



Resources Bulletin

February 2020

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Funding & Technical Assistance

Rural Energy for America Grants

Deadline: March 31, 2020. USDA offers REAP funding to support agricultural producers and rural small businesses to reduce energy costs and consumption with by purchasing and installing renewable energy systems and making energy efficiency improvements in their operations. [More info here.](#)

Community Oriented Policing Services Grants - U.S. Dept. of Justice

Provides funding to law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire career law enforcement officers in an effort to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. Eligible Applicants: State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies. Funding Information: \$400,000,000 in total funds, 500 awards expected. Deadline: March 11th, 2020. [More info here.](#)

National Forest Resiliency Innovation Challenge Cost Share Grant Program

Deadline: 3/30/2020 [More info here.](#)

The purpose of this program is to establish sustainable urban and community forestry by encouraging communities of all sizes to manage and protect their natural resources to improve the public's health, well-being, and economic vitality, and create resilient ecosystems for present and future generations.

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security

Supports the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards by funding the purchase of equipment and relevant training. Eligible Applicants: Fire departments, non-affiliated EMS organizations, and state fire training academies. Funding Information: \$310,500,000 in total funds, 2500 awards expected. Deadline: March 13th, 2020. [More info here.](#)

Grants to Implement Zero Suicide in Health Systems

The purpose of this program is to implement suicide prevention and intervention programming for individuals who are 25 years of age or older. The program is designed to raise awareness of suicide, establish referral processes, and improve care and outcomes for individuals at risk of suicide. Award recipients must implement the Zero Suicide model throughout their health systems. Deadline is March 30. Amount is \$400,000 maximum per year. [Read more here.](#)

Rural Emergency Medical Services Training Grant (EMS Training)

Deadline: 3/30/2020. Amount: \$200,000 max/year. [More info here.](#)

The purpose of this program is to recruit and train emergency medical services (EMS) personnel in rural areas. The program will help meet the great need of emergency services in rural areas.

Charge Ahead Grants for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

The Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) and Colorado Energy Office (CEO) have opened the Charge Ahead Colorado application for electric vehicle (EV) and charging station funding. CEO has funding for charging stations for applicants outside of the Denver Metro Area.

All charging stations are required to be networked. Workplaces, multifamily buildings, and tourist destinations are strongly encouraged to apply. Deadline: Feb. 19. CEO contact: Addison Phillips, P: 303.866.2128. [More info here.](#)

NEA Challenge America Grants to support the Arts to Underserved Populations

Offers support to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations - those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. Eligible Applicants: Local governments, institutions of higher education and nonprofit organizations. Funding Information: Awards of \$10,000 offered. Deadline: April 9th, 2020. [More info here.](#)

Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program

Deadline: 3/30/2020. [More info here.](#)

The purpose of this program is to improve the condition of transit systems by financing capital projects to replace, rehabilitate, purchase, or lease buses and related equipment, as well as to rehabilitate, purchase, construct, or lease bus-related facilities. Projects may include costs incidental to the acquisition of buses or to the construction of facilities, such as the costs of related workforce development and training activities, as well as project administration expenses.

Conservation Easement Transaction Costs Grants

Great Outdoors Colorado is offering Conservation Easement Transaction Costs Grants for up to \$50,000 per property. This program helps facilitate donated conservation easement projects that would not otherwise be successful in the face of prohibitive transactions costs for the landowner. Applications are due March 5. Visit bit.ly/31z0ORS for more information.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation: Resilient Communities

The Resilient Communities program, an initiative of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation with support from Wells Fargo, aims to help communities prepare, strengthen, and bounce back more quickly after a disaster. Grants will range from \$100,000 to \$500,000, depending on the category. Nonprofit organizations, local and state government agencies, are eligible to apply. The pre-proposal deadline is February 18, 2020; invited full proposals must be submitted by April 28, 2020. [Visit the NFWF website](#) to review the request for proposals.

Water Plan Grant Program

In fiscal year 2019-2020, \$10 million will be available from the Water Plan Grant program. The funding categories include: development of additional storage, technical assistance, project, or program funding for agricultural projects; long-term strategies for conservation, land use, and drought planning; water education, outreach, and innovation efforts; environmental and recreational projects. Please visit bit.ly/2MHnYzs for more information about qualifying projects and examples of past approved applications in each category.

