Funding & Technical Assistance

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Evidence for Action: Approaches to Advance Gender Equity From Around the Globe. The goal of this funding opportunity is to translate and adapt knowledge from around the world to the United States on approaches that can improve health or the determinants of health by improving gender equity. Learn more here.

Cigna Foundation’s Healthier Kids for Our Future Initiative
Seeks to improve the health and well-being of children. The initiative is currently offering the following grant opportunities: Food Insecurity Grants focus on programs, in and outside the school environment, that attempt to address gaps in delivering food and nutritional education to children. Mental Health Grants focus on programs that foster collaboration between stakeholders, including school administrators and teachers, clinicians, and local and national nonprofits, to address mental health and emotional well-being challenges for children. U.S. nonprofit organizations and school systems are eligible to apply. Deadline: September 30, 2020 - more info here: https://www.cigna.com/about-us/corporate-responsibility/healthier-kids-for-our-future/.

Corporation for National & Community Service - RSVP Program
The RSVP Competition is a senior volunteer program that engages people age 55 and older in a diverse range of volunteer activities. RSVP volunteers tutor children, renovate homes, assist victims of natural disasters, provide independent living services, recruit and manage other volunteers, and serve in their communities in many other ways. Focus areas include disaster services, economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, healthy futures, and veterans and military families. The application deadline is September 1, 2020. More info here.

Common Counsel Foundation: The Grassroots Exchange Fund
More info here. A rapid response small grants program designed to support networking and collaboration between grassroots social change and environmental justice organizations. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Fund is supporting community organizations that need to adjust their networking, collaboration, or organizing strategies. Examples include, but
are not limited to, support for online meeting or online organizing technology and training, language translation and interpretation, emergency stipends for organizers and grassroots leaders, and PPE (personal protective equipment) or other supplies to enable safer in-person meetings, etc. Requests will be reviewed twice monthly through November 2020. Visit http://www.commoncounsel.org/grantmaking-initiatives/grassroots-exchange-fund/

Statewide Internet Portal Authority (SIPA) Micro-grant Program
Micro-Grant funding is for projects that support SIPA’s mission of providing residents access to government through effective and efficient online and mobile technologies. This program is designed to connect residents to government by putting more information and services online. Eligible entities include local governments, special districts, K-12, colleges. For questions about the User Conference & Micro-Grant Program, please call Beth Justice: 720-409-636 or visit website.

Advanced Industries Accelerator grant programs
The Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade Advanced Industries Accelerator Programs are designed to promote growth and sustainability in Colorado’s advanced industries by helping drive innovation, accelerating commercialization, encouraging public-private partnerships, increasing access to early stage capital and creating a strong ecosystem that increases the state's global competitiveness. Online applications are being accepted for Proof of Concept Grants and Early-Stage Capital and Retention Grants. Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on September 1, 2020.

Colorado Health Foundation - October 15 Deadline
Information on all these funding opportunities HERE. Maintain Healthy Bodies: Funding Opportunity: Advancing Team-based Care through Technical Assistance; Funding Opportunity: Capital Infrastructure in Support of Team-based Comprehensive Primary Care. Nurture Healthy Minds: Funding Opportunity: Supporting Coloradans in Recovery through Nonclinical Programs. Champion Health Equity: Rapid Response Funding: Advocacy.

Access to Capital

Revolving Loan Fund Established
The USDA Rural Development has awarded the NWCCOG EDD $47,000 to establish a revolving loan fund. This fund will support the development of small and emerging businesses in the NWCCOG Region. Loan funds from this program can be used for expansion, acquisition, startups, equipment, inventory, and working capital, and will offer very favorable rates. Businesses must have gross revenues under $1 million, fewer than 50 employees, and can show they they have been turned down for a loan by traditional sources like a commercial bank (i.e. show proof of "no credit elsewhere"). NWCCOG EDD will use policies, procedures, and application and approval process set forth by the already-existing Northwest Loan Fund, which can be reviewed here. Please contact Rachel Lunney, rachel@nwccog.org or 970.485.0513 if your business is interested in applying for a loan through this program, or if you have any other questions about this new tool for accessing capital.

Resources

Remote Work Case Studies
The Colorado Workforce Development Council and Colorado Department of Labor & Employment Office of the Future of Work partnered with three businesses to develop case studies exploring the transition to remote work for a small, medium, and large business. The case studies, which were published at the end of June, aim to raise awareness about remote work, share promising practices that support a smooth adoption of remote work, and promote the location-neutral incentive made available by OEDIT. Each case study highlights key insights the company learned during their transition and links to tools and resources the
Virtual Educational Opportunities

**Seminars at Steamboat**
This is a FREE full line-up of online presentations by speakers on a variety of public policy topics:
- Aug. 10: Cyber Hacking and the 2020 Election, Kathleen Hall Jamieson
For further information, visit Seminars at Steamboat.

**West Slope Startup Week**
Virtual Format: July 7 - 30, 2020
Everything you need to know **HERE!**
Every Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon starting July 7th Techstars Startup Week West Slope is a free, multi-day, "choose your own adventure" meeting of the entrepreneurial minds and celebration of the #WestSlopeBestSlope way of doing business. The Techstars Startup Week brings entrepreneurs, local leaders, and friends together to build momentum and opportunity around a community's unique entrepreneurial identity.

**Colorado Municipal League Virtual Annual Conference**
August 25 - 27
CML has gone VIRTUAL! CML is hosting its first ever Virtual Conference August 25-27. This conference is instrumental in offering training opportunities for local governments across Colorado. Visit CML Website for more information on the conference.

**Reenvisioning Retail**
July 23-24
This interactive virtual convening will enable attendees to engage in discussion about equitable strategies for economic recovery for retail, hospitality, tourism, and food and beverage service and identify opportunities for upskilling, reskilling, and redeploying displaced workers. Register here.

**Economic Development Council of Colorado**
**Virtual Series III: Special Districts**
August 19| 10 a.m. | Register here
Our Special Districts including DDA's, BID's and URA's have see the greatest impact during the current economic crisis. We will explore ways to support our strategic partners who manage some of the greatest tools Economic Developers have in their tool chest.

**Downtown Colorado, Inc. Speaker Series**
More info and register here: http://downtowncoloradoinc.org/event-3895302
- July 28 4pm Future of Retail, Jon Schallert
- Aug 25 4pm Destination Development, Roger Brooks
- Sept 29 4pm, Taxation and Business, Joe Minicozzi
- Oct 27, 4pm, The Future of Streets, Jeff Speck

**Summit Biz Weekly Coffee Meetups and Educational Sessions**
The Summit Chamber is hosting weekly coffee meetups, every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. These meetups are informal and fun! Educational Sessions will be held every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. and will include a featured speaker. For more information, please visit the Summit Chamber Facebook page.