

RESOURCES BULLETIN

August 2019

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Funding & Technical Assistance

Summit County Non-Profit Grants

Deadline: August 8

The Towns of Breckenridge, Dillon, Frisco, Silverthorne, and Summit County are currently accepting grant applications from non-profit organizations. Common application forms are available at the following locations:

- Breckenridge Town Hall: www.townofbreckenridge.com/grants2020
- Dillon Town Hall: www.townofdillon.com/grants2020
- Frisco Town Hall: www.frisco.gov.com/grants2020
- Silverthorne Town Hall: www.silverthorne.org/grants2020
- Summit County Government: www.summitcountyco.gov/grants2020

Laura Jane Musser Fund Grant Programs

- [Rural Initiative](#) - encourages collaborative and participatory efforts among residents in rural communities that will help to strengthen their towns and regions. The applicant community must have a population of 10,000 or fewer. Program planning grants up to \$5,000 and program implementation grants up to \$25,000 will be considered. Applications will be accepted online through the Fund's website from September 3 - October 3, 2019.
- [Intercultural Harmony Initiative](#) - supports projects that promote mutual understanding and cooperation between groups of community members of different cultural backgrounds. Project planning grants up to \$5,000 or implementation grants up to \$25,000 will be considered. Applications will be accepted online through the Fund's website from September 16 - October 16, 2019.
- [Rural Arts Initiative](#) - Assisting nonprofit arts organizations to develop, implement or sustain exceptional artistic opportunities for adults and children. Deadline: 3/11/2020.
- [Environmental Initiative](#) - Building a community-based approach to solving environmental problems and encouraging environmental stewardship. 3/18/2020.

Colorado Creative Industries: Colorado Creates Grants

Deadline: 9/2/19 - [more info here](#). The purpose of this program is to provide general operating support to help nonprofit cultural organizations and communities produce and present arts and cultural activities. Efforts will be made to distribute funding throughout the state, with a specific goal of increasing arts investment in rural communities. All funds provided will serve as operating support awards. The mission of Colorado Creative Industries is to promote, support, and expand the creative industries in Colorado in order to drive the state's economy, grow jobs, and enhance quality of life.

USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program

This USDA program provides funding to construct, enlarge, or improve essential community facilities in rural areas. USDA has more than \$2 Billion still available for rural communities to build or

modern education, health care, municipal and public safety facilities this fiscal year. Priority is given to health care, education and public safety projects. Typical projects are hospitals, health clinics, schools, fire houses, community centers, first responded vehicles and equipment and many other community-based initiatives. We and our partners are working together to ensure that rural America continues to be a great place to live, work and raise a family. [More info here.](#)

USDA Rural Development Value Added Producer Grant

Program's FY 2019 Funding Opportunity is coming soon! NOFA will be coming out sometime near the end of July and will have over \$30,000,000 in grant funds available nationwide. The VAPG is designed to help with planning or working capital grant funds at a 50/50 applicant match for agricultural producers as they look to market and sell their value added products from the raw commodities they currently produce. It is never too early to start working on a VAPG application. Contact: P.J. Howe|Business Program Specialist | Rural Development 970-3151 | p.j.howe@usda.gov | www.rd.usda.gov/co.

Bonding Program for Workers Recovering from Opioid Abuse

U.S. Dept. of Labor. funds available to increase the usage of fidelity bonds, through the Federal Bonding Program (FBP), to secure employment opportunities for workers recovering from the misuse of opioids. The Department is committed to helping those recovering from opioid use find family-sustaining jobs, informing employers about opportunities to provide second chances, and advancing strategies to address barriers to employment that may exist. [More info here.](#)

Endangered Places Nominations

Colorado Preservation, Inc.'s program works with communities throughout the state to preserve endangered historic places. Nominations can be submitted by individuals or organizations and should clearly indicate the nature of the threat to the building or historic resource, such as abandonment or neglect, development pressures, weatherization and natural damage, or other factors. Nominations close August 16th. [Nominate Today!](#)

Grants Promote Contemporary Visual Arts

[The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts.](#) Funding for the advancement of the visual arts. The Foundation fosters innovative artistic expression and the creative process through its support of cultural organizations that, in turn, support artists and their work. Grants are provided for curatorial programs at museums, artists' organizations, and other cultural institutions to originate innovative and scholarly presentations of contemporary visual arts. Projects may include exhibitions, catalogues, artists' residencies, and other relevant activities. The next postmark deadline for proposals is September 1, 2019. Visit the [Foundation's website](#) to review the grant guidelines.



