



Funding & Technical Assistance

Great Outdoors Colorado Resilient Communities Program

Deadline: Feb. 2, 2021. [More info here.](#) In response to the unprecedented disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, GOCO is launching a one-time, \$15 million Resilient Communities Program to advance outdoor recreation, stewardship, and land protection projects. Through the Resilient Communities Program, GOCO will fund one-time, immediate needs or opportunities that have emerged in direct response to the pandemic.

Sonoran Institute Growing Water Smart Workshop

Deadline: Feb. 15, 2021. [More info here.](#) Form a team and apply for this in-depth workshop to better integrate water and land use planning. The Growing Water Smart program introduces communities to the full range of communications, public engagement, planning, and policy implementation tools to realize their watershed health and community resiliency goals.

Colorado Department of Local Affairs Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Fund

Modified from years past, the coming application cycles for the EIAF Program will be as follows:

Cycle 21-05: \$4 million available for Tier 1 requests only, opens 2/1/21 and closes 3/1/21

Cycle 21-12: anticipated \$10-15 million, opens 8/2/21 and closes 9/3/21

Cycle 22-07: anticipated \$10-15 million, opens 2/1/22 and closes 3/4/22

Visit the [DOLA EIAF page](#) for more information and application forms.

Economic Injury Disaster Loan

Click [here](#) to apply. The deadline to apply for the SBA's EIDL program is December 31, 2020. In the mountain time zone, you will need to have your application filed no later than 10 p.m. Small business owners with questions on the EIDL program or looking for further information should visit the SBA's Office of Disaster Assistance site at <https://covid19relief.sba.gov/> or call their Customer Service line at (800) 659-2955.

Small Business Relief Program

Deadline: Jan. 8, 2021. [More info here.](#) Gov. Polis has signed SB 20B-001 into law, creating the Small Business Relief Program. This bill will provide \$57 million in direct aid, grants, and annual fee waivers to struggling small businesses and creates grant programs and allocates funds specifically for art and cultural organizations and minority-owned businesses. Because the window to apply for this grant funding is so narrow, the Colorado Municipal League has created a [SB 20B-001 resource page](#) on its website to help provide the most up-to-date information available.

SBA Export Loan Programs

Ready to expand your business? A growing number of businesses are bringing production and jobs back to the U.S. from overseas. SBA export loans are being used to help finance this "reshoring." Much as the market demand for quality, "Made in America" goods and services are increasing worldwide, U.S. businesses are also becoming conscious of the value of compact, efficient supply chains and locally controlled operations. [Learn more here.](#)

Grants for Childcare Educators

Deadline: Jan. 29, 2021. [More info here.](#) The Terri Lynne Lokoff Teacher Awards program, administered by First Up, acknowledges the critical role of childcare teachers in providing quality early care and education. Childcare teachers from all 50 states are eligible to apply for these awards. Applicants must be full-time childcare teachers employed in a home, group, or center-based program for a minimum of three years and meet other eligibility guidelines.

Grants for Women and Minorities in STEM

Deadline: January 21, 2021. [More info here.](#) The Women and Minorities in Science, Technology,

Engineering and Mathematics Fields Program (WAMS) supports research, education and teaching, and extension projects that increase participation by women and underrepresented minorities from rural areas in STEM. Projects that contribute to the economic viability of rural communities are encouraged.

Save America's Treasures: Funds for Historic Preservation

Deadline: Jan. 26, 2021. [More info here](#). The National Park Service's Save America's Treasures Grants program helps preserve nationally significant historic properties and collections that convey our nation's rich heritage to future generations. The program has separate applications for preservation projects (for properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places for national significance or listed as a National Historic Landmark) and for projects involving collections (including artifacts, museum collections, documents, sculptures, and other works of art).

