

## 24th Annual Senior Awards Ceremony Honors 16 Individuals on May 16th



The 24th Annual Senior Awards Ceremony was held on Wednesday, May 16 at the Summit County Community-Senior Center in Frisco. Nearly 80 persons attend the event to recognize and honor these Older Americans and friends in the region who have made a difference in our region's communities. The senior awards ceremony is held each May in conjunction with Older Americans

Month. The Administration on Aging's 2012 theme for Older American's Month is "Never Too Old to Play". As seen during this Senior Awards Ceremony, one person can make a difference to have a strong, healthy, active and supportive community!

Our thanks and congratulations to each of the award recipients for your contributions of time, talent, energy, and leadership to improve the quality of life for others. Pictured above from left to right: Kathryn Grohusky, Summit County Friend of the Seniors; Christian Caslin, Region 12 Friend of the Seniors; Richard & Dottie Janousek, Grand County Seniors of the Year; Michelle Vogel, Garfield County Friend of the Seniors; Hilda Sykes, Garfield County Senior of the Year; Grace Finney, Eagle County Senior of the Year; Al Rodriguez, Jackson County Senior of the Year; Ed Ochsner, Eagle County Senior of the Year; Mark White, Jackson County Friend of the Seniors.

Award recipients not pictured: Bonnie Guthrie, Summit County Senior of the Year; Jennifer Fischer, Eagle County Friend of the Seniors; Ken Canfield, Pitkin County Senior of the Year; Dan Sheridan, Pitkin County Friend of the Seniors; Dave Helmer and Terence Quinn, Region 12 Friends of the Seniors.

During Older Americans Month we should all find ways to enrich the lives of the older adults who touch our lives and make a difference in our communities. Also thank you to the Summit County Seniors, Summit County Government, Coni Aguilar, John Bade, Anne Crane, Kathryn Grohusky, Wendy Petefish, Sherry Rogstad and Black Diamond Gourmet who helped to make this year's ceremony successful and memorable.

## Weatherization Team Completes OSHA Training

The entire NWCCOG Weatherization Team completed 30 hours of OSHA training (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) for the construction industry in late April. The Department of Energy requires that all installers attend this training. The class was taught by a 20-year veteran of weatherization, and tailored as much as possible to the daily work activities experienced by installers out in the field. All NWCCOG personnel attending passed the course and will be awarded certificates of completion and an OSHA30 wallet card. Congratulations!

## MountainConnect 2012 - Colorado's Definitive Rural Broadband Development Conference - is being Held in Our Region this June

If you attend one conference this summer, please make it Mountain Connect 2012! Clear your calendar on June 10th & 11th, 2012 and join MC2012 for an informative and fun event in spectacular Breckenridge. Colorado's only rural broadband development conference is open to individuals, organizations, community leaders, local technology planning teams, service providers and anyone interested in significantly improving broadband service in their region. There is no cost to attend. RSVP is required at [www.mountainconnect.org](http://www.mountainconnect.org) where you simply click on "Request Invitation". Gather information, learn new approaches, and receive industry updates related to rural broadband development. Meet people from all over Colorado who are working to improve broadband services in their community. Learn best practices, the ropes to skip, and the ropes to know from other Colorado regional Local Technology Planning Teams.

## **NWCCOG Welcomes Christy Laney as the New Coordinator for the Northwest All Hazards Emergency Management Region**

Christy Laney will be the new coordinator of the Northwest All Hazards Emergency Management Region (NWAHEMR). She will begin her post on May 29th. Christy is currently the coordinator for the West All Hazards Region. She will continue in that capacity, and will take on the Northwest region as well (both are part-time contract positions). Christy can be contacted at [claney@nwccog.org](mailto:claney@nwccog.org).

The NWAHEMR is a ten-county region comprised of Eagle, Garfield, Grand, Jackson, Mesa, Moffat, Pitkin, Rio Blanco, Routt, and Summit counties. An Executive Board/Steering Committee, made up of each county's emergency manager, as well as, discipline representatives, meets on a regular basis to develop strategies to improve the preparedness of the region through the use of homeland security grant funds. NWCCOG provides fiscal management and program coordination for the NWAHEMR. Each year, the NWAHEMR applies for funding from the State of Colorado Governor's Office of Homeland Security for various projects that improve the region's capability to be prepared for emergencies and terrorist attacks. This funding ultimately comes from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

## **Elected Officials Workshop Attended by many new to the Governing Arena**

NWCCOG held an elected officials workshop on May 4th, which was attended by members of town councils/boards of trustees and BOCC's from several communities in NWCCOG's region including the towns of Blue River, Basalt, Grand Lake, Dillon, Fraser, Hot Sulphur Springs, Walden, Eagle, Alma, and Summit County. Presentations were given on ethics and liability, a team approach to good governance, and how to work effectively with the media. For more information, or if you would like to see NWCCOG offer this workshop again in the future, please contact Rachel Lunney.

