

RESOURCES BULLETIN

Late April 2019

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Funding & Technical Assistance

Rural Technical Assistance Program

Offered by the Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade (OEDIT). The [Rural Technical Assistance Program](#) (RTAP) is a series of technical assistance initiatives offered by the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) to enhance rural economic development strategies across the state. The program leverages state partnerships and specialized resources to foster community-driven economic diversification in interested regions throughout Colorado. Initiatives available: Creativity Lab of Colorado; Coworking 101; CRAFT Studio 201; Certified Small Business Community; Community Placemaking; Grow Your Outdoor Recreation Industry Initiative; Film Festival Infinite. Deadline: June 30. More info contact: Danielle Lendriet Regional Coordinator and Analyst, danielle.lendriet@state.co.us.

Main Street Redevelopment through Outdoor Recreation Initiatives

Recreation Economy for Rural Communities is a new planning assistance program from the U.S. Forest Service, the Northern Border Regional Commission, and EPA to help communities develop strategies and an action plan to revitalize their Main Streets through outdoor recreation. Outdoor activities are increasingly popular across the United States. Communities can take advantage of this trend to revitalize Main Streets. By conserving forests and other natural lands and making them available for outdoor recreation, small towns can boost air quality and water quality and focus development downtown. Deadline: May 31, 2019. Click [here](#) to learn more and to apply.

Serve Colorado AmeriCorps State Planning Grant

Funding in support of community partnerships that will engage AmeriCorps members to meet state and local challenges through service and volunteer action. Deadline: May 17. For more information, visit the [Serve Colorado website](#) and click the 2019-2020 Planning Grant Request for Applications link under Funding Opportunities.

Rural Cooperative Development Grant Program

Offered by USDA Rural Development. [More info here](#). The program helps improve economic conditions in rural areas by helping individuals and businesses start, expand or improve rural cooperatives and other mutually-owned businesses. Nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher education are eligible to apply. Grants may be used to develop and operate a rural cooperative development center that could provide the following technical assistance and other services to rural businesses: Conducting feasibility studies; Developing business plans; and providing leadership and operational improvement training. Deadline: June 3.

Funding for Safe and Crime-free Communities

Department of Justice - The [Community Policing Development Program](#) supports projects that develop knowledge and increase awareness of effective community policing strategies, increase the skills and abilities of law enforcement and community partners, and increase the number of law enforcement agencies using proven community policing practices. The application deadline is May 28, 2019.

Rockies Venture Club HyperAccelerator Program

July 15th-27th | Application Window Closes June 1st! [More info here](#)
The HyperAccelerator is a unique program designed for companies who are seeking to become venture/angel capital ready. The program is mentor-driven and is based on a powerful combination of content and hands-on development of the key strategic elements that venture capital and angel investors are looking for. The HyperAccelerator strengthens companies by helping them to answer the hard questions that will come up in Due Diligence so that the company is able to clearly articulate its vision, value proposition and strategies. The program ends with a Demo Day for investors to have an opportunity to invest in the most promising companies. This version of the HyperAccelerator will

focus around impact companies. Those companies that fall within the intersection of social, environmental, and economic development all welcome to apply.

Household Water Well Systems Grant Program for Non-Profits

[More info here.](#) Provides grant funds to nonprofit organizations to initiate a relending program to private well owners who need financial assistance in repairing or replacing their existing wells. The program provides an important function in improving the lives of rural communities. Deadline: May 27, 2019.

USDA Funding to Spur Economic Development in Rural Communities

Deadline: June 5 - [more info here](#)

USDA Rural Development is accepting applications for grants to support economic development in rural communities. The grants are being made available through USDA's Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) Program in order to strengthen the rural economy. Qualified intermediary organizations receiving RCDI grants will provide technical assistance and training to help nonprofit organizations and communities develop their capacity to undertake housing, community facility, or economic development projects. USDA also encourages applications that will support efforts to combat substance use disorders, including opioid misuse, in high-risk rural communities by strengthening their capacity to address prevention, treatment, and/or recovery needs.

