

2012 Annual Report Now Available

The [2012 NWCCOG Annual Report](#) is now available.

Employment Opportunity: Business Loan Officer

NWCCOG has an employment opportunity for a Business Loan Officer for the Northwest Loan Fund. A detailed job description can be found on [HERE NWCCOG's website](#).

Alpine Area Agency on Aging Welcomes New Program Specialist Erin Fisher



NWCCOG is pleased to welcome Erin Fisher to the team as the new Area Agency on Aging Program Specialist. Erin will be focusing on some new initiatives in the AAAA including development of the Network of Care website and Information & Assistance referral line, development of the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), and will be providing program support to existing AAAA programs. Erin is from Atlanta, Georgia and brings both a wealth of knowledge in the field of senior services and older adults. She has a BA in Business Administration, and a MA in Gerontology. She has worked with the Atlanta Regional Commission's Area Agency on Aging where she worked on a project to create partnerships to educate seniors and other vulnerable populations about Medicare. She also

did an internship at the Senior Resource Center in Denver. Working and living in the mountains has been a childhood dream of Erin's, since she grew up going on ski vacations in Colorado. She is also very passionate about the field of senior services/older adults. NWCCOG is extremely pleased to have Erin on our team!

News from the NWCCOG Economic Development District

NWCCOG Economic Development District (EDD) is pleased to announce that the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) has approved funding for 2013 in the amount of \$54,900. This will be matched 1:1 by NWCCOG member dues for a total project budget of \$109,800. This funding will build capacity and support NWCCOG EDD's economic development planning program. EDA makes this investment into the region to support its mission of leading the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, thereby preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. EDA implements this mission by making investments in regions that encourage private sector collaboration and the creation of jobs. For more information on the projects and programs this funding will support, visit the [NWCCOG EDD webpage](#).

Resources Bulletin / Regional Events Calendar

This bulletin and calendar of regional events, workshops, webinars, and educational and networking

opportunities will be sent out monthly. If you would like to be on the mailing list, please email [Rachel Lunney](mailto:Rachel.Lunney).

Senior Day at the Capitol Held on March 20th



Senior Day at the Capitol is an annual opportunity for senior citizens from all of Colorado to gather and discuss aging-related legislation. It was again a standing room only crowd that attended. Thank you to Anne Crane, Sandy Bainbridge, Andy Searles and Luisa Stafford who attended as representatives of the Region 12 Regional Advisory Council and Summit County seniors. Thank you also to the Colorado Senior Lobby for organizing the event.

In the photo above, Mary Kathrine Rabbitt, attorney with the Legal Center for People with Disabilities and Older People, shares information about Colorado's new Health Care Exchange and the Affordable Care Act.

Jean Hammes, Alpine Area Agency on Aging Director, Accepted to N4A Leadership Institute

Congratulations to Jean Hammes, who was accepted into the Sixth Annual National Association for Area Agencies on Aging (N4A) Leadership Institute which was held February 27- March 2, 2013 in Washington DC. This unique and important training opportunity is specifically designed to assist Area Agencies on Aging directors and their staff, to discover and hone the leadership skills that are needed to forge the future of aging and the Aging Network.

Smart Growth America to Offer Free Technical Assistance Workshop: Planning for Economic and Fiscal Health on June 27th & 28th in Eagle

NWCCOG is one of 22 communities across the U.S. to receive a free technical assistance workshop in 2013. Each year, Smart Growth America is committed to providing the tools and training to help community leaders keep their cities and towns livable, sustainable, and economically prosperous places. This program is funded through a grant from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office

of Sustainable Communities under its Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities Program. The topic of focus for this workshop will be **Planning for Economic and Fiscal Health**, and will focus on how our communities can save money now, reduce our liabilities for the future, and use targeted investment to spur economic development. Visit the [NWCCOG Economic Development District's website](#) for more information.

Nominations Sought for May Senior Awards Ceremony

April 5 is the deadline to submit a nomination for the 2013 Regional Senior of the Year and Regional Friends of the Seniors awards presented by the Regional Advisory Council. The awards recognize contributions by older adults and entities to the Region 12 community. Contact Jean Hammes (970-468-0295) to get the details for submitting a nomination.

The Older Americans Month 2013 theme has been announced: **Unleash the Power of Age**. Every year since 1963, May has been a month to appreciate and celebrate the vitality and aspirations of older adults and their contributions to our communities. The 25th Annual Senior Awards Ceremony will be held at the Summit County Community & Senior Center in Frisco on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 in conjunction with Older Americans Month.

Deadline for 2013 Region 12 Mini-Grant Program is May 3, 2013

The Alpine Area Agency on Aging's mini-grant program is again being offered in 2013. The amount of funding available is approximately \$6,676. The identified priority projects include Advocacy, Coordination, Emergency Service Delivery Situation, Equipment, Program Development, and Training & Professional Development. The mini-grant program is administered through the Regional Advisory Council, and is to support applicants or implementation located within Region 12 that includes Eagle, Grand, Jackson, Pitkin and Summit counties. Deadline to submit an application is May 31, 2013; awarded projects must be fully completed by June 30, 2013. Funding for the mini-grant program is provided through State Funds for Senior Services. Information and application is available on the NWCCOG website www.nwccog.org.

Save the Date for the 5th Annual Caregiver Conference - Thursday, June 13th

The 5th Annual Caregiver conference will be held Thursday, June 13, from 8:30 am-1:00 pm at the Glenwood Springs High School. There will be session presentations along with a resource fair, caregiver pampering, and breakfast. Email jumartin@garfield-county.com to get on the mailing list.