



Resources Bulletin

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Funding & Technical Assistance

University of Colorado Denver Capstone Program

As the top-ranked public affairs school in Colorado and among the best in the nation, the University of Colorado Denver School of Public Affairs is creating the next generation of visionary leaders in the government and nonprofit sectors. Let our students put their skills to work for you by hosting a capstone project. About capstone projects: client-based research and consulting project that allows master's-level students to put into practice the competencies gained throughout their education at the CU Denver School of Public Affairs. Examples of types of projects include program and procedure evaluations, community or organizational needs assessments, performance measurement, strategic plan development, stakeholder surveys, best practices research, employee retention studies and many more. More information and apply to host a graduate student capstone project [here](#).

AARP Community Challenge Grants

The next round of AARP's Community Challenge grants will launch in early 2020. This program is a great way to spark quick action change in communities regarding public spaces, transportation, housing, and other issues. For more information, visit bit.ly/365loJm.

Economic Opportunity Challenge

The Economic Opportunity Challenge is a public competition to award \$10 million to scale a game-changing solution aimed at improving the financial health of low-income families in the United States. The Challenge will fund the most transformative evidence-based solutions to address barriers to improved economic opportunity, security, and mobility for individuals and families. Deadline: the registration deadline is 1/28/2020; applications must be submitted by 2/18/2020. More information [here](#).

CRAFT 101 Grants - Colorado Tourism Office

Deadline: Jan. 3, 2020. [More info here](#). CRAFT Studio 101 provides broad, comprehensive tourism education and training for rural communities or regions on how to build tourism into an economic development strategy. Recommended for: Group of partners within a community or region that is in the early stages of exploring tourism development; 1-2 local champions to be point of contact for CTO. After successful completion of CRAFT 101, participating communities or regions are eligible to apply for funding to implement a key

priority determined during program. Up to \$10,000 available for CRAFT 101 Implementation Grant.

The Walton Family Foundation's Innovative Schools Program

Supports educators and entrepreneurs nationwide who open all types of K-12 schools that can help students achieve at the highest level. This program is designed to support schools that look and feel truly different, achieve unprecedented outcomes, serve high-need students, and embrace analysis of their successes and challenges to share with other schools. Grants of up to \$325,000 will be provided to new schools, opening in 2019 and beyond, anywhere in the United States. Deadline: online pre-applications are due 1/15/2020. Visit the [Foundation's website](#) for more information about the Innovative Schools Program.

FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants

Offers funding to implement a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program with the goal of reducing overall risk to the population and structures from future hazard events. Deadline: Jan. 31, 2020. [More info here.](#)

Build your Capacity: Host an AmeriCorps VISTA

Community Resource Center is placing talented, diverse AmeriCorps members to serve in nonprofits and community based organizations across rural Colorado. Members will build the internal capacity of your organization through CRC's AmeriCorps VISTA program. Apply today to become a Rural AmeriCorps Partner Site. Partner sites will be chosen based on their ability to provide members with significant work experience, as well as their need for an innovative leader who can help them take on a project they otherwise could not afford, or infuse energy into an existing project. Deadline to apply: Jan. 21, 2020. [More info here.](#)

Agriculture Innovation Demonstration Grants

USDA Rural Development offers a grant to establish and operate Agricultural Innovation Centers that will provide technical assistance to help rural businesses market value-added agricultural products. Deadline: March 20, 2020. [More info here.](#)

The Colorado Trust : Building and Bridging Power Funding Opportunity

This funding opportunity, titled "Building and Bridging Power to Advance Health Equity through Policy and Advocacy" (Building and Bridging Power) will support the work of organizing people in communities and building policy infrastructure with and between grassroots and grassroots organizations in Colorado. To learn more about this opportunity please join The Trust during one of their many statewide, in-personal information sessions throughout January in locations across Colorado, as well as a live webinar on January 10th, 2020 from 2-2:30 pm MST. Registration details are available [here](#).