Advanced Industries (AI) Export Accelerator Grant Program

Deadline: Rolling

Funding Available to offset international business development and marketing costs

These grants are for current and aspiring Colorado exporters in the Advanced Industries who are looking to offset international business development and marketing costs. Grants are available for up to \$15,000 for eligible costs for small and medium-sized AI businesses in aerospace, infrastructure engineering, advanced manufacturing, energy and natural resources, bioscience, electronics, and technology and information. Grants can be used to help cover the costs of trade missions and trade shows, translation services for a contract or official document, intellectual property protection, conducting due diligence or credit reviews on potential buyers or distributors, and production and design of international marketing materials. Grant applications are accepted on a rolling basis until funds are exhausted. First year grant applicants will be given preference during the application review process. Projects and/or activities must be finished by June 1, 2019. [More info here.](#)



2019 REGIONAL ECONOMIC SUMMIT

Registration Open!
NWCCOG Regional Economic Summit
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!

Registration and agenda can be found [HERE](#).

This event is sponsored by:



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Department of Local Affairs

Training, Workshops, & Events

The Climate Connection: How a lack of housing affordability is driving climate change

Free Webinar! Friday, April 26th - 11am-12pm MST - [Register here](#)

With a nod to Earth Day, this webinar takes a look at the connections between the environment and how we grow, focusing on the relationship between housing affordability and climate change. Community Builders' Executive Director, Clark Anderson, will provide a primer on why the lack of affordable housing is increasing greenhouse gas emissions and solutions to address the problem. This webinar will offer a useful frame for discussing these issues in your community.

Northwest Colorado Small Business Development Workshops

Join SBDC in the Vail Valley for these workshops - more info and register at www.northwestsbdc.org:

Startup Essentials - June 6

Writing a Business Plan - July 11

Finance Essentials for Small Business - August 8

Startup to Scale Up - September 13-14

Western Slope Redevelopment & Reinvestment Symposium

May 29-31 in Durango - [more info and register here](#)

The City of Durango, the City of Montrose, APA Colorado, and Downtown Colorado, Inc. (DCI) are partnering to create a forum for informal connections, case studies and interactive dialogue with the goal of facilitating idea-sharing and nurturing innovation for redevelopment and reinvestment on the Western Slope. This is an opportunity to engage with regional leaders from the public and private sector to identify opportunities, understand components of high-quality projects, and find solutions to financial challenges to enable successful, well-designed redevelopment and reinvestment in your community.

Western Slope Rural Philanthropy Days 2019

Eagle, Pitkin, Garfield, Mesa and Delta Counties

June 12 -14 | Hotchkiss & Paonia |

[Click here for more info and to register.](#) Rural Philanthropy Days (RPD) is a three-day conference that convenes nonprofits, funders and local governments to share ideas and develop collaborative opportunities in order to build the capacity of local organizations and communities to address regional social issues. If you live, work, or are looking to fund in the Western Slope then RPD is for you.

Women in Entrepreneurship: Growth Hacking

May 2-3 in Vail - more info and register [here](#).

The Northwest Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and the University of Colorado Leeds School of Business have teamed up to offer "WOMEN IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP: GROWTH HACKING" man interactive branding workshop for women business owners, decision makers, and entrepreneurs operating from mountain markets. The course will focus on how business owners can strengthen their message to target customers through brand clarification and growth hacking techniques.

Register with scholarship code "NWSBDC" to unlock 15% discount. Please register here. For event questions or scholarship opportunities, contact lyndsey@northwestsbdc.org.

Colorado Economic Forum offered by the Federal Reserve Bank

May 15 at Colorado Mountain College in Steamboat Springs - [Register Here](#).

An Economic Forum consists of presentations by Federal Reserve policy advisers about key regional economic issues and national trends, as well as an update on monetary policy objectives and concerns. The Forum also provide area leaders an opportunity to share their views with the Federal Reserve Bank. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Register online now: Please contact Laurie Groth at laurie.groth@kc.frb.org with any questions.

Solutions for the Opioid Crisis: Free Webinar

May 2 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Mtn time - [Register here](#).

Offered by the Orton Family Foundation. On average, 130 Americans die every day from an opioid overdose. And rural America is harder hit by the epidemic, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. So what's being done right now to reverse this devastating trend? We talk to three leaders with different vantage points who share the same goal-stop this epidemic.

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

Campsight Breck

Sept. 22-24

An innovation and marketing unconference for outdoor industry brands, adventurous visionaries and bold storytellers. [More info here!](#)