Funding & Technical Assistance

Cisco Global Impact Cash Grants
Cisco Global Impact Cash Grants support nonprofit organizations in the U.S. with scalable, replicable, and sustainable solutions that use Internet and network technology to benefit individuals and communities around the world. In the Education category, Cisco supports technology-based solutions and education delivery models that improve student performance and engagement in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). The Economic Empowerment category focuses on programs that encourage employment success, entrepreneurship, and long-term self-sufficiency by providing access to skills, knowledge, and financial products and services via technology-based solutions. Organizations can begin the application process at any time. More information here.

Rural Health Network Funds to Improve Rural Health
The Rural Health Network Development Program seeks to improve access to and the quality of healthcare in rural areas through sustainable healthcare programs created as a result of network collaboration; prepare rural health networks for the transition to value-based payment and population health management; demonstrate improved health outcomes and community impact; promote the sustainability of rural health networks through the creation of diverse products and services. Deadline: November 25, 2019. More information here.

EDA Planning and Local Technical Assistance Grants
Rolling deadline - more info here.
EDA's programs fund and promote local and regional economic development capacity-building efforts that result in or are instrumental in establishing vibrant economies throughout the United States. Through these programs, EDA supports locally-driven strategies that build on regional assets to spur economic prosperity and resiliency. EDA encourages initiatives that present new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity. Contact Rachel Lunney for more information.

Rose Community Foundation: Teacher Tech Mini Grants
Deadline: 10/15/2019. More info here. Amount: $1,500 max. The purpose of the program is to enhance and expand the utility of computers and classroom technology for Colorado's PreK-12 teachers.
The Colorado Trust - Sponsorships
Rolling deadline - [more info here](#). The purpose of this program is to support organizations seeking sponsorship for fundraising and other special events that support their work to advance health equity in Colorado. Supported projects must align with the funding agency's health equity vision for all Coloradans to have fair and equal opportunities to lead healthy, productive lives, regardless of social determinants of health, such as: Race, ethnicity, and location; Early childhood development, schools, education, and literacy; Economy, jobs, employment, occupation, working conditions, income, and wealth; Housing, transportation, public safety, parks and recreation, and healthy food access; Social status, culture, social network, political clout, and justice; Environment, pollution, and hazards.

National Records and Archives Administration
The Access to Historical Records: Major Initiatives program supports projects that will significantly improve public discovery and use of major historical records collections. The program is especially interested in collections of America's early legal records, such as the records of colonial, territorial, county, and early statehood and tribal proceedings that document the evolution of the nation's legal history. Preliminary proposals are due January 16, 2020. Invited proposals will be due July 9, 2020. [More information here](#).

Climax Molybdenum Funding Opportunities
The Climax-Area [Community Investment Fund letter of interest](#) window is open through October 1. Women's Development Initiative Grants Program deadline is September 30. [Click here for more information](#).

Grant Opportunities for the Arts
[Colorado Creative Industries](#) is offering the following opportunities:

**Career Advancement Grants - Due Oct. 1**
The Career Advancement grant offers reimbursable, matching funds up to $2,500 to support Colorado creative entrepreneurs and artists by stimulating their commercial creative business. The goal is that awardees will achieve tangible business benefits such as increased revenue, new audiences, or improved management practices.

**The Arc of the United States: MLK Day of Service Grants**
[More info here](#). The purpose of this program is to support volunteer projects that will unite Americans in service for the Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Day of Service. Funding will support nonprofit organizations to recruit volunteers to provide food aid on the MLK Day of Service on January 20, 2020, as well as the MLK Day of Service weekend from January 17, 2020, to January 20, 2020.

**State Farm Good Neighbor Grants**
Deadline: October 31
State Farm makes it their business to be like a good neighbor, helping to build safer, stronger and better educated communities across the United States. State Farm grants focus on 3 focus areas: safety (including disaster preparedness and recovery), education, and community development (Affordable Housing, Job training, Neighborhood Revitalization, Small business Development, Financial Literacy, First Time Homeownership). [More info here](#).