Colorado Department of Health & Environment Nonpoint Source Funding Opportunities

Funding for watershed implementation projects that address water quality impairments caused by nonpoint sources of selenium, sediment, pathogens and/or nutrients or protect waterbodies currently meeting water quality standards from degradation due to nonpoint sources of pollution. Deadline: Feb. 3, 2020. More info here.

Colorado Creative Industries Career Advancement Grants

This grant award supports Colorado creative entrepreneurs and artists to help support career growth and enhance their commercial creative business. The goal of funding is to assist awardees in achieving tangible business benefits such as increased revenue, new audiences/consumers or improved management practices. This is a great opportunity to expand your creative business! Deadline is rolling, [more info here.](#)

Coca-Cola Foundation and Keep America Beautiful: Public Space Recycling Bin Grant Program

to support recycling in communities by providing bins to expand recycling opportunities in public spaces. This program will provide recycling bins at no cost to successful applicants. Additionally, successful applicants will receive a discount that may be used to purchase additional recycling bins and related accessories. Preference will be given to projects that will spur further expansion of recycling programs in public spaces and similar locations. Deadline: 12/30/19. [More info here.](#)

Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation

Deadline: 1/15/2020. [More info here.](#) Funding to support proven, promising, or developing projects that can demonstrate success in helping children thrive. The goal of the program is to improve the systems that serve children, with particular focus placed on projects that target underserved communities. Awards will be provided for projects in the following areas: early childhood education and development; Capital improvements at licensed child care centers, including improving playgrounds, materials, and fixtures; and purchases and renovations of buildings; Early childhood and preschool programs.

Kroger Foundation

Deadline: Rolling. [More info here.](#) The purpose of this program is to make a difference in the communities where Kroger Co. operates by supporting the needs of communities and finding solutions to help end hunger. Funding will support nonprofit organizations focused on ending hunger, improving food security, and bringing balanced meals to families who need them most. The funding agency aims to help communities grow and prosper and make them better places to live and work. It focuses its efforts on the following key areas: Zero hunger/zero waste; Diversity and inclusion; Health and nutrition; Stronger communities.

NextFifty Initiative

Funding to support projects, ideas, technology, and innovations that improve the lives and capacities of those who are aging. The funding agency seeks to partner with service providers, visionaries, scientists, and community leaders to fuel ideas and drive innovations that will improve the experience of aging in Colorado and the nation. Deadline: 2/14/2020. [More info here.](#)

National Institute of Corrections Technical Assistance Program

[More info here.](#) The purpose of this program is to provide technical assistance to address the needs, problems, and specific requirements of state and local correctional agencies. Request types include: Community and facility operations; Staff and leadership development and wellness; Intergovernmental partnerships; Intervention services and programs; Public safety system policy and program development.

Funding for Roadway Safety Tools

USDOT. This program helps communities devise policies to reduce roadway fatalities. This funding opportunity makes available up to \$3 million to develop, refine, and deploy safety tools that address specific roadway safety problems. The Department anticipates making awards of \$250,000 to \$500,000 to each successful applicant. Eligible applicants are state or local governments, metropolitan planning organizations and regional governments, other political subdivisions of a state or local government. The funding complements existing safety data improvement programs at the Federal Highway Administration, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration by focusing on improving data tools practitioners use to inform their policy and decision-making. [NOFA available here.](#) Deadline: January 17, 2020.

USDA Technical Assistance & Training for Water and Wastewater Projects

This USDA grant program assists communities with water or wastewater systems through free technical assistance and/or training. Examples of project types: Identify and evaluate solutions to water problems relating to source, storage, treatment, or distribution; identify and evaluate solutions to waste problems relating to collection, treatment, or disposal:

assist applicants in the preparation of water and/or waste loan and/or grant applications; and/or provide technical assistance and/or training to water/wastewater system personnel that will improve the management, operation and maintenance of water and waste disposal facilities.

[Learn more and apply here.](#) Deadline: 12/31/19.

2020 Forest Service Wood Innovations Grant Program

Deadline: 1/15/2020. The intent of the Wood Innovations Funding Opportunity is to stimulate, expand, and support wood products markets and wood energy markets. Counties, municipalities, universities, for-profit businesses, and non-profit organizations may apply. More information [here](#). Program announcement [here](#).

