

# RESOURCES BULLETIN

September 2019

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## Funding & Technical Assistance

### EDA Planning and Local Technical Assistance Grants

Rolling deadline - [more info here](#).

EDA's programs fund and promote local and regional economic development capacity-building efforts that result in or are instrumental in establishing vibrant economies throughout the United States. Through these programs, EDA supports locally-driven strategies that build on regional assets to spur economic prosperity and resiliency. EDA encourages initiatives that present new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity. Contact [Rachel Lunney](#) for more information.

### HUD End Homelessness Grants

Deadline: September 30

Policy priorities include: Ending homelessness for all persons, Creating a systemic response to homelessness, Strategically allocating and using resources, Using an evidence-based approach, Increasing employment, Providing flexibility for housing first with service participation requirements. Approximately \$2,254,000,000 is available to make up to 8,000 awards ranging from \$2,500-\$1,500,000. Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, and instrumentalities of state and local governments. Public housing agencies are eligible without limitation or exclusion. [More info here](#).

### Census 2020 Outreach and Marketing Support Funding

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs, State Demography Office has developed the Colorado 2020 Census Support Program to support local governments in the promotion of Census 2020. This \$220,000 program will provide outreach and marketing support help local governments and communities promote Census 2020 by directly providing promotional support or services (banners, flyers, cups, pens, and other Census 2020 promotional materials). The goal of the program is to produce community-specific materials, so be creative and create messages and materials that will resonate with your neighbors. Request forms are required and applicants can be reimbursed for purchases, or the program can pay vendors directly. Click [HERE](#) for program guidelines, or contact Adam Bickford (adam.bickford@state.co.us) or Justine May (justine.may@state.co.us) for assistance.

### Google Colorado Impact Challenge for Community Economic Development

Deadline: Friday, September 20

The Centennial State has always had a spirit of entrepreneurship and exploration. To support this spirit, the Google.org Impact Challenge Colorado will award \$1,000,000 to local nonprofits with big ideas to create economic opportunity in Colorado.

Five nonprofit applicants will be selected by local judges to receive \$175,000 in grant funding

and the best of Google's training and tools. The public will then have a chance to vote for their favorite idea. The winner with the most public votes will receive an additional \$125,000. [More info and apply here.](#)

### **Wells Fargo Housing Affordability Breakthrough Challenge**

The Wells Fargo Foundation is committing \$20 million to elevate innovation and drive new ideas for the next generation of housing affordability solutions which address housing affordability across these areas: Construction, Financing, and Resident Services and Support. The competitive RFP process will be announced in the fall of 2019, followed by a pitch competition event to select six winners. [More info here.](#)

### **EPA Local Food, Local Places**

Deadline: September 30

EPA invites communities interested in revitalizing neighborhoods through development of local food systems to apply for [Local Foods, Local Places technical assistance](#). Local Foods, Local Places supports projects that: Create livable, walkable, economically vibrant main streets and mixed-use neighborhoods, Boost economic opportunities for local farmers and main street businesses; Improve access to healthy, local food, especially among disadvantaged populations.

Eligible applicants include local governments and nonprofit institutions and organizations proposing to work in a neighborhood, town, or city of any size anywhere in the United States. Communities with projects located in federally designated Opportunity Zones will receive special consideration. Highest consideration will be given to those communities who can identify how Local Foods, Local Places assistance will leverage the Opportunity Zone designation to support implementation of the resulting action plan.

### **Climax Molybdenum Funding Opportunities**

The Climax-Area [Community Investment Fund letter of interest](#) window is open through October 1. Women's Development Initiative Grants Program deadline is September 30. [Click here for more information.](#)

### **Grant Opportunities for the Arts**

[Colorado Creative Industries](#) is offering the following opportunities:

#### **Arts in Society - letter of intent due Sept. 16**

Arts in Society is a collaborative grant making program established by BonfilsStanton Foundation, Hemera Foundation, and Colorado Creative Industries in partnership with RedLine Contemporary Art Center. This program is designed to build capacity for social practice projects that implement artistic excellence to engage social issues.

