

2011 Annual Report

The 2011 NWCCOG Annual Report is now available. It is also posted on NWCCOG's website.

Census 2010 vs. 2000, American Community Survey (ACS) Data for each NWCCOG Member Now Available on NWCCOG's Website

A sample of up-to-date Census data for each NWCCOG member jurisdiction is now available on NWCCOG's website. Both Eagle County and Summit Counties have populations large enough (over 25,000) such that 3-year ACS estimates (2008-10) are available. For the rest of NWCCOG's jurisdictions, ACS 5-year estimates (2006-10) are available.

What is the difference between Census 2010 data, and ACS data? ACS data represents the average characteristics of each county/town for the 5-year time span (or 3-year time span in the case of Eagle and Summit Counties). ACS data is best used for analyzing small populations, as this data is available for all geographies no matter how small, down to the block group. It is useful for comparisons of characteristics across geographies. For example, to compare the median household income in the Town of Silverthorne to the median household income in the Town of Gypsum. Total counts from ACS data will be different from Census 2010 data because ACS is a time span estimate, while Census 2010 is a point in time count.

Please note that the data available on NWCCOG's website is just a selection of the plethora of data that is available from the U.S. Census Bureau. One of the many services NWCCOG provides to its members is to serve as a clearing-house for demographic information. If you have questions about the data, or have a need for specialized/specific data for your jurisdiction, please contact Rachel Lunney.

Forest Business Loan Fund Now Available to Forest Product Businesses

Financial lending assistance for businesses that harvest, remove, utilize or market timber from beetle-killed stands and other forested areas is now available through the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments - Northwest Loan Fund, and the Colorado State Forest Service. The program will provide community-based financial lending capital for timber and wood products businesses to expand their capacity to more economically remove, use, and develop new market opportunities, and help address employment concerns in forest based communities. Forest Business Loan Fund is currently limited to businesses in counties serviced by the Northwest Loan Fund. Funds will be available on a first come, first serve basis. There is not a closing date to apply, but applications are encouraged to be submitted by April 30, 2012 for timely consideration. Please contact June Walters for more information.

24th Annual Senior Awards Ceremony Set for May 16th in Frisco

The Alpine Area Agency on Aging is seeking nominations for two award categories: Senior Citizen of the Year and Friend of the Seniors. Think about who in your county or in Region 12 exhibits extraordinary acts of leadership and provides outstanding leadership and service in the community for seniors. The chosen award recipients will be honored at the 24th Annual Senior Awards Ceremony on May 16th in Frisco. For a copy of the nomination forms or for more information, please contact Jean Hammes.

National Association of Area Agencies on Aging 37th Annual Conference to be held in Denver July 7 - 11, 2012

Join the N4A in Denver for the 37th Annual N4A Conference and Tradeshow, where the most innovative policies, programs and services that assist older adults, persons with disabilities and their caregivers will be showcased. Visit www.n4a.org for conference details.

Grant Opportunities

For links to full announcements on these grants, visit NWCCOG's Grant Opportunities Page

- **USFS:** 2012 Hazardous Fuels Woody Biomass Utilization Grant - for wood energy projects that require engineering services. Deadline extended to April 2, 2012.
- **CenturyLink** - Teachers and Technology Grants - Deadline: March 23, 2012.
- **Environmental Protection Agency** - Training and Technical Assistance to Improve Water Quality and Enable Small Public Water Systems to Provide Safe Drinking Water. Deadline: April 9, 2012.
- **Dept. of Health & Human Services** - Health Resources & Services Administration. Telehealth Network Grant Program. Deadline: April 13, 2012.
- **Department of Education** - Investing in Innovation Fund, Development Grants. Deadline: April 9, 2012.
- **Department of Health & Human Services** - SHIFT Award: Small Businesses Helping Investigators to Fuel the Translation of Scientific Discoveries. Deadline: January 7, 2013.
- **Corporation for National Community Service** - Social Innovation Fund Grant. Deadline: March 27, 2012.
- **Department of Transportation** - Federal Transit Administration - clean fuels grant program. Deadline: April 5, 2012.
- **Department of Transportation** - Federal Transit Administration - State of Good Repair Initiative. Deadline: March 22, 2012.
- **Department of Transportation** - Federal Transit Administration - Bus and Bus Facilities Livability Initiative. Deadline: March 29, 2012.
- **Colorado Parks & Recreation Association** - grants for tree planting and community gardens. Deadline: March 30th, 2012.
- **USDA - Rural Business Cooperative Service** - Funding Availability for the Rural Energy for America Program. Deadline for Renewable Energy system and energy efficiency improvement grants: 3/30/12. Deadline for guaranteed loans - 6/29/12.
- **National Institute of Justice** - Research on Policing to Improve Criminal Investigative Processes and Promote Police Integrity in Law Enforcement Agencies - Deadline: 4/25/12.
- **Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Dept. of Labor** - Workforce Innovation Fund grants for innovative approaches to the design and delivery of employment and training services. Deadline: 3/22/12.
- **National Endowment for the Arts 2012 Our Town Grants** - supports creative placemaking projects that contribute toward the livability of communities and help transform them into lively, beautiful, and sustainable places with the arts at their core. Grant ceiling \$150,000. Deadline March 1, 2012.