

# RESOURCES BULLETIN

Mid Summer 2019

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## Funding & Technical Assistance

### **HOPE VI: Affordable Housing on Main St. USA Grant Program**

The HOPE VI Main Street Program provides grants to small communities to assist in the renovation of historic or traditional central business districts, or "Main Street" areas, by replacing unused, obsolete commercial space in buildings with affordable housing units. Deadline: July 30. More info [here](#).

### **Partners for Places Matching Grant Program**

Funders Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities: Partners for Places matching grant program creates opportunities for cities and counties to improve communities by building partnerships between local government sustainability offices and place-based foundations to support national funders to invest in local projects to promote a strong economy. Application Deadline: July 30, 2019. More info [here](#).

### **Community Mobility Design Challenge 2019 Planning Grants**

The National Center for Mobility Management's (NCMM) Community Mobility Design Challenge 2019 Planning Grants, with funding from the Federal Transit Administration, will support communities seeking innovative ways to address the particular mobility challenges experienced by low-income community members for whom a lack of transportation is an obstacle to the pursuit of economic, health, and social well-being. Planning grants of up to \$25,000 will be awarded to six communities. The deadline to apply for this grant is August 1, 2019. More information is available [here](#).

### **Rural Responses to the Opioid Epidemic Grant Opportunity**

This grant program leverages the combined resources of the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the State Justice Institute (SJI), and other partners. The goal of this funding opportunity is to reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with opioid overdoses among individuals who come into contact with law enforcement or are involved in the criminal justice system in high-risk rural communities and regions. Up to eight rural communities or regions will be selected for an award of up to \$750,000 each for a 24-month time period. Grant funds may be used to support activities including: strategic planning; strengthening epidemiologic surveillance and public health data infrastructure; increasing the use of evidence-based/culturally appropriate prescribing interventions; developing and implementing community-level opioid overdose prevention activities; and expanding peer recovery and support services. More information on this grant program can be found [here](#). The deadline to apply is 5:00 pm ET on July 26, 2019.

### **USDA Rural Development Value Added Producer Grant**

Program's FY 2019 Funding Opportunity is coming soon! NOFA will be coming out sometime near the end of July and will have over \$30,000,000 in grant funds available nationwide. The VAPG is designed

to help with planning and working capital grants funds in a 50/50 applicant match for agricultural producers as they look to market and sell their value added products from the raw commodities they currently produce. It is never too early to start working on a VAPG application. Contact: P.J. Howe|Business Program Specialist | Rural Development 970-3151 | [p.j.howe@usda.gov](mailto:p.j.howe@usda.gov) | [www.rd.usda.gov/co](http://www.rd.usda.gov/co).

### **Bonding Program for Workers Recovering from Opioid Abuse**

U.S. Dept. of Labor. funds available to increase the usage of fidelity bonds, through the Federal Bonding Program (FBP), to secure employment opportunities for workers recovering from the misuse of opioids. The Department is committed to helping those recovering from opioid use find family-sustaining jobs, informing employers about opportunities to provide second chances, and advancing strategies to address barriers to employment that may exist. [More info here.](#)

### **Endangered Places Nominations**

Colorado Preservation, Inc.'s program works with communities throughout the state to preserve endangered historic places. Nominations can be submitted by individuals or organizations and should clearly indicate the nature of the threat to the building or historic resource, such as abandonment or neglect, development pressures, weatherization and natural damage, or other factors. Nominations close August 16th. [Nominate Today!](#)

### **Grants Promote Contemporary Visual Arts**

[The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts.](#) Funding for the advancement of the visual arts. The Foundation fosters innovative artistic expression and the creative process through its support of cultural organizations that, in turn, support artists and their work. Grants are provided for curatorial programs at museums, artists' organizations, and other cultural institutions to originate innovative and scholarly presentations of contemporary visual arts. Projects may include exhibitions, catalogues, artists' residencies, and other relevant activities. The next postmark deadline for proposals is September 1, 2019. Visit the [Foundation's website](#) to review the grant guidelines.

### **Small Business Administration - Disaster Loan Assistance**

[More info here.](#) Small nonfarm businesses in 31 Colorado counties and neighboring counties in New Mexico are now eligible to apply for low-interest federal disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration. These loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by drought in counties that began Nov. 1, 2018. Primary Colorado counties: Chaffee, Crowley, Custer, El Paso, Elbert, Fremont, Huerfano, Lake, Las Animas, Lincoln, Otero, Park and Pueblo; Neighboring Colorado counties: Alamosa, Arapahoe, Baca, Bent, Cheyenne, Clear Creek, Costilla, Douglas, **Eagle**, Gunnison, Jefferson, Kiowa, Kit Carson, **Pitkin**, Saguache, **Summit**, Teller and Washington.

