

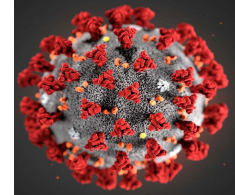


# Resources Bulletin

April 10, 2020

*archived bulletins can be found [here](#).*

## SBDC Website: One Stop Shop



The Northwest Colorado Small Business Development Center has created a very comprehensive small business resource center with continuously-updated information on resources for businesses to assist through this economic crisis. Check it out the [Northwest SBDC Site](#) here, and check back often, as it is continuously updated. Also, the Northwest SBDC is hosting weekly webinars for our region **every Friday at 1 p.m.** Host: Erin McCuskey, Director, Northwest SBDC. Click [here](#) for recordings of these webinars. They are extremely informative.

## Recorded Webinars

Our economic development partners have hosted some fantastic webinars in the last week that are extremely helpful in navigating the new business assistance programs that have come out since COVID-19 outbreak. Here are a few:

- [How to Complete SBA EIDL Application - lead by senior SBDC consultant](#)
- [Colorado Workforce Northwest Region - Topic: Navigating new Unemployment Guidelines](#)
- [Guide to Applying for Payroll Protection Program Loans w/ Denver Metro SBDC & Colorado Lending Source](#)
- [Always Mountain Time - Chamber of Commerce Directors from around the Northwest Colorado Region discuss their strategies for helping their businesses and plans for recovery](#)
- [Overview of business resources in the Northwest Colorado Region - April 3 webinar lead by Northwest SBDC](#)
- [COVID-19: Preparing for What Comes Next](#) (offered by IEDC)

## Funding & Technical Assistance

### COVID19 Colorado Creates Relief Grant

Deadline: May 13. This grant is a one-time payment for general operating support to non-profit arts organizations in Colorado with an annual operating budget of less than \$1 million. Priority will be given to small and mid-size organizations, particularly those working in under-served communities. Applicants must have received funding from Colorado

Creative Industries in the last 5 years. [More info here.](#)

### **Rocky Mountain Health Foundation**

[More info here.](#) Rapid Response Grant funds to quickly deploy resources to serve the most vulnerable, with a focus on agencies responding to critical issues surrounding the COVID-19 crisis. Examples of direct services that may be funded include: funding for critical needs for the clients of nonprofits, including transportation, medical care, mental health services, childcare, and food security; Telehealth support (equipment, broadband access); Quarantine supplies and prevention-related items such as sanitizing supplies and equipment.

### **Colorado COVID Relief Fund**

Next Deadline 4/18. [More info here.](#)

Eligible community-based organizations may receive a general operating grant. The current Fund application deadlines are every two weeks. On April 13th, Community Resource Center and Philanthropy Colorado are facilitating a webinar reviewing the Colorado COVID Relief Fund.

### **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act**

CARES Act | Additional Resources

[The Women's Foundation of Colorado](#)

Women and Families of CO Relief Fund | Deadline 4/14

### **Boettcher Foundation**

[COVID Biomedical Research Innovation Fund](#) | Deadline 4/17

### **Philanthropy Colorado COVID-19 Resources**

Visit their [website](#) to learn more about Colorado's philanthropic response to COVID-19.

### **MusiCares: COVID-19 Relief Fund**

[More info here.](#) To help address the concerns of the music industry during this time, MusicCares has expanded their services to include lost income due to the cancellation of scheduled gigs or performances due to Coronavirus/COVID-19 precautionary measures. Music industry professionals may apply for basic living assistance (rent or mortgage).

### **Freelancers Union: Freelancers Relief Fund**

[More info here.](#) Freelancers Relief Fund will offer financial assistance of up to \$1,000 per freelance household in the U.S. to cover lost income and essential expenses not covered by government relief programs, including food or food supplies, utility payments, and cash assistance to cover income loss. (Applications will open on April 2, 2020.)

### **ConvertKit: The Creator Fund**

[More info here.](#) The Creator Fund provides financial assistance to active creators who are experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19. The Fund covers medical, childcare, housing, or grocery needs.

### **Equal Sound Corona Relief Fund**

[More info here.](#) The Equal Sound Corona Relief Fund provides direct financial assistance to musicians in the U.S. who have lost work as a result of Corona-related event cancellations. The Fund will pay out a maximum of \$500 per gig on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **Peace First's COVID-19 Rapid Response Grants**

[More info here.](#) Peace First's COVID-19 Rapid Response Grants program is a coaching and grant process to help young people around the world lead projects that address community impacts of COVID-19.

### **Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting: Coronavirus News Collaboration Challenge**

[More info here.](#) The Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting is seeking proposals that develop innovative approaches to reporting on the novel coronavirus crisis using collaboration among journalists and newsrooms across state lines or national borders.

