



# Resources Bulletin October 2019

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## Training, Workshops, & Events

### **The Summit: Investing, Startups, and Real Estate in Mountain Towns**

Wed. October 16 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Silverthorne Performing Arts Center  
Come and learn about investing, entrepreneurship, and economic development in Summit County and on the West Slope of Colorado. The mission of this free event, offered by Four Points Funding, is to showcase resources available to investors and entrepreneurs and provide a "state of the union" on activity across our region. We want to activate those resources at a regional level for the good of the communities we cherish and to set the model for community connectivity and networking at a much broader scale. [Register here](#).

### **Count Me In Events in NWCCOG's Region this Week**

- [What's on your ballot, Basalt?](#) - Monday, October 14 12:00 - 1:00 pm at 208 Midland Ave, Basalt, CO 81621
- [Count Me In Eagle County](#) - Monday, October 14 5:00 -6:30 pm - The Bookworm of Edwards, 295 Main Street, Edwards, CO
- [Count Me In Grand County](#) - Thursday, October 17 5:00 -7:00 pm - Fraser Valley Library, Norgren Rd, Fraser, CO 80442

### **Free Energy Workshop for Business Owners**

Wednesday, October 16 from 12 - 1:30 PM at the Summit County Community and Senior Center. [More info here](#).

Do you own a commercial building in Summit County? High Country Conservation Center, Summit County Government, and Town of Breckenridge are hosting a free luncheon on energy efficiency and renewable energy projects for commercial buildings. Building owners and operators will learn about Colorado's Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) financing tool that allows commercial building owners to finance qualifying energy efficiency, water conservation, and clean energy improvements for existing or newly constructed properties.

### **Steamboat Springs Economic Summit: Start Local and Grow Local**

Friday, October 18

Colorado Mountain College Steamboat Springs Campus

[More info and register here](#). The Economic Summit returns for its 25th year with Start Local

& Grow Local. The event will provide practical, thought-provoking and timely content on the future of our regional economy and the impacts on all sectors of the economy.

### **State Demography Office Annual Meeting**

Friday, November 1 at Arapaho Community College

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). [Register here.](#)

### **Employment Law Update**

Friday, Nov. 8 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm at the Summit County Community Center

Join the Colorado Workforce Center, Northwest Colorado Council of Governments, and the Summit Chamber for this FREE educational event. Learn about important updates to employment law including changes to the state's equal pay provisions, criminal background checks, paid family leave, and more. [Register HERE.](#) More info: mark.hoblitzell@state.co.us or call 970.880.4.92.

### **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**

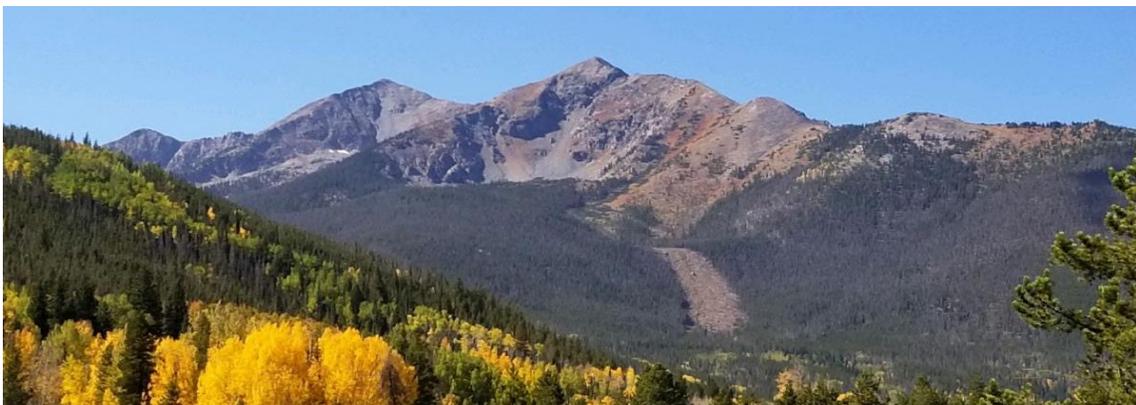
Oct. 25 at University of Colorado Boulder - [more info here.](#)

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.