Advanced Industries Grants

Offered by Office of Economic Development & International Trade. Deadline: March 2.

The [Advanced Industries Accelerator Programs](#) were created in 2013 to promote growth and sustainability in Colorado's advanced industries by helping drive innovation, accelerating commercialization, encouraging public-private partnerships, increasing access to early stage

capital and creating a strong ecosystem that increases the state's global competitiveness. Colorado's advanced industries are: advanced manufacturing, aerospace, bioscience, electronics, energy and natural resources/cleantech, infrastructure engineering, and technology and information. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and due by 5 PM on March 2, 2020 . More info [here](#).

Access to Capital

The Angel Capital Summit: March 11 at the EXDO Event Center in Denver

The Angel Capital Summit is Colorado's largest angel investing event, now in its 13th year. With an audience of over 300 investors, entrepreneurs and community members, there are plenty of opportunities to network, connect, learn and invest. Featuring some of Colorado's best startups in a five-minute pitch format, as well as an investor forum to guide investment decisions, the conference brings fantastic opportunities for both investors and entrepreneurs. [Register here.](#)

Northwest Loan Fund

The Northwest Loan Fund (NLF) offers business loans that will bring value to the local economy in the 9 Northwest counties we serve: Eagle, Garfield, Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Pitkin, Rio Blanco, Routt, and Summit. We can guide you to the right combination of funding if you want to expand, acquire, or start a business; are looking for favorable rates; just have questions. Contact: Anita Cameron, Director of Business Lending, 970.455.1059, Anita@NorthwestLoanFund.org, or visit [NLF website](#).

Training, Workshops & Events

2020 Regional Economic Summit



COLORADO
Department of Local Affairs



EDCC
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF COLORADO

Thursday, May 7, 2020
8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Silverthorne Pavilion
400 Blue River Parkway, Silverthorne, Colorado
Registration opening Soon! Save the Date!

Twitter Chat: How to Start a Business

February 18 at 1 p.m. Mtn Time

To celebrate National Entrepreneurship Week, join the SBA for a Twitter chat Tuesday, February 18 at 1 pm on how to start a business - hosted by the U.S. Small Business Administration (@SBAgov). We'll be sharing tips and resources from experts to help you successfully start a business. Follow along using #SBachat!

Biz-Opoly Business Summit

February 21 in Glenwood Springs

The agenda will include breakout sessions and keynotes with small business owners in mind. Topics include buying and selling a business, HR, EOS, marketing, finance & more. Event specifics coming soon, and find more events posted [here](#).

Grand County's Community Conversations for Businesses & Citizens

February 24 at the Granby Library - [RSVP Here!](#)

Join us to learn and add your input about these important topics. Networking guaranteed. Free and open to the public.

11 am - 12 pm: Peak Health Alliance - Information on affordable health insurance initiative for Grand County.

12 - 1 pm: 2020 Census over Lunch - The importance of capturing an accurate population count in the county and how to participate.

1 - 2 pm: Home Talent Initiative - Come find out what Homegrown Talent Initiative is and how you can be a part of helping our students find their passions, engage with their community, and develop new skills and competencies to develop lifelong learners.

2 - 3 pm: WorkInGrand.com - Learn about the popular platform and how to join the movement.

Patents, Trademarks, & Copyrights 101

Brought to you by the SBDC

February 25 in Avon - [Register Here!](#)

Join Intellectual Property Attorney Allison Olingenski to learn the basics of patents, trademarks, and copyrights. What does each protect? Why does it matter? How and when should you protect your intellectual property? And what kinds of IP-related issues might you need to think about as a start up or small business owner? We will discuss recent case examples - including the "backcountry" headline news story and learn how this trademark issue impacted small business owners across Colorado and the nation. [Register early](#) space for this event is limited in order to allow for discussion and questions. Doors will open at 5:30 and the presentation will begin at 6:00. Please come early to network and to ask questions.

Western Slope Reinvestment Tour: BID & DDA

March 19 & 20 in Grand Junction - [Register Here](#)

Business Improvement Districts, Downtown Development Authorities (DDAs), and Urban Renewal Authorities (URAs) represent some of the tools available to help municipalities implement the vision through public-private partnerships. What are the differences between these tools, how are they formed, governed, and how do they work? Colorado Municipal League (CML) & Downtown Colorado, Inc. (DCI) are pleased to announce our first annual Western Slope Financing Mechanism Tour. We will visit projects and partners in Grand Junction, with representatives from Montrose and Durango to encourage an interactive experience to showcase what these tools can do, how they work with others, and what their plan is for the future.