**Museum Assessment Program (MAP)**
Deadline: December 01, 2019
The Museum Assessment Program (MAP) is designed to help museums assess their strengths and weaknesses, and plan for the future. [More info here](#).

**HUD Funding Opportunities**
Housing Choice Implementation Grant Program, deadline October 15, 2019
Resident Opportunity & Self-Sufficiency Program, November 4, 2019
These grant programs for Public Housing Authority’s (PHA) and organizations that work with PHA residents offering funding to help establish counseling programs that help consumers make wise housing choices, rehabilitate troubled HUD funded housing properties and create programs to support PHA residents efforts to improve their lives. More info here.

USDA Small Business Innovation Research Program
Deadline: October 23
SBIR Phase I projects should prove the scientific or technical feasibility of the approach or concept. Projects dealing with agriculturally related manufacturing and alternative and renewable energy technologies are encouraged across all SBIR topic areas. USDA SBIR's flexible research areas ensure innovative projects consistent with USDA's vision of a healthy and productive nation in harmony with the land, air, and water. USDA SBIR Program has awarded over 2000 research and development projects since 1983, allowing hundreds of small businesses to explore their technological potential, and providing an incentive to profit from the commercialization of innovative ideas. Please visit Small Business Innovation Research Program (SBIR) for more information.

Advancing Informal STEM Efforts Grants
National Science Foundation. The Advancing Informal STEM Learning program seeks to advance new approaches to and evidence-based understanding of the design and development of STEM learning opportunities for the public in informal environments; provide multiple pathways for broadening access to and engagement in STEM learning experiences; advance innovative research on and assessment of STEM learning; and engage the public of all ages in learning STEM. The application deadline is November 6, 2019.

Resources

Ten steps to get your business started
Offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration. If you've thought about owning your own business, getting started can be an exciting yet daunting process. Whether you're planning on selling products or offering services, these ten steps can help you build your business from the ground up. Learn about conducting market research, how to fund the venture, get information on business taxes, and more to transform your dream into a fully functioning operation. Here are the 10 steps - click HERE for more details on each:

1. Conduct market research
2. Write your business plan
3. Fund your business
4. Pick your business location
5. Choose a business structure
6. Choose your business name
7. Register your business
8. Get Federal & State tax IDs
9. Apply for licenses and permits
10. Open a business bank account
Training, Workshops, & Events

The Summit: Investing, Startups, and Real Estate in Mountain Towns
Wed. October 16 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Silverthorne Performing Arts Center
Come and learn about investing, entrepreneurship, and economic development in Summit County and on the West Slope of Colorado. The mission of this free event, offered by Four Points Funding, is to showcase resources available to investors and entrepreneurs and provide a "state of the union" on activity across our region. We want to activate those resources at a regional level for the good of the communities we cherish and to set the model for community connectivity and networking at a much broader scale. 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.

Employment Law Update
Friday, Nov. 8 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm at the Summit County Community Center
Join the Colorado Workforce Center, Northwest Colorado Council of Governments, and the Summit Chamber for this FREE educational event. Learn about important updates to employment law including changes to the state's equal pay provisions, criminal background checks, paid family leave, and more. Register HERE. More info: mark.hoblitzell@state.co.us or call 970.880.492.

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
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 Arapaho 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). [Register here.](#)

**Land Use Law Annual Conference**  
December 5 & 6 in Denver  
Now in its 25th year, Tom Ragonetti’s Annual Conference on land use law takes place Dec. 5-6, in Denver. This conference gathers the top experts and land use professionals from across the state to discuss the most important topics in land use law. In just two days, this conference gives new and veteran practitioners the opportunity to discuss critical current issues presented from a wide range of perspectives. To register, visit [bit.ly/326YqAV](http://bit.ly/326YqAV).