### **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).



## **Funding & Technical Assistance**

### **Brownfields, Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup (ARC) Grants**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Deadline: December 3, 2019. Grants offered by the Brownfields Program may be used to address sites contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum) and petroleum. [More info here.](#)

### **Cisco Global Impact Cash Grants**

Cisco Global Impact Cash Grants support nonprofit organizations in the U.S. with scalable, replicable, and sustainable solutions that use Internet and network technology to benefit individuals and communities around the world. In the Education category, Cisco supports technology-based solutions and education delivery models that improve student performance and engagement in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). The Economic Empowerment category focuses on programs that encourage employment success, entrepreneurship, and long-term self-sufficiency by providing access to skills, knowledge, and financial products and services via technology-based solutions. Organizations can begin the application process at any time. [More information here.](#)

### **America Walks Community Change Grant Program**

Deadline: November 8. [More info here.](#)

America Walks and its partners have announced another round of the Community Change Grant program. This program will award grantees \$1,500 in community stipends for projects focused on creating healthy, active, and engaged places to live, work, and play. Projects will create healthy, active, and engaged communities that support walking as transportation, health, and recreation.

### **Rural Health Network Funds to Improve Rural Health**

The Rural Health Network Development Program seeks to improve access to and the quality of healthcare in rural areas through sustainable healthcare programs created as a result of network collaboration; prepare rural health networks for the transition to value-based payment and population health management; demonstrate improved health outcomes and community impact; promote the sustainability of rural health networks through the creation of diverse products and services. Deadline: November 25, 2019. [More information here.](#)

### **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 Distressed Cities Technical Assistance Program**

[More info here.](#) This technical assistance program is specifically designed to assist communities with populations under 40,000 that are struggling to recover from natural disaster and economic decline. DCTA may be used to build capacity around: financial management; economic revitalization; affordable housing development; disaster recovery and resiliency planning; cross-sector partnership building; and utilizing federal development programs.

### **The Colorado Trust - Sponsorships**

Rolling deadline - [more info here.](#) The purpose of this program is to support organizations seeking sponsorship for fundraising and other special events that support their work to advance health equity in Colorado. Supported projects must align with the funding agency's health equity vision for all Coloradans to have fair and equal opportunities to lead healthy, productive lives, regardless of social determinants of health, such as: Race,

ethnicity, and location; Early childhood development, schools, education, and literacy; Economy, jobs, employment, occupation, working conditions, income, and wealth; Housing, transportation, public safety, parks and recreation, and healthy food access; Social status, culture, social network, political clout, and justice; Environment, pollution, and hazards.

### **National Records and Archives Administration**

The Access to Historical Records: Major Initiatives program supports projects that will significantly improve public discovery and use of major historical records collections. The program is especially interested in collections of America's early legal records, such as the records of colonial, territorial, county, and early statehood and tribal proceedings that document the evolution of the nation's legal history. Preliminary proposals are due January 16, 2020. Invited proposals will be due July 9, 2020. [More information here.](#)

### **The Arc of the United States: MLK Day of Service Grants**

[More info here.](#) The purpose of this program is to support volunteer projects that will unite Americans in service for the Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Day of Service. Funding will support nonprofit organizations to recruit volunteers to provide food aid on the MLK Day of Service on January 20, 2020, as well as the MLK Day of Service weekend from January 17, 2020, to January 20, 2020.

### **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.](#)

### **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.

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### **Economic Development Council of Colorado's Fall Conference provides showcase of best practices and resources**



The [Economic Development Council of Colorado](#) (EDCC), a statewide organization dedicated to supporting a vibrant economy for all Coloradans, held its fall conference October 9 - 11 in Colorado Springs. The theme of the [Drive, Lead, Succeed conference](#) was "Be the Change...Before the Change...Changes You!" The conference provided 2 ½ days of educational sessions providing information on resources and best practices to equip communities with valuable tools to prepare for the ever changing environment.

Among these great speakers were leaders from our federal and state partners. Angela Martinez, Regional Director for the Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Denver Regional Office, shared information about the EDA's funding priorities and programs. These include EDA's Regional Innovation Strategies program, Research and National Technical Assistance program, and Planning and Local Technical Assistance program. More information on these funding programs can be found [here](#). The EDA provides annual funding to NWCCOG's Economic Development District.

Betsy Markey, Executive Director for the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) also presented on the many resources their office provides our communities. Some highlighted during Betsy's talk include the [Employee Ownership Program](#), [Rural Business Funding](#), [Procurement Technical Assistance Center](#), and [Minority Business Initiatives](#). For more information these and many more resources, visit OEDIT's website: [www.choosecolorado.com](http://www.choosecolorado.com).

Established in 1976, the [Economic Development Council of Colorado](#) (EDCC) promotes effective, responsible economic development practices across Colorado. EDCC connects communities, its members and partners to high-quality educational opportunities and trusted resources, and advocates for sound policies and programs that support a vibrant economy and enhance quality of life for all Coloradans. Rachel Lunney, Director of NWCCOG's Economic Development District serves as a representative to the EDCC Board of Directors for the northwest region (one of two). For more information on EDCC, click [here](#),