Anschutz Family Foundation

Deadline: January 15, 2021. The Anschutz Family Foundation supports nonprofit organizations in rural and urban regions of Colorado that assist people to help themselves while nurturing and preserving their self-respect. The Foundation encourages endeavors that strengthen families and communities and advance individuals to become productive and responsible citizens. There is a special interest in self-sufficiency, community development, and programs aimed at the economically disadvantaged, the young, seniors, and people with disabilities. Grants generally range between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Visit the [Foundation's website](#) to review the funding areas and application procedure.

Program Rejuvenates Main Streets in Small Communities

Deadline: January 19, 2021. [More info here](#). Department of Housing and Urban Development HOPE VI Main Street Grant Program offers support to small communities to assist in the renovation of a historic or traditional central business district, or "Main Street" area, by replacing unused, obsolete, commercial space in buildings with affordable housing units. The objectives of the Program are to redevelop central business districts, preserve historic or traditional Main Street area properties by replacing unused commercial space in buildings with affordable housing units, enhance economic development efforts in Main Street areas, and provide affordable housing in Main Street areas.

Support for Public Lands Experiencing Increased Use due to COVID

Deadlines: Feb.1, April 1, June 1. The Restoration and Resilience COVID Recovery Fund, an initiative of the [National Environmental Education Foundation](#), is providing grants to support public lands, including parks, nature areas, and other green spaces, that have been impacted by increased use during the COVID-19 pandemic. The focus is on supporting agencies and organizations responsible for maintaining public lands by distributing resources and mobilizing volunteers to help keep up with increased human presence in these delicate ecosystems. Nonprofit organizations and local governments, and educational institutions are eligible to apply.

FEMA: Two Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs

[Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant](#) - These grants are used for projects that reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings that are insured by the National Flood Insurance Program
[Building Resilient Communities and Infrastructure Grant](#) - BRIC will offer \$500 million in grants to help support states, tribes, territories and communities throughout the nation as they design and begin new infrastructure projects – projects that will reduce future disaster recovery costs and help save lives. Both grant applications will be open from Sept. 30 - Jan. 21, 2021.

Training Opportunities & Events

Big Talks About the Future: Building Community Wealth

January 12, 2020 | [Register here](#)

Offered by Downtown Colorado, Inc. Join this webinar for a talk from Yessica Holguin of Community Wealth Builders on creating a people-owned, inclusive, and sustainable economy that catalyzes prosperous and resilient communities free from racism and injustice.

Business Buy & Sell Basics Webinar

January 12, 2021 | [Register Here](#)

Offered by the SBDC. This workshop is for both buyers and sellers and covers a range of topics to consider including the elements of a business sale; business valuation; recasting financial statements; business financing; value drivers; why and when to buy or sell.

How to Start a Business Webinar

January 21, 2021 | [Register Here](#)

Offered by the SBDC. Learn what is required by state and local officials to get started and the ins and outs of running a successful business. This 2-hour webinar provides an overview of everything you need to know to start and grow your business including how running a business is different than being an employee; things to consider as a business owner; trade name search; legal structure selection; state registration; local licensing requirements; the business planning process; and financing options

Resources

Pivoting to a New Economy: Recovery Hub for Small Businesses

2020 has been a year like no other for small businesses across America. The Small Business Administration has recovery resources that can help you Rebuild your small business; Keep employees safe and healthy; Revitalize your community. [Learn more here.](#)

Report Highlights Strategies to Repurpose Vacant Lots

How are vacant lots evolving in the United States? What strategies do practitioners consider most

effective at returning purpose to these properties? What have practitioners learned in the last several years that other municipalities and organizations can benefit from? The Center for Community Progress has released a report summarizing what 119 organizations across 27 states shared on new trends, tactics, and lessons on maintaining and greening vacant lots. [Click here to download the report.](#)

Recommendations for Keeping Communities Active During Winter

The [Project for Public Spaces](#) and [AARP Livable Communities](#) have recommendations for keeping placemaking alive during the winter months. Lighting, outdoor markets, warm zones, and winterizing facilities are ways for local leaders to create outdoor spaces that encourage activity in a socially distanced environment.

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