



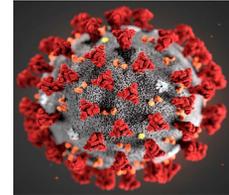
# Resources Bulletin

## March 2020

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## Funding & Technical Assistance

### COVID-19 Funding Assistance



#### **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](#).

#### **SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans**

[Apply Here](#). Colorado small businesses impacted by COVID-19 can seek individual small business loans up to \$2M as part of the Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program. Small businesses throughout all 64 counties may seek SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans. Eligible entities: Applicants must meet the SBA requirements of a small business (500 employees or fewer); Businesses directly affected by COVID-19; Businesses that offer services directly related to the businesses in the declaration; Other businesses indirectly related the industry that are likely to be harmed by losses in their community.

#### **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](#).

#### **COVID-19 Funding Opportunities**

This [clearinghouse of funding opportunities](#) is offered by Philanthropy Colorado.

#### **COVID-19 Federal Funding to help agencies continue to serve**

- [Dept of Health & Human Services](#)
- [FEMA Cost Recovery for Fire & EMS Depts](#)
- [Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration](#)
- [National Institutes of Health](#)
- [FEMA Public Assistance Grant Program](#)

#### **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.](#)

### **KIVA 0% Interest Loans**

[KIVA](#), a nonprofit organization, provides 0% interest loans to small businesses worldwide. They are expanding eligibility and the amount of loans provided during this crisis.

### **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 (CAREERS)**

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

The CAREERS 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.

### **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.

### **NEA Challenge America Grants to support the Arts to Underserved Populations**

Deadline: April 9.

Offers support to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations - those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. Eligible Applicants: Local governments, institutions of higher education and nonprofit organizations. Funding Information: Awards of \$10,000 offered. [More info here.](#)

### **2020 Governor's Minority Business Awards - Nominations now open**

[More info and nominate here.](#) Alpine Bank is a proud sponsor of the upcoming 2020

Governor's Minority Business Awards happening in August 2020. All for-profit, minority, women, and veteran-owned businesses that have contributed to the economic diversity and success of Colorado diverse communities are encouraged to apply to one of the four award categories: micro, small, medium and large businesses across four regions of our state. Applications for nominees close April 30.

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## Webinars and Virtual Meetings

### **Northwest Colorado Business Recovery Roundtable**

**Friday, March 27** at noon -[Join Here](#)

Offered by the SBDC. Weekly updates for COVID-19 economic impact response and recovery efforts with regional focus on Northwest Colorado. Business owners and community leaders are encouraged to join. March 27 presenters include representatives from:

- Northwest Workforce Center/CDLE
- Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA)
- Northwest Small Business Development Center (SBDC)
- Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade (OEDIT)

### **COVID-19 Webinar: Demystifying Financial Programs and Resources During this Crisis**

**Monday, March 30th at 1:00pm** -[Register here](#)

Offered by the International Economic Development Council. The U.S. federal government offers a number of different financial programs and resources to help communities and businesses respond and recover during and after a crisis. The COVID-19 pandemic is proving to be unprecedented in nearly every way possible, which makes understanding your options even more important. Our second webinar in this series will convene top experts in understanding, leveraging and deploying financial programs and resources, including those from SBA, CDBG, and EDA.

### **Downtown Colorado Inc. Virtual Challenge Community Summit**

**April 14 from 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** [Connect Here](#)

Help shape the creative solutions into a place of action for protecting commercial districts throughout Colorado in the future! The Summit will virtually convene delegates from all over the state who are working to turn challenges to opportunities. The Colorado Challenge Accelerator Program has been working in Colorado for just three years and is showing amazing results with close to 30 Challenge Communities developing plans and sharing their progress with each other and the rest of Colorado. DCI's unique Colorado Challenge Accelerator Program takes community challenges and builds teams to create action plans to help communities move forward with solutions. Join the discussion of our Colorado Challenge Communities as we consider how to shape our support for commercial districts, main streets, small local government, and downtowns in the face of our current challenges!