County Profiles

The NWCCOG EDD has developed economic profiles for each NWCCOG member county, which can be found on the NWCCOG EDD website [here](#). These profiles will be updated periodically to reflect the most recent data available.

Why is this data important for Economic Development? Decision makers in both the public and private sectors rely on data to make decisions. Businesses leverage numbers from the Federal, State, and local government agencies, to decide where to invest their resources. From simple population facts to more sophisticated surveys of household expenditures, data ultimately drives all major business decisions. Similarly, government agencies and

public leaders utilize data to inform public policy. State and Federal governments often allocate resources according to the population or economic statistics. Regulations and laws dealing with economic development are analyzed using a cost-benefit analyses, which also draw on data. At every level, economic development decisions are driven by numbers. Good data helps public and private decision makers to invest in a particular project by shedding light on the project's likelihood for success. Providing data to our member communities is one of the key function of the NWCCOG Economic Development District.



Training, Workshops, & Events

Finance Essentials for Small Businesses

Thursday, August 8, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm at the Avon Town Hall

Offered by the Northwest Colorado Small Business Development Center. Whether you're just starting a business or already own an established company, understanding your financials and tax liabilities can be the difference between success and failure. This workshop will examine cash flow projections, profit and loss statements, and the various taxes associated with small businesses. [More info and register here.](#)

Drive, Lead, Succeed Conference - Economic Development Council of Colorado

October 9 - 11 at Cheyenne Mountain Resort, Colorado Springs CO - [more info here](#)

This annual conference aims to provide the knowledge, tools, and connections that are vital to foster a growing Colorado economy: Gather the industry's top influencers and thought leaders together to share knowledge and answer questions that no one else can; offer new and vital tools and solutions to pressing economic issues facing Colorado's professional economic development community;

Facilitate quality collaboration and opportunity to exchange fresh, new ideas among Colorado's leading Economic Development professionals, business and non-profit leaders, government officials and more.

Small Business Innovation Research Road Tour

August 16 in Boulder

Innovators, Entrepreneurs, Researchers, or Small Technology Firms don't miss this opportunity!

The SBIR Road Tour is a national outreach effort to convey the non-dilutive technology funding opportunity provided through the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTP) programs. Federal and state program managers representing the \$2.5 billion in early stage funding have been invited to attend a series of events alongside technology entrepreneurs and innovation supporters from across the U.S. More info and register [here](#). **Scholarships may be available for attendees from the Northwest region, please email erin@northwestsbdc.org if you are interested.**

CampSight Breck

Sept. 22-24

An innovation and marketing unconference for outdoor industry brands, adventurous visionaries and bold storytellers. [More info here!](#)

Emerging Leaders in Food & Ag

November 4-5 in Denver

Join the premier group of upcoming leaders who are building innovative solutions to the global challenges facing agriculture and transforming the food system. Emerging Leaders in Food & Ag is designed to build a stronger future for our food and agriculture sector by bringing young and emerging leaders from across the agriculture and food supply chain together for hands-on industry relevant training and leadership development. Accepting nominations: We need your help in identifying the best of the best in food and ag! These are the next generation of top-tier leaders who are paving the way for a healthy, productive food system through their innovation, thought-leadership, and work ethic. Nomination period will run from now through September 13, 2019. You may nominate your emerging leader(s) once per day. We're looking for a brief description of why they're a great leader in food or ag, their name, and a photo, if you have one.

[Nominate here](#). More info on the 2-day event [here](#).

Startup to Scale Up: Innovate and Grow your Business

September 13-14 in Vail

Offered by the Northwest Colorado Small Business Development Center.

Taught by award-winning faculty from the Leeds School of Business at CU Boulder. This workshop focuses on growing small businesses and organizations, specifically those looking or needing to shift out of their startup phase and into "what's next." Participants will leave with an understanding of how to build and grow their concepts. The program takes learned outcomes from the University of Colorado's Demystifying Entrepreneurship course and shifts from developing a successful startup toward organizational growth and advancement. [More info and register HERE](#).

ROAR Women's Leadership Conference

August 4 in Breckenridge

ROAR will focus on developing emotional intelligence through keynote address from a local life coach and exercises designed to improve leadership abilities. Register at www.thedailyroar.org.