### **Groundwork USA Community Improvement**

The mission of the Groundwork USA network is to bring about the sustained regeneration, improvement, and management of the physical environment by developing community-based partnerships that empower people, businesses, and organizations to promote environmental, economic, and social well-being. Letters of Interest must be received by July 31, 2019. The selected community will be eligible for up to \$200,000 in funding and technical assistance from the National Park Service, US Environmental Protection Agency, and Groundwork USA to plan, establish, and build the capacity of a Groundwork Trust organization in their community. For more info. visit [www.groundworkusa.org](http://www.groundworkusa.org).

### **Our Town Creative Placemaking Grant Program**

[Our Town](#) is the National Endowment for the Arts' creative placemaking grants program. These grants support projects that integrate arts, culture, and design activities into efforts that strengthen communities by advancing local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes. Successful Our Town projects ultimately lay the groundwork for systemic changes that sustain the integration of arts, culture, and design into local strategies for strengthening communities. These projects require a partnership between a nonprofit organization and a local government entity, with one of the partners being a cultural organization. Matching grants range from \$25,000 to \$200,000, with a minimum cost share/match equal to the grant amount. Deadline: August 8.

### **ATV Safety and Trail Access Funding**

The T.R.A.I.L.S. Grant Program, an initiative of Polaris Industries, provides support to national, state, and local organizations in the United States to ensure the future of ATV riding. Deadline: September 1.

[More info here.](#)

### **The U.S. Department of Transportation Funds for Mobility Innovation**

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has announced that \$15 million in research funds is available to transit providers, state agencies, and federally recognized tribes through the Integrated Mobility Innovation Demonstration program. Applications are due August 6, 2019. For more information, [view the funding announcement posted here.](#)

### **Support for Downtown Housing Projects through HUD**

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## **Training, Workshops, & Events**

### **Webinar on Water Loss and Asset Management for Small Water Systems**

July 23 at 12:00 p.m. MT

Utility mapping can assist your water system with asset management and water loss reduction if you know how to utilize it correctly. Join the Smart Management for Small Water Systems project this webinar that will answer all your questions about mapping for water loss and asset management. Examples of topics include: different maps, mapping, and data collection technologies; types of attributes that can be collected; and the analysis that can be done within the context of an asset management and water loss reduction framework. [Register and learn more here](#) .

### **Colorado's Mutual Prosperity (COMP) Program Informational Webinar**

July 25 from 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Offered by the Economic Development Council of Colorado (EDCC). This webinar covers the recently announced Colorado's Mutual Prosperity (COMP) Program, a program designed to encourage collaboration between key economic development stakeholders in Colorado's urban and rural communities by expanding the benefits of large, urban job creation projects.

Learn how the program will be implemented and how it will use existing economic development tools to incentivize employers to hire on-site employees in urban communities as well as remote employees in rural communities. This program also includes an incentive for companies who allow employees to work in a rural location at least three days a week. A Strategic Fund cash incentive in addition to applying for Job Growth Incentive Tax Credits (JGITC) is now available. [More info here.](#)

### **Global Business Development Opportunities Lunch-n-Learn: Growing in Germany & Doing Business in Dubai**

July 31, 11:30am-1:00pm - FREE event - [RSVP HERE](#)

OCO Global, in collaboration with the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) and Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation, are hosting a lunch and learn discussion on opportunities for Colorado companies to expand into Europe and the Middle East. On behalf of OEDIT, OCO Global provide international

expansion services to Colorado companies as they look to export to Europe and the Middle East. Join Gareth Hagan, OCO's Commercial Director as he presents opportunities for you to succeed across these diverse markets. This event is free and open to the public.

### **Northwest Colorado Small Business Development Center Workshops**

Join SBDC in the Vail Valley for these workshops - more info and register at

[www.northwestsbdc.org](http://www.northwestsbdc.org):

Finance Essentials for Small Business - August 8

Startup to Scale Up - September 13-14

### **ROAR Women's Leadership Conference**

August 4 in Breckenridge

ROAR will focus on developing emotional intelligence through keynote address from a local life coach and exercises designed to improve leadership abilities. Register at

[www.thedailyroar.org](http://www.thedailyroar.org).

