



Resources Bulletin

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Funding & Technical Assistance

Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge

Deadline: September 10, 2020. [More info here](#). USDA Rural Development. Grants to help rural communities enhance their capacity for broadband access, the preservation of cultural and historic structures, and support for the development of transportation, housing, and recreational spaces. USDA-RD is making \$1 million in grants through the RPIC which can be used to develop multi-jurisdictional plans to benefit towns and populations of 50,000 or less. Organizations can use the grants to identify community needs, convene partners, develop actionable plans, and implement priorities to build rural prosperity. Public and private groups, organizations, and institutions that demonstrate experience in providing placemaking technical assistance to rural communities are eligible to apply. For additional information or to discuss a potential application, contact Angela Callie, Community Economic Coordinator, at angela.callie@usda.gov or (202) 568-9738.

Senior Corps RSVP

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) announced a funding opportunity to increase the impact of volunteers age 55 and older who provide volunteer services in communities. Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to, public or private non-profit organizations, local governments, government-recognized veteran services organizations. Focus areas include access to care for opioid abuse, aging in place, workforce development, education, disaster services, and veterans and military families. Deadline: September 1. [More info here](#).

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](#)

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.

Resources

Resource Guide on Recreational Economies

USDA has launched a resource guide to provide rural community leaders and economic development practitioners a complete list of programs and resources that can be used to support recreational economies in rural America. This guide addresses key factors necessary to build a sustainable recreational economy including natural resource management, conservation activities, infrastructure investment, business development, and more. Click here to access the guide: https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/RD_Recreation_Economy_USDA.pdf

Virtual Educational Opportunities

Colorado Department of Local Affairs - 2020 Small Communities Workshop Series

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

- **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

Webinar on Opportunities for Open Streets During the Pandemic

August 27 | 8 a.m. MT | [Register here](#)

Offered by the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO). Communities across the US and around the world are remaking their streets, sidewalks, and outdoor space in response to COVID challenges. Join NADO for a webinar to hear about trends around the country to quickly pivot and provide "streeteries," recreation, and public art on

their local streets.

Downtown Colorado, Inc. Speaker Series

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

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.](#)