### **Colorado COVID Relief Fund - Colorado Health Foundation**

Colorado COVID Relief Fund allocates funding across Colorado to eligible community-based organizations. Eligible community-based organizations working on COVID-19 prevention, impact and recovery may receive unrestricted general operating grants of up to \$25,000. There are currently five grant application deadlines, contingent upon funding availability: April 4, April 18, May 2, May 16 and May 30. [Check out the eligibility criteria](#) and [watch this step-by-step application guide](#).

### **COVID-19 Emergency Hunger Relief Fund**

Colorado Health Foundation. Will provide flexible resources to entities working to support the food and nutritional needs of communities at greater risk of the economic consequences of the outbreak. The Fund strengthens work already happening in Colorado communities and increases the capacity of local organizations to respond to emerging needs. Funding may be used to cover operating costs, including food, staff, packaging, safety supplies, food transportation, client communications, etc. [Learn more and apply](#).

### **Coronavirus Local Response Initiative**

[Bloomberg Philanthropies](#) has launched the Coronavirus Local Response Initiative to help American mayors respond to the rapidly evolving Coronavirus. Bloomberg Philanthropies will work with partners to identify the needs and lessons learned from cities experiencing the outbreak in real time, which can then be shared with additional cities eager to get ahead of the virus' spread. This initiative is open to all U.S. cities and will accommodate as many participants as possible. Interested mayors and city leaders should email [coronavirusresponse@bloomberg.org](mailto:coronavirusresponse@bloomberg.org) to apply.

### **Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation**

The [Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation](#) is activating \$1.25 million in emergency funding to support organizations on the frontlines of the COVID-19 response. Applicants must be 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations in the health or hunger relief field providing essential services to people impacted by COVID-19. The Foundation plans to review applications on a rolling basis and approve funding as soon as possible. Grants typically range from \$5,000 to \$25,000, but larger amounts will be considered. [Visit the Foundation's website to apply](#).

### **Facebook Small Business Grants**

[Facebook](#) announced a \$100 million program to help small businesses as governments throughout the country urge gyms and restaurants to close their doors to slow the coronavirus pandemic.

### **El Pomar Assistance Fund**

[El Pomar Foundation](#) announced the establishment of the Colorado Assistance Fund, a \$1 million fund offering immediate aid to nonprofit organizations supporting Colorado communities, organizations and individuals affected by the recent outbreak of COVID-19.

## **Other Funding Opportunities**

### **Correctional Adult Reentry Education, Employment, and Recidivism Reduction Strategies Program (CAREERRS)**

Deadline: April 27. [Department of Justice](#)

The CAREERRS Program is designed to help communities establish education, vocation, and job training programs in their correctional systems that address employment challenges facing incarcerated youth and adults re-entering those communities and the workforce. Emphasis is given to programs that offer strong partnerships with corrections, parole, probation, education, workforce development, and re-entry service providers.

### **Support for Efforts to Advance Economic Opportunity for Older Adults**

[More info here.](#) The AARP Foundation supports sustainable, real-world solutions to the fundamental challenges facing low-income older adults throughout the United States.

### **Domestic Violence Shelters**

[More info here.](#) The Mary Kay Foundation is committed to ending the epidemic of domestic violence by providing grants to women's shelters throughout the United States

### **Wilderness Protection Projects Supported**

[More info here.](#) The Conservation Alliance is a group of outdoor businesses that support efforts to protect wild places for their habitat and recreation values.

### **Support Available to Repair Rural Housing**

[More info here.](#) The Rural Housing Preservation Grant program provides support to assist very low- and low-income homeowners in repairing and rehabilitating their homes in rural areas.

### **Animal Shelter Improvements Funded**

[Deadline: April 30. More info here. American Humane: Meacham Foundation Memorial Grant](#)

Administered by American Humane, provides support to nonprofit organizations and public agencies throughout the U.S. for shelter expansion or improvement. Grants must be used to increase or improve the quality of care given to animals. Grants range up to \$4,000.

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## **Virtual Trainings**

### **Colorado COVID Relief Fund Webinar**

Monday, April 13 | 10:00 - 11:15 AM MST. [Register here.](#)

[Register here.](#) Join Community Resource Center and Philanthropy Colorado for a webinar reviewing the Colorado COVID Relief Fund opportunity. Representatives from the fund will be present to review the opportunity, discuss the application, decision making process, and answer your questions.

Monday, April 13 | 10:00 - 11:15 AM MST.

### **SBDC Webinars**

[Click here to learn more.](#) Topics such as SBDC overview, starting your business, goal setting.

### **Rapid Response Roundtables**

[Register here.](#) Free weekly Rapid Response Roundtables to discuss the most pressing community needs we have heard emerge from statewide partners in the field as they respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Upcoming topics:

Telehealth | Wednesday, April 8 | 9:30 - 10:45 AM MST

Seniors & Older Adults | Wednesday, April 15 | 9:30 - 10:45 AM MST

Domestic Violence & Family Wellness | Wednesday, April 22 | 9:30 - 10:45 AM MST.