goal of this program is to excite and encourage a wider population to appreciate, learn, and participate in the arts.

Mountain Careers The Official Mountain Town Job Board



Mountain Careers is the official mountain town job board with a reputation for being a well-established professional network and resource for companies and jobseekers alike. With a focus on professional, year-round careers they currently have many openings in government - [check them out here!](#) Sign-up for their weekly newsletter and for direct access to their job board at www.mountaincareers.com.

Training, Workshops, & Events

Learn to Code Workshops: Feb. 25 + 26 at Elevate Breckenridge

During this workshop, we will teach you the basics of JavaScript and answer questions about what it's like to be a software engineer. This is a hands-on programming workshop where we will take you through coding exercises and a mini project from start to finish. Come elevate your JavaScript skills and go from the bunny slopes to the blues! Visit [Elevate CoSpace](#) for more information.

Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute's Annual Conference: Western Places/ Western Spaces: Designing for the Future

March 7-8 at the University of Denver

The theme is disruption and how to plan for an uncertain future full of unknown changes to business practices, new technologies, and disasters. This year's program will look at disruptive influences in housing, transportation, natural resources management, and urban planning, as well as how communities across the West are meeting this challenge. To learn more and register, visit www.law.du.edu/rmlui.

Water in the West Symposium

March 13-14 in Gaylord Resort & Conference Center, Aurora, CO

Join leaders from diverse disciplines to dive deep into water issues affecting the region and to explore innovative solutions to water challenges. Hear from nationally renowned speakers and learn about the efforts of various sectors in leveraging research, innovation, education, and creative policies to address the most pressing global water issues. For more information, visit nwc.colostate.edu.

Angel Capital Summit 2019 | March 26-27

The Angel Capital Summit is the largest Angel Investing event in Colorado and has connected early-stage investors with high-growth entrepreneurs for over 11 years. Over two days, we bring together investors, pitching companies and thought leaders. Angel Capital Summit is focused on early stage companies who are best suited for seed round investments. We have resources for new and experienced angels alike. If you are interested in either side of the private equity table, you should be involved in this event. The [application and early-bird registration windows are currently open](#). We would love to see you there! Offered by the Rockies Venture Club.

21st Century Energy Transition Symposium

April 1-2 at the Grand Hyatt in Denver, CO

Hosted by Colorado Energy Research Collaboratory and its partners University of Colorado, Colorado School of Mines, Colorado State University, and National Renewable Laboratory. This event will be of interest to those in all sources of the energy industry; environmental researchers and scientists; venture capitalists and philanthropic organizations; energy-related organizations; entrepreneurs; federal, state, and local governments; regulators; utilities; and students and faculty. Visit cercsymposium.org/symposium-2019 for more information.

CML 2019 Legislative Update (Webinar)

Monday, April 8, Noon-1 p.m. Presented by the CML advocacy team. Stay current on the CML advocacy team's efforts to represent and protect your interests at the statehouse. During this one-hour webinar, the team will share the latest news on issues that are important to you and provide you with the opportunity to ask questions on issues affecting municipalities. [Register here.](#)

Downtown Colorado Inc. Annual Conference: "In the Game"

April 9 - 12, 2019 in Aspen

Join DCI and downtown champions from around the region as we focus on harnessing national, state, and local resources to expand our toolkit and understanding of creating vibrant downtowns. Early Bird Registration available until Monday, January 28, 2019. [Register here.](#)

The Advance Colorado Procurement Expo

May 16, 2019 in Denver - [full details here](#)

Every year, businesses are invited to participate in this day-long event, which focuses on state and local government procurement. Small businesses (sellers) exhibit throughout the day to showcase their goods and services to local and state government agencies (buyers). Exhibitors are able to meet with procurement professionals from those agencies to learn how to best sell their goods and services to them. In addition to the expo hall, training sessions are held in the afternoon on the topics of government procurement. There is also a keynote speaker during lunch, as well as engaging one-on-one sessions between buyers and sellers.

Save the Date! 2019 NWCCOG Regional Economic Summit

Thursday, May 2, 2019

The second annual summit will once again be held at the Silverthorne Pavilion on Thursday, May 2, 2019 Save the Date!!

Save the Date! 2019 Colorado Creative Industries Summit

May 16-17 in Salida, Colorado

For more info please visit <https://coloradocreativeindustries.org/summit/>

Colorado Municipal League 97th Annual Conference

June 18-21 in Breckenridge, Colorado

For more info please visit www.cml.org

Resources

Free Course: Social Media Marketing

Are you using social media to help increase the sales of your product or service? Take SBA's free self-paced training course to learn how to utilize social media marketing to grow your business.

[Launch the course.](#)

High-Speed Broadband E-Connectivity Resource Guide offered by USDA

The [e-Connectivity Toolkit](#) features 27 USDA programs that support broadband deployment. The easy-to-use resource is a simple guide that allows customers to identify their type of e-Connectivity project and locate resources the federal government offers for planning, equipment, construction, research, and other e-Connectivity projects.
