



Resources Bulletin

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Funding & Technical Assistance

RESTORE Colorado

The [Restoration and Stewardship of Outdoor Resources and Environment \(RESTORE\)](#) Colorado Program focuses on the restoration, enhancement, and expansion of wildlife habitat throughout the state of Colorado.

Energize Colorado Gap Fund

The [Energize Colorado Gap Fund](#) will provide more than \$25 million in small business loans and grants to boost small businesses impacted by COVID-19. Sole proprietors, businesses and nonprofits with less than 25 full-time employees can apply for up to a \$15,000 grant and a \$20,000 loan for a possible combined total of \$35,000 in financial assistance. [Sign up to Energize Colorado's email list to be alerted when the application opens](#)

Life Comes From It - Support for Grassroots Movement-Building Work

[Life Comes From It](#) is a grantmaking circle that supports grassroots movement-building work for restorative justice, transformative justice, and indigenous peacemaking.

Caplan Foundation - Early Childhood Funding

[The Caplan Foundation](#) for Early Childhood supports nonprofit organizations throughout the United States that offer programs that will significantly enhance the development, health, safety, education, or quality of life of children from infancy through seven years of age.

Fund for Wild Nature - Wilderness Conservation Grants

[The Fund for Wild Nature](#) provides grants to grassroots nonprofit organizations in the United States and Canada for campaigns to save native species and wild ecosystems, with particular emphasis on actions to defend threatened wilderness and biological diversity.

Sparkplug Foundation: Music, Education, and Community Organizing Support

The [Sparkplug Foundation](#) primarily provides grants to start-up nonprofit organizations or new projects of established nonprofits that are addressing the fields of music, education, and community organizing.

EPA - Reducing Public Exposure to Indoor Pollutants Program

Support to Improve Indoor Air Quality

The [Reducing Public Exposure to Indoor Pollutants program](#) supports efforts that advance national policy or systems-level change to reduce indoor air risks and yield measurable environmental and public health outcomes.

Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program

Seeks to improve the health of children in rural communities. The [Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program](#) supports initiatives to improve the health status of infants, children, adolescents, and families in rural and other underserved communities by increasing their access to preventive care and services.

GOCO Resilient Communities Program

Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) has launched a \$15 million [Resilient Communities Program](#) to help fund one-time, immediate needs or opportunities that have emerged in direct response to the pandemic, which include: capacity and operations support, stewardship, community vitality, and urgent and emergent land acquisitions. For more information, including eligibility criteria and application forms, please visit [GOCO website](#). Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Success Stories

Summit County businesses participate in Rebuild Program offered by the Summit Prosperity Initiative

published in the Summit Daily News on 8/8/2020. Read full story, as well as other success stories from our region, on the [EDD's Success Stories page here](#).

Amid widespread business shutdowns, several local businesses turned to the [Summit Biz Rebuild program](#) for help in keeping their business afloat and successful. The program was run through the [Summit Prosperity Initiative](#), a project of the Summit Chamber of Commerce.

The program utilized the Co.starters curriculum, which uses a community-based approach to economic development. It combined business learning material with weekly meetings among the cohort of 17, where local entrepreneurs, business owners and leaders could check in and share ideas. The first cohort celebrated their graduation on Aug. 5 after a 10-session program. The cohort was comprised of professionals in businesses across several industries, including dining, media, wellness and retail. Amy Kemp with the Summit Prosperity Initiative said that while the program was planned to launch in March before the COVID-19 shutdown, it was adapted to fit the current needs of businesses and instead launched in May as the Rebuild program. The first cohort was a great success, and the Summit Prosperity Initiative is planning for the second cohort to start sometime in mid-September. More information on this upcoming second session will be posted on the [SPI website here](#)....keep checking back!

Resources

County Profiles

We have updated County Profiles on the NWCCOG EDD website. These profiles provide a snapshot of the most up to date economic and demographic data for our member counties. Check them out on the EDD website's [Data Center here](#).

The Main Thing

[The Main Thing](#) is a collection of resources addressing reopening the economy compiled by Colorado Main Street, a program of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, to highlight innovations, give a thumbs-up to local practitioners, and encourage the spread of positive news. Accompanying how-to guides are meant to provide a deeper dive into launching a few of these innovations in your community. These ideas highlight a positive and fun spin on the rules and boost a sense of community while maintaining a *safety first* perspective.

Virtual Educational Opportunities

Colorado Department of Local Affairs - 2020 Small Communities Workshop Series

More information and Join these workshops [HERE](#).

- **8/20** | 3:00-4:30 | **Economic Development/Community Financial First Aid**
- **8/27** | 11:00-12:30 | **Resiliency and Recovery Road Map**; Presenter: Marguerite Harden, Anne Miller, Rob Pressly & Kate Guibert - Department of Local Affairs
- **9/3** | 3:00-4:30 | **Addressing Affordable Housing Needs in Rural Communities**; Presenter: Chris Furlong - Department of Local Affairs; CHFA
- **9/10** | 3:00-4:30 | **Demography/Rural Workforce Development**; Presenter: Elizabeth Garner, State Demographer
- **9/17** | 3:00-4:30 | **Land Use Strategies to Help Ensure a Secure Water Future**; Presenters: Kevin Reidy, Colorado Water Conservation Board; Christy Wiseman, Department of Local Affairs
- **TBD** | **Lessons Learned In Small Communities during the COVID Crisis** Panel
Discussion: Clear Creek County and Town of Breckenridge; Recreation Districts/Firefighting Agencies/Eagle County EMS

Special Downtown Financing Districts - Downtown Trends + District Impacts

Aug. 19, 2020 | 10 a.m. | [Register here](#)

Offered by the Economic Development Council of Colorado. How can Special Districts support our commercial districts? These districts have incorporated placemaking, innovation and inclusion into their priorities. Now that businesses are having to navigate the uncharted territory of COVID-19, and taxing districts are seeing major declines, the threat to these districts are real and will greatly impact how they continue their mission.

Big Talks About the Future Topic: Destination

August 25 | 4-5 pm | [Register here](#)

Offered by Downtown Colorado, Inc. Roger Brooks will inspire and empower with engaging stories, laugh-out-loud humor, and step-by-step instructions leading to incredible success. A leading urbanist, futurist, and downtown innovator, Roger is leading the charge in the creation of great places you'd want to invest in, live in, and visit.

Colorado Municipal League Virtual Annual Conference

August 25 - 27

CML has gone VIRTUAL! CML is hosting its first ever Virtual Conference August 25-27. This conference is instrumental in offering training opportunities for local governments across Colorado. Visit [CML Website](#) for more information on the conference.

Downtown Colorado, Inc. Speaker Series

More info and register here: <http://downtowncoloradoinc.org/event-3895302>

Aug 25 4pm Destination Development, Roger Brooks

Sept 29 4pm, Taxation and Business, Joe Minicozzi

Oct 27, 4pm, The Future of Streets, Jeff Speck

Statewide Rural Forum | SAVE THE DATE - September 30, 2020

Community Resource Center will bring together nonprofits, funders, and government agencies in a virtual town-hall style forum to address the most pressing needs communities

are facing this fall and beyond. [More info here.](#)