#### **Colorado Creates 2020 - Due Sept. 23**

Colorado Creates grants are general operating support for organizations and communities to produce arts and cultural activities, impacting people in all regions of the state and enhancing the quality of life. Efforts are made to ensure distribution of funds throughout the state, with a specific goal of increasing investment in rural communities.

#### **Career Advancement Grants - Due Oct. 1**

The Career Advancement grant offers reimbursable, matching funds up to \$2,500 to support Colorado creative entrepreneurs and artists by stimulating their commercial creative business. The goal is that awardees will achieve tangible business benefits such as increased revenue, new audiences, or improved management practices.

### **State Farm Good Neighbor Grants**

Deadline: October 31

State Farm makes it their business to be like a good neighbor, helping to build safer, stronger and better educated communities across the United States. State Farm grants focus on 3 focus areas: safety (including disaster preparedness and recovery), education, and community development (Affordable Housing, Job training, Neighborhood Revitalization, Small business Development, Financial Literacy, First Time Homeownership). [More info here.](#)

### **National Leadership Grants for Libraries**

Deadline: September 27, 2019

Grants support projects that enhance the quality of library and archive services nationwide by advancing theory and practice. [More info here.](#)

### **Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program**

Deadline: September 27, 2019

The Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program (LB21) supports developing a diverse workforce of librarians to better meet the changing learning and information needs of the American public. [More info here.](#)

### **Museum Assessment Program (MAP)**

Deadline: December 01, 2019

The Museum Assessment Program (MAP) is designed to help museums assess their strengths and weaknesses, and plan for the future. [More info here.](#)

### **HUD Funding Opportunities**

Housing Choice Implementation Grant Program, deadline October 15, 2019

Resident Opportunity & Self-Sufficiency Program, November 4, 2019

These grant programs for Public Housing Authority's (PHA) and organizations that work with PHA

residents offering funding to help establish counseling programs that help consumers make wise housing choices, rehabilitate troubled HUD funded housing properties and create programs to support PHA residents efforts to improve their lives. [More info here.](#)

### **USDA Small Business Innovation Research Program**

Deadline: October 23

SBIR Phase I projects should prove the scientific or technical feasibility of the approach or concept. Projects dealing with agriculturally related manufacturing and alternative and renewable energy technologies are encouraged across all SBIR topic areas. USDA SBIR's flexible research areas ensure innovative projects consistent with USDA's vision of a healthy and productive nation in harmony with the land, air, and water. USDA SBIR Program has awarded over 2000 research and development projects since 1983, allowing hundreds of small businesses to explore their technological potential, and providing an incentive to profit from the commercialization of innovative ideas. Please visit [Small Business Innovation Research Program](#) (SBIR) for more information.

### **Advancing Informal STEM Efforts Grants**

[National Science Foundation.](#) The Advancing Informal STEM Learning program seeks to advance new approaches to and evidence-based understanding of the design and development of STEM learning opportunities for the public in informal environments; provide multiple pathways for broadening access to and engagement in STEM learning experiences; advance innovative research on and assessment of STEM learning; and engage the public of all ages in learning STEM. The application deadline is November 6, 2019.

### **Laura Jane Musser Fund Grant Programs**

- [Rural Initiative](#) - encourages collaborative and participatory efforts among residents in rural communities that will help to strengthen their towns and regions. The applicant community must have a population of 10,000 or fewer. Program planning grants up to \$5,000 and program implementation grants up to \$25,000 will be considered. Applications will be accepted online through the Fund's website from September 3 - October 3, 2019.
- [Intercultural Harmony Initiative](#) - supports projects that promote mutual understanding and cooperation between groups of community members of different cultural backgrounds. Project planning grants up to \$5,000 or implementation grants up to \$25,000 will be considered. Applications will be accepted online through the Fund's

website from September 16 - October 16, 2019.