Colorado Workforce - Find & Keep Summit

Thursday, April 2 at the Silverthorne Pavilion

Join us for Find/Keep: A community conversation on workforce attraction and retention in Northwest Colorado. Businesses from across the region will talk about best practices and effective strategies for recruiting and retaining employees. How do businesses attract and retain the workforce they need in an era of record-low unemployment rates? Join businesses in Northwest Colorado's mountain and resort communities to learn best and promising practices in the field of talent attraction and retention, hear area economic projections, and network with businesses from communities with similar economic drivers. [More info and register here.](#)

Downtown Colorado Inc. Annual Meeting 2020 - Colorado Challenge Accelerator Program

April 14 - 17, 2020 in Colorado Springs

DCI is proud to announce the application process is open to participate in the 2020 Colorado Challenge Accelerator Program! DCI has worked with over 24 communities to transform a challenge into an opportunity. Does your community have challenges you'd like to turn into opportunities? We can help! We've assisted with a variety of issues from branding to housing to downtown design and financing. Applications due Nov. 15 - [apply here](#).

Demystifying Entrepreneurship - Yampa Valley

May 15 - 16 in Hayden, CO

The CU Leeds School of Business faculty is launching their popular entrepreneurship program in the Yampa Valley. This program is designed for startup entrepreneurs, current business owners, and community leaders looking at ways to support Yampa Valley's entrepreneurial community. More information and registration will soon be available through the [Northwest SBDC](#).

Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute 2020 Annual Western Places/Western Spaces Conference

March 5-6

For RMLUI's 29th Western Places/Western Spaces conference, we will be looking at the ways in which we can use design, planning tools, and creative approaches to better plan for a future that will be different from the known past. In addition, we will consider how our built environments, using mixed use design, transportation infrastructure, and even building codes, can help reduce our impact on climate change and create a more comfortable and sustainable living environment. Registration [here](#).

Eagle County Schools 2020 Career & Job Fair

April 7

[Sign up now](#) for the 2020 Eagle County Schools Career and Job Fair for students and businesses. Come join 100+ local employers in a variety of industries to showcase your business and employment opportunities. The fair will take place on Tuesday, April 7th at Eagle Valley High School from 8:30 to 11:30 AM and set up starting at 7:30 AM.

For job fair information: Amanda Spannagel, amanda.spannagel@eagleschools.net

For registration information: Mark Hoblitzell, Mark.Hoblitzell@state.co.us

The 2020 Eagle County Schools Career and Job Fair is a cooperative effort between the Vail Rotary, Eagle County Schools, Vail Valley Partnership, and the Colorado Workforce Center.

West Slope Startup Week

June 1-5, 2020

Participate in hometown days throughout the region June 1-2 and meet your west slope neighbors in Grand Junction June 3-5. Want to see something specific on the agenda? Submit your requests and presentation proposals now through February 28. JOIN US and find more information [HERE](#).

CML Annual Conference

June 23 - 26 , 2020 in Westminster

Save the date for CML's Annual Conference at the Westin Westminster (June 23-26, 2020).

CML is currently developing the schedule and will announce the finalized, detailed agenda in an upcoming CML Newsletter publication. Registration will open in early 2020.

Scholarships Available! You must be an elected official, or a member of key management, or a department head (e.g., manager, finance director, clerk) of a CML member municipality to apply. Application and paperwork are due to CML by Wednesday, Feb. 19. Questions? Contact CML Training and Marketing Specialist Courtney Forehand at 303-831-6411, toll-free at 866-578-0936, or at cforehand@cml.org.

Demystifying Entrepreneurship - Vail Valley

The fourth year of CU's program in Vail is on the books. We welcome previous attendees and those interested to attend for the first time. Save the date, you will not want to miss this popular program!

Resources

Small Business Tax Guide

Tax season has arrived! Your business will need to meet its federal, state, and local tax obligations to stay in good legal standing. Your business structure and location will influence

which taxes your business has to pay. [This tax guide from the SBA](#) has tips and resources on how to meet your obligations.