## **Annual Caregiver Conference Set for June 20th in Glenwood Springs**

The 4th Annual Caregiver Conference will be held from 9:00 am-2:00 pm on Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at the Glenwood Springs High School. This annual conference is a joint effort of the Region 12 and Region 11 family caregiver support programs. This year's conference event will feature Dr. Jason Schillerstrom, MD presenting "Understanding The Aging Brain". Dr. Schillerstrom is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Following the presentation will be lunch with caregiver pampering and a service vendor fair. There is no cost to attend the caregiver conference, but registration is required to attend. To register, please email Sherry Rogstad or call her at 970-468-0295 ext.104. Deadline to register for all attendees is June 8, 2012.

## **Individuals Sought to Represent the Region on the Colorado Commission on Aging**

The Colorado Commission on Aging was established in 1964 to inform and advise decision makers and to advocate for the quality of life of all seniors. The Commission consists of 17 volunteer members appointed by the Governor, with consent of the Senate.

The Commission is comprised of 2 persons from each Congressional District (one from each major political party), one person at-large, one from the Senate, and one from the House of Representatives. Appointment is for a four-year term. Three of the four current commission member position terms representing the region end June 30, 2012. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Commission, please contact Tara Franck at the Division of Aging and Adult Services at (303) 866-5288 or contact the Governor's Boards & Commissions Office at (303) 866-6328. [Click here](#) to go to the Commission's webpage. If you are interested in more information you may also contact Jean Hammes at the Alpine Area Agency on Aging at 970.468-0295.

## **Join The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4A) in the Mile High City for the 37th Annual Conference & Trade Show**

The Colorado Association of Area Agencies on Aging is proud to be the host of the 37th Annual n4a 2012 Conference & Tradeshow. Join us at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver on July 7-11, 2012, where the most innovative policies, programs and services that assist older adults, persons with disabilities and their caregivers will be showcased.

Share ideas and network with colleagues while we tackle some of today's most pressing issues, like: Older Americans Act reauthorization; Care Transitions programs; Medicaid managed care; Accountable Care Organizations, Health Homes; Private pay and cost-sharing; Partnerships with health providers; Volunteer roles and capacity; Livable communities for all ages; Technology and social media...and much, much more!

CLICK HERE for more information and to register. An early discounted rate will be offered if registered by June 7th.

## **Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Grant Program to be Reinstated**

On Tuesday, May 22, 2012, Gov. John Hickenlooper announced that the Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance grant program will be reinstated, and will provide \$20 million to local governments throughout Colorado as early as February 2013. The competitive grant program has been suspended since August 2010 so that funds could be diverted to the state's General Fund to help address budget shortfalls. The state's increased General Fund balance and improved budget forecast have allowed the grant program to be reinstated. Grant funds can be used for projects such as the repair and building of roads, improvements to public facilities, building and restoring water and sewer systems and projects that help bolster the capacity of local governments.

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs administers the Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Fund. Funding for the program comes from state severance tax and federal mineral lease revenues. Grant awards will fall under one of two categories: Tier 1 funds projects up to \$200,000; and Tier 2 awards grants from \$201,000 to \$1 million.

Applications will be available on the DOLA website on August 1, 2012. The application deadline is December 3, 2012 with funding decisions being made by February 2013 for Tier 1 awards, and April 2013 for Tier 2 awards.

## **Funding Opportunities**

Below is a list of current funding opportunities. For links to full announcements on these and other funding opportunities, visit NWCCOG's Grant Opportunities Page

### **Federal Funding Opportunities:**

Community Connect Broadband Grants - USDA Rural Development. Grants to provide broadband service to residents of remote, rural communities. Deadline: June 18, 2012.

Farm to School Grant Program - USDA Food & Nutrition Service. Funding to eligible entities for implementing farm to school programs that improve access to local foods in eligible schools. Deadline: June 15, 2012.

America's Media Makers - National Endowment for the Humanities. Grants for projects that expand or deepen the audience's understanding of a subject: for example, museum exhibitions, book/film discussion programs, or other formats that enhance the programs' humanities content, engage audiences in new ways, and expand the distribution of programs. Deadline: August 15, 2012.