### **AARP Livable Communities Conference**

August 21 at Beaver Run Resort in Breckenridge - FREE!

Nearly one out of every five Coloradans will be 65 years or older by 2030, a demographic shift that holds both challenges and opportunities for Colorado communities.

AARP Colorado is organizing a one day conference that will bring together national, state and local policy experts with government and community leaders to explore the potential creation and development of age- friendly communities for people of all ages. The conference will feature presentations on best practices by local communities and opportunities for future networking. Attendance is free, a light breakfast and lunch will be provided. To RSVP or for additional information please respond to the AARP Colorado State Office at:

[rrey@aarp.org](mailto:rrey@aarp.org)

### **The 2019 CML Annual Seminar on Municipal Law**

Sept. 27-28 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Greeley at Lincoln Park.

This seminar provides expert Colorado-specific information relevant to the daily practice of municipal attorneys in the state, as well as opportunities to network with peers. CML has contracted special lodging rates, and online reservations and registration are now open. For more details, visit [bit.ly/2XlvUXG](http://bit.ly/2XlvUXG).

### **Small Town, Big ideas: Downtown Institute for Business**

Sept. 10 in Manitou Springs - [More info and register here](#)

Across the country and the world communities are realizing to the power of the creative economy and experiential business. Manitou Springs has been supporting creative entrepreneurs before it was trendy, and in partnership with Downtown Colorado, Inc. (DCI) and APA Colorado will share the tools, resources, and networks essential to building the systems to feed the business ecosystem. Join us for this innovative day in collaboration with the Manitou Arts Center and Start Up Colorado Springs!

### **American Planning Association Colorado Conference:**

#### **Elevated Planning: Balancing Place and Change!**

Sept. 18-20 in Snowmass Village, CO - [more info and register here](#)

Check out the preliminary program and register online at <http://www.apacolorado.org/2019-conference>.

### **Grand County Economic Summit**

September 12 at the Headwaters Center in Winter Park

Come join for the afternoon to hear about: Colorado Demographer - State and Grand County projections; Northwest Regional Workforce Center - cost of living and employee wages; WorkInGrand.com updates and work station. Agenda coming soon!

### **Housing Colorado Now Annual Conference**

**Oct. 8 - 11 - Keystone, CO**

In 2019, the [Housing Colorado Now Annual Conference](#) will celebrate 31 years as Housing Colorado's signature event, which gathers affordable housing professionals for creative, inspiring, and thought-provoking education. We will continue to build from our past successes to shape Colorado's future—a future of more affordable options and excellent, safe housing for all. The time for solutions and collaboration is now! Come join us as we tackle the big issues together and find ways to develop and preserve our state's housing.

**Campsight Breck****Sept. 22-24**

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

**Sustainable Tourism Training Program**

October 28-29 in Vail, Colorado

Offered by Walking Mountains Sustainability and Actively Green.

Gain practical insights and effective steps to improve your sustainability practices Learn best practices and standards for sustainability in tourism and hospitality Earn a certificate in Sustainable Tourism. Register at: [walkingmountains.org/sttp](http://walkingmountains.org/sttp).

**Drive, Lead, Succeed Conference - Economic Development Council of Colorado****October 9 - 11 at Cheyenne Mountain Resort, Colorado Springs CO - [more info here](#)**

This annual conference aims to provide the knowledge, tools, and connections that are vital to foster a growing Colorado economy: Gather the industry's top influencers and thought leaders together to share knowledge and answer questions that no one else can; offer new and vital tools and solutions to pressing economic issues facing Colorado's professional economic development community; Facilitate quality collaboration and opportunity to exchange fresh, new ideas among Colorado's leading Economic Development professionals, business and non-profit leaders, government officials and more.

**2019 Community Building Colorado-Style Conference****Squeezed Out: Challenges of Dislocation, Diversity and Affordability in Fast-Growing Colorado Communities**

Oct. 25 at University of Colorado Boulder - [more info here.](#)

Join planners, city officials, community activists, scholars, and students in discussing the challenges of dislocation, affordability, and diversity in Colorado's fast-growing communities with a full day of workshops, roundtables, discussions, and keynotes.

**State Demography Summit****November 1st** at Arapahoe Community College

Save the date for the 37th Annual State Demography Summit. This one-day summit will present updates to SDO population estimates and forecasts, and provide up-to-date information for county and municipal planners, data analysts, economic development professionals, and others. This year's summit will offer continuing education credits for real estate appraisers, real estate brokers and members of the American Institute for City Planners (AICP). Registration will open September 2, 2019.