- [Rural Arts Initiative](#) - Assisting nonprofit arts organizations to develop, implement or sustain exceptional artistic opportunities for adults and children. Deadline: 3/11/2020.
- [Environmental Initiative](#) - Building a community-based approach to solving environmental problems and encouraging environmental stewardship. 3/18/2020.



## Training, Workshops, & Events

### **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.

### **Colorado Governor's Tourism Conference**

September 26 - October 1 in Denver

The conference is an ideal environment for tourism experts and industry leaders to explore avenues to build upon past successes and discuss future directions. Participants may assess current activities and formulate new, innovative approaches to market the state and their individual locales and businesses. For more information and to register, visit [www.coloradotourismconference.com](http://www.coloradotourismconference.com).

### **Building Better Places Training**

Nov. 6 - 8 in Grand Junction

Effective local leadership is essential to successful communities. The Building Better Places training, Nov. 6-8, in Grand Junction, helps local leaders develop the skills they need to effectively plan for growth and change. Over two and a half days, community teams will cultivate leadership abilities and an understanding of planning, policy, development tools, community engagement, and strategies for implementation. Each team will leave the training with a shared understanding of market conditions, opportunities for quality growth, key barriers impacting projects in their community, and how to overcome them. Communities across the American West, including Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, and Utah are invited to apply to attend. Team applications are due Sept. 16. Visit [communitybuilders.org/how-we-help/programs/training](http://communitybuilders.org/how-we-help/programs/training).

### **CampSight Breck - Creating Good: How to Create Stories + Use Creative Marketing to "Nudge the Universe in a Positive Direction"**

Sept. 22 in Breckenridge - Early bird registration ends Sept. 2 - [Register here](#).

An innovation and marketing unconference for outdoor industry brands, adventurous visionaries and bold storytellers. CampSight is back with a completely new format this fall. It will be a one-day "Day Camp" -- on Sunday, Sept. 22 with the Breck Film Fest + Breck Create. [More info and register here.](#)

## **Deal Making with Urban Renewal: Western Slope Redevelopment & Reinvestment Symposium**

September 16 & 17 in Montrose, Colorado

Offered by Downtown Colorado, Inc. This workshop in the series will focus on strategies to make successful deals with urban renewal. Join us to continue the conversation and build on URA topics. We will focus on project proforma, closing the funding gap, successful negotiating, among other redevelopment topics. Agenda will be released soon. [Register here.](#)

## **Emerging Leaders in Food & Ag**

November 4-5 in Denver

Join the premier group of upcoming leaders who are building innovative solutions to the global challenges facing agriculture and transforming the food system. Emerging Leaders in Food & Ag is designed to build a stronger future for our food and agriculture sector by bringing young and emerging leaders from across the agriculture and food supply chain together for hands-on industry relevant training and leadership development. Accepting nominations: We need your help in identifying the best of the best in food and ag! These are the next generation of top-tier leaders who are paving the way for a healthy, productive food system through their innovation, thought-leadership, and work ethic. Nomination period will run from now through September 13, 2019. You may nominate your emerging leader(s) once per day. We're looking for a brief description of why they're a great leader in food or ag, their name, and a photo, if you have one. [Nominate here.](#) More info on the 2-day event [here.](#)

## **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.

## **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).

## **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 Arapaho 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.

## **Land Use Law Annual Conference**

December 5 & 6 in Denver

Now in its 25th year, Tom Ragonetti's Annual Conference on land use law takes place Dec. 5-6, in Denver. This conference gathers the top experts and land use professionals from across the state to discuss the most important topics in land use law. In just two days, this conference gives new and veteran practitioners the opportunity to discuss critical current issues presented from a wide range of perspectives. To register, visit [bit.ly/326YqAV](http://bit.ly/326YqAV).