## Funding Opportunities (continued)

Advancing Informal STEM Learning - National Science Foundation. Invests in research and development of innovative and field advancing out of school STEM learning and emerging STEM learning environments. Preliminary proposals due August 14, 2012. Deadline: January 14, 2012.

Rural Housing Preservation Grants - USDA Utilities Programs. Grant funds to assist very low- and low-income homeowners in repairing and rehabilitating their homes in rural areas. In addition, the HPG program assists rental property owners and cooperative housing complexes in repairing and rehabilitating their units if they agree to make such units available to low- and very low-income persons. Deadline: June 25, 2012.

Learning Labs in Libraries and Museums Grants - Institute of Museum and Library Services. Deadline: June 15, 2012.

Preservation and Access Education and Training Grants - National Endowment for the Humanities. Deadline: June 28, 2012.

Family Connection Grants: Combination Family-finding/Family Group Decision-making Projects Grants. Administration for Children and Families. Deadline: July 10, 2012.

Healthy Food Financing Initiative - Administration for Children and Families. Supports projects that increase access to healthy, affordable food in communities that currently lack these options.

BioSense 2.0: Building State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Surveillance Capacity to Enhance Regional and National All-Hazards Public Health Situation Awareness. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Deadline: June 26, 2012.

Grants for School-based Health Center Capital (SBHCC) Program - Affordable Care Act. Health Resources & Services Administration. Deadline: June 26, 2012.

Implementation Cooperative Agreements for Expansion of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families Program. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Deadline: June 19, 2012.

Transitional Living Program and Maternity Group Homes - Administration for Children and Families. Deadline: July 10, 2012.

Preservation and Access Education and Training Grants - National Endowment for the Humanities. Grants aim to help the staff of cultural institutions, large and small, obtain the knowledge and skills needed to serve as effective stewards of humanities collections. Deadline: June 28, 2012.

## State Funding Opportunities:

Colorado Creative Industries - Office of Economic Development & International Trade. Provide critical financial support that helps nonprofit cultural organizations and communities produce and present arts and cultural activities, bringing jobs to their communities and enhancing the quality of life. Deadline: June 21, 2012

Waste Tire Project - Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment. Incentives for purchasing and using recycled waste tire products in public projects. Deadline: May 30th, 2012.

## Funding Opportunities (continued)

Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Grant Program - Colorado Department of Local Affairs. Funding has been reinstated. Applications will be available by August 1, 2012. Deadline: December 3, 2012.

### **Private Foundation & Other Funding Opportunities:**

Wells Fargo Foundation & National Fish & Wildlife Foundation - Grants for Community Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship Projects. Deadline for pre-proposals: July 2, 2012.

Kendall Charitable Funds - Grants for Innovative New Programs to Improve the Lives of Older Adults. Deadline for letters of intent: June 15, 2012.

Doris Duke Charitable Foundation - for projects designed to strengthen the national infrastructure of the professional nonprofit dance, jazz, presenting, and/or theater fields; or to improve conditions for the national community of professional performing artists in those fields. Deadline: July 2, 2012.

Nature's Path Organic Foods - Gardens for Good Grant Program. Funding available for community garden projects. Deadline: May 31, 2012.

Acres for America Program- Conservation Project Land Acquisition. Deadline for pre-proposals: June 1, 2012.

Bikes Belong Coalition - Deadline: June 29, 2012.

National Trust for Historic Preservation: Deadline: June 1, 2012.

The Office Depot Foundation - Grants to Help Children Succeed in School and Life; Enable Nonprofit Organizations to Become More Efficient and Effective; Assist People and Businesses in Preparing for and Recovering from Disasters; and Strengthening Local Communities through Grants, Donations and Volunteerism applications accepted through October 2012.

The Finish Line Foundation - for active youth lifestyle program. Deadline: June 30, 2012.

The Wells Fargo Foundation - priorities include arts and culture, education, economic development, health care and human services. Deadline: July 1, 2012.

Youth Service America and State Farm - Good Neighbor Student Achievement Grants. State Farm is proud to team up with YSA (Youth Service America) to offer grants for programs enhancing student achievement through service-learning in K-12 public schools in all fifty US states, Deadline: May 31, 2012.

Open Meadows Foundation - Support for Projects That Are Led By and Benefit Women and Girls. Deadline: August 15, 2012.

DJ & T Foundation - A Non-Profit Foundation Devoted to the Support of Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinics and Voucher Programs throughout the 50 United States and the District of Columbia. Deadline: Open.