

Resources Bulletin April 29, 2020

archived bulletins can be foundhere.

Virtual Educational Opportunities

Grow with Google: Manage your business through uncertainty

Thursday, April 30 | 1-2pm | FREE Webinar - Learn how to update critical information about your business online and keep customers informed during the COVID-19 crisis. Join us for a free digital workshop. Congressman Joe Neguse will give remarks on programs available through the CARES Act and business owners can learn how to stay connected with employees and customers while working remotely.

Summit BIZ Virtual Workshop: Learn more about marketing & advertising your business Thursday, April 30 at 10:30 a.m. with Miranda Crawford Fisher from Always Mountain Time (KSMT radio + more). She'll be leading a virtual workshop and session focused on Your Creative Media Mix on Thursday, April 30, 10:30 am. Join here.

Weekly Update from the Northwest Colorado Small Business Development Center Fri. May 1 at 1:00 p.m. Join here: https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/863837735

Rural Wealth Creation Webinar to Focus on COVID-19 Response and Recovery May 4, 2020 | 10 - 11:30 a.m. MT | Register here

Webinar focused on Supporting Local Economies During and After Pandemic Response. Attendees will learn the basics of rural wealth creation as an economic development strategy, hear about federal resources available for communities, regions, and businesses, and hear from economic development and business assistance practitioners on how they are taking action now and making future plans to support their economies.

Funding & Technical Assistance

Northwest Colorado Small Business Development Center CLICK HERE. One-stop-shop for small business assistance during COVID-19.

Complimentary Business Consulting

Colorado Mountain College is offering no-cost business coaching and consulting services to local businesses in this time of need. <u>here</u>

Colorado Lending Source - Small Business Emergency Loans

This new financing option is for rural-based Colorado businesses that have been impacted by COVID-19. Loan details of the Small Business Emergency Loan Program are as follows: \$10,000 loans; 3.75% fixed interest rate; Two year terms; Payments deferred for six months; More info here.

Colorado Health Foundation Funding Opportunities

Now accepting applications for June 15 grant deadline. Before applying for funding, please visit our <u>Open Funding page</u>, connect with a program officerand sign up for our grants portal. Opportunities for: Amplifying Health Advocacy; Capital Infrastructure in Support of Team-based Comprehensive Primary Care; Family, Friend and Neighbor Caregiver Supports; Supporting Coloradans in Recovery Through Nonclinical Programs.

Searchable Guide to COVID-19 Federal Funding Resources

<u>This interactive guide</u> can help rural communities navigate the various federal funding resources included within the CARES Act is now available from Alchemy Community Transformations. <u>This guide</u> can be searched by topic, applicant type, cost-share requirements, or funding type.

Borealis Philanthropy: Disability Inclusion Fund

Deadline: May 6. The <u>Disability Inclusion Fund</u> (DIF) supports U.S. groups run by and for disabled people to lead transformational change. The DIF is launching a \$200,000 rapid response fund to provide support for organizations on the front lines that are serving people with disabilities during COVID-19. This will include support for mutual aid, organizing, policy, and systems-change advocacy. Applicants can request a maximum of \$15,000 to support their COVID-19 efforts.

Go to College Now -Colorado Mountain College Waiving Summer Tuition, Fees and Books For the summer 2020 semester, CMC is waiving tuition, books and fees for new or returning students who qualify as in-district, in-state students who took credit courses in spring 2020, and displaced workers due to COVID-19 public health orders who live in the CMC district. ESL and GED courses are included, as well as classes for local high school students hoping to earn college credits after a disruptive spring semester. Learn more here.

Clearinghouse of Funding Sources

The Colorado Office Economic Development and International Trade has compiled a list of available grants, loans, and other funding opportunities offered throughout Colorado and nationally. This list is continuously being updated, so be sure to check back for frequently for additional resources.

National Forest Foundation: Matching Awards Program

Deadline: June 9. The Foundation's Matching Awards Program (MAP) provides grants to nonprofit organizations to engage in on-the-ground conservation and restoration projects that have an immediate, quantifiable impact on National Forests. Funded projects must address one of the following focus areas: The Outdoor Experiences category supports projects that improve the quality, condition, and care of outdoor experiences in National Forests. The Forest Health category supports citizen-involved projects that maintain or restore ecosystem resiliency in National Forests. The Foundation also encourages projects that integrate the Outdoor Experiences and Forest Health focus areas. More info here.

Farmers Market Promotion Program

Deadline: May 26. More info here. The Farmers Market Promotion Program supports projects that develop, coordinate, and expand direct producer-to-consumer markets to help increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products. The focus is on developing, coordinating, expanding, and providing outreach, training, and technical assistance to domestic farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agritourism activities, online sales, or other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities.

The Children's Healthy Learning Environments Grant Initiative

Deadline: June 1. More info here. Provides capacity building to address children's environmental health in school and childcare settings. Supported efforts include projects that improve an organization's long-term effectiveness and sustainability through management practices, implementation, and dedication to achieving results towards

children's environmental health.

Resources

Eagle County Business and Worker Impact Survey of COVID-19

Working with the Business Retention Expansion BR|E COVID-19 Emergency Response Network, the Vail Valley Partnership has implemented a <u>Business and Worker Impact Survey of COVID-19</u> Virus to ask businesses about the direct impacts COVID-19 is having on their operations. The data will then allow a full assessment of the impact to the business community in Eagle County and surrounding counties, as well as to inform recovery and resiliency efforts. The survey is currently open and will remain so until 4/10/20 so please take a few moments to complete it. <u>Take the Survey Now!</u>