AARP Livable Communities Conference

August 21 at Beaver Run Resort in Breckenridge - FREE!

Nearly one out of every five Coloradans will be 65 years or older by 2030, a demographic shift that holds both challenges and opportunities for Colorado communities.

AARP Colorado is organizing a one day conference that will bring together national, state and local policy experts with government and community leaders to explore the potential creation and development of age- friendly communities for people of all ages. The conference will feature presentations on best practices by local communities and opportunities for future networking. Attendance is free, a light breakfast and lunch will be provided. To rsvp or for additional information please respond to the AARP Colorado State Office at:

rrey@aarp.org

The 2019 CML Annual Seminar on Municipal Law

Sept. 27-28 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Greeley at Lincoln Park.

This seminar provides expert Colorado-specific information relevant to the daily practice of municipal attorneys in the state, as well as opportunities to network with peers. CML has contracted special lodging rates, and online reservations and registration are now open. For more details, visit bit.ly/2XlvUXG.

Small Town, Big ideas: Downtown Institute for Business

Sept. 10 in Manitou Springs - [More info and register here](#)

Across the country and the world communities are realizing to the power of the creative economy and experiential business. Manitou Springs has been supporting creative

entrepreneurs before it was trendy, and in partnership with Downtown Colorado, Inc. (DCI) and APA Colorado will share the tools, resources, and networks essential to building the systems to feed the business ecosystem. Join us for this innovative day in collaboration with the Manitou Arts Center and Start Up Colorado Springs!

American Planning Association Colorado Conference:

Elevated Planning: Balancing Place and Change!

Sept. 18-20 in Snowmass Village, CO - [more info and register here](#)

Check out the preliminary program and register online at <http://www.apacolorado.org/2019-conference>.

Grand County Economic Summit

September 12 at the Headwaters Center in Winter Park

Come join for the afternoon to hear about: Colorado Demographer - State and Grand County projections; Northwest Regional Workforce Center - cost of living and employee wages; WorkInGrand.com updates and work station. Agenda coming soon!

Housing Colorado Now Annual Conference

Oct. 8 - 11 - Keystone, CO

In 2019, the [Housing Colorado Now Annual Conference](#) will celebrate 31 years as Housing Colorado's signature event, which gathers affordable housing professionals for creative, inspiring, and thought-provoking education. We will continue to build from our past successes to shape Colorado's future-a future of more affordable options and excellent, safe housing for all. The time for solutions and collaboration is now! Come join us as we tackle the big issues together and find ways to develop and preserve our state's housing.

Sustainable Tourism Training Program

October 28-29 in Vail, Colorado

Offered by Walking Mountains Sustainability and Actively Green.

Gain practical insights and effective steps to improve your sustainability practices Learn best practices and standards for sustainability in tourism and hospitality Earn a certificate in Sustainable Tourism. Register at: walkingmountains.org/sttp.

2019 Community Building Colorado-Style Conference

Squeezed Out: Challenges of Dislocation, Diversity and Affordability in Fast-Growing Colorado Communities

Oct. 25 at University of Colorado Boulder - [more info here](#).

Join planners, city officials, community activists, scholars, and students in discussing the challenges of dislocation, affordability, and diversity in Colorado's fast-growing communities with a full day of workshops, roundtables, discussions, and keynotes.

State Demography Summit

November 1st at Arapahoe Community College

Save the date for the 37th Annual State Demography Summit. This one-day summit will present updates to SDO population estimates and forecasts, and provide up-to-date information for county and municipal planners, data analysts, economic development professionals, and others. This year's summit will offer continuing education credits for real estate appraisers, real estate brokers and members of the American Institute for City Planners (AICP). Registration will open September 2, 2019.



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Colorado Mountain College CareerConnect: Connecting Students and Employers to Jobs

CMC is excited to announce adoption of a new career management platform for students, graduates and employer partners, called CareerConnect, supported by partner Purple Briefcase. Besides serving students with their career needs, CareerConnect hosts employers sharing jobs and internships with the CMC student community. Employers will have a greater opportunity to connect directly with CMC students and alumni through the platform and can also register for any events that might take place on our campuses. CMC would love to have local employers join our career community before the next school year gets underway this fall. Employers interested in joining CMC CareerConnect should visit the [CMC Career Services website](#), and click the "Quick Start for Employers" button.