Funding & Technical Assistance

Great Outdoors Colorado Resilient Communities Program
Deadline: Feb. 2, 2021. More info here. In response to the unprecedented disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, GOCO is launching a one-time, $15 million Resilient Communities Program to advance outdoor recreation, stewardship, and land protection projects. Through the Resilient Communities Program, GOCO will fund one-time, immediate needs or opportunities that have emerged in direct response to the pandemic.

Sonoran Institute Growing Water Smart Workshop
Deadline: Feb. 15, 2021. More info here. Form a team and apply for this in-depth workshop to better integrate water and land use planning. The Growing Water Smart program introduces communities to the full range of communications, public engagement, planning, and policy implementation tools to realize their watershed health and community resiliency goals.

Colorado Department of Local Affairs Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Fund
Modified from years past, the coming application cycles for the EIAF Program will be as follows:
Cycle 21-05: $4 million available for Tier 1 requests only, opens 2/1/21 and closes 3/1/21
Cycle 21-12: anticipated $10-15 million, opens 8/2/21 and closes 9/3/21
Visit the DOLA EIAF page for more information and application forms.

Economic Injury Disaster Loan
Click here to apply. The deadline to apply for the SBA's EIDL program is December 31, 2020. In the mountain time zone, you will need to have your application filed no later than 10 p.m. Small business owners with questions on the EIDL program or looking for further information should visit the SBA's Office of Disaster Assistance site at https://covid19relief.sba.gov/ or call their Customer Service line at (800) 659-2955.

Small Business Relief Program
Deadline: Jan. 8, 2021. More info here. Gov. Polis has signed SB 20B-001 into law, creating the Small Business Relief Program. This bill will provide $57 million in direct aid, grants, and annual fee waivers to struggling small businesses and creates grant programs and allocates funds specifically for art and cultural organizations and minority-owned businesses. Because the window to apply for this grant funding is so narrow, the Colorado Municipal League has created a SB 20B-001 resource page on its website to help provide the most up-to-date information available.

SBA Export Loan Programs
Ready to expand your business? A growing number of businesses are bringing production and jobs back to the U.S. from overseas. SBA export loans are being used to help finance this "reshoring." Much as the market demand for quality, "Made in America" goods and services are increasing worldwide, U.S. businesses are also becoming conscious of the value of compact, efficient supply chains and locally controlled operations. Learn more here.

Grants for Childcare Educators
Deadline: Jan. 29, 2021. More info here. The Terri Lynne Lokoff Teacher Awards program, administered by First Up, acknowledges the critical role of childcare teachers in providing quality early care and education. Childcare teachers from all 50 states are eligible to apply for these awards. Applicants must be full-time childcare teachers employed in a home, group, or center-based program for a minimum of three years and meet other eligibility guidelines.

Grants for Women and Minorities in STEM
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**Training Opportunities & Events**

**Big Talks About the Future: Building Community Wealth**

January 12, 2020 | Register here

Offered by Downtown Colorado, Inc. Join this webinar for a talk from Yessica Holguin of Community Wealth Builders on creating a people-owned, inclusive, and sustainable economy that catalyzes prosperous and resilient communities free from racism and injustice.

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**Resources**

**Pivoting to a New Economy: Recovery Hub for Small Businesses**

2020 has been a year like no other for small businesses across America. The Small Business Administration has recovery resources that can help you Rebuild your small business; Keep employees safe and healthy; Revitalize your community. Learn more here.

**Report Highlights Strategies to Repurpose Vacant Lots**

How are vacant lots evolving in the United States? What strategies do practitioners consider most
What have practitioners learned in the last several years that other municipalities and organizations can benefit from? The Center for Community Progress has released a report summarizing what 119 organizations across 27 states shared on new trends, tactics, and lessons on maintaining and greening vacant lots. Click here to download the report.

Recommendations for Keeping Communities Active During Winter
The Project for Public Spaces and AARP Livable Communities have recommendations for keeping placemaking alive during the winter months. Lighting, outdoor markets, warm zones, and winterizing facilities are ways for local leaders to create outdoor spaces that encourage activity in a socially distanced environment.