Mobility for All Funding Opportunity

The U.S. Department of Transportation. The \$3.5 million program seeks to improve mobility options and access to community services for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and people with low incomes. Funds will be awarded for innovative capital projects that seek to improve the coordination of non-emergency transportation services for the transportation disadvantaged. Deadline: January 6, 2020. More information [here](#).

National Endowment for the Arts Big Read Grants

Are you a nonprofit organization interested in increasing community engagement, creating new partnerships, and celebrating great books? The 2020-2021 guidelines for National Endowment for the Arts Big Read grants are now available. Application deadline January 29, 2020. More info [here](#).

Funds to Support Youth in Scientific Education

The American Honda Association. Deadline: 2/03/2020. Amount: \$20,000-\$75,000. More info here: <https://www.honda.com/community/applying-for-a-grant>.

The purpose of this program is to support youth and scientific education, specifically in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); the environment; job training; and literacy. This program seeks to help meet the needs of American society in an imaginative, creative, youthful, forward-thinking, scientific, humanistic, and innovative manner. Projects should help communities achieve long-term benefits.

Training, Workshops, & Events

CML Legislative Workshop

February 13 at History Colorado in Denver

Municipal officials from across the state will gather to discuss key municipal issues before the 2020 General Assembly, CML's legislative program, and what municipal officials can do to influence the legislative process. [Register here.](#)

2020 Saving Places Conference

Jan. 29 - Feb. 1, 2020 at the Sheraton Downtown Denver Hotel

Colorado Preservation, Inc (CPI) is proud to present the 2020 Saving Places® Conference, a dynamic four-day event featuring high-quality educational content and networking opportunities for individuals, organizations, and communities working with historic and cultural places. More info and register [here](#).

Northwest Colorado Workforce Centers: Find/Keep Summit

April 2, 2020 at the Silverthorne Pavilion

Join us for a community conversation on attracting and retaining a workforce in Colorado's mountain and resort communities. Save the date, more information coming soon.

NWCCOG/EDCC Regional Economic Summit

May 7, 2020 at the Silverthorne Pavilion

NWCCOG is partnering with the Economic Development Council of Colorado (EDCC) in 2020 on our 3rd annual event. Save the date and stay tuned for more information!

Vail Valley Works in 2020

The Vail Valley Partnership presents Vail Valley Works in 2020 as the premier local program for developing, training, and supporting a network of aware and knowledgeable business leaders ready to take on the challenges of an ever-changing community. In 2020, Vail Valley Partnership will offer three Signature Courses- Community Leadership Academy (Jan. - July), Community Issues Bootcamp (May-Oct.) and NEXT Emerging Leaders (Jan. - June)- with the intended goal of deeper community engagement, a better understanding of the issues facing Eagle County and personal leadership development. For more information visit www.vailvalleyworks.com or contact Erik Williams at erik@vailvalleypartnership.com.

Downtown Colorado Inc. Annual Meeting 2020 - Colorado Challenge Accelerator Program

April 14 - 17, 2020 in Colorado Springs

DCI is proud to announce the application process is open to participate in the 2020 Colorado Challenge Accelerator Program! DCI has worked with over 24 communities to transform a challenge into an opportunity. Does your community have challenges you'd like to turn into opportunities? We can help! We've assisted with a variety of issues from branding to housing to downtown design and financing. Applications due Nov. 15 - [apply here](#).

CML Annual Conference

June 23 - 26 , 2020 in Westminster

Save the date for CML's Annual Conference at the Westin Westminster (June 23-26, 2020). CML is currently developing the schedule and will announce the finalized, detailed agenda in an upcoming CML Newsletter publication. Registration will open in early 2020.

Resources

December is National Write a Business Plan Month

If you're ready to take the next step and become a small business owner, jot down your ideas on paper and start writing your business plan. This December, we're celebrating National Write a Business Plan Month and encouraging you to take the first - and most important - step on your entrepreneurial journey. Click [HERE](#) for a few things to consider before you get started.