Resources Bulletin
Late November 2019

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Training, Workshops, & Events

CML 2020 Legislative Kickoff Webinar
January 8, 2020 from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Join CML's legislative and policy advocates on the first day of the 72nd General Assembly to learn more about Colorado's legislative process, the bills we expect to see this session and how you can be involved. The advocates will also take any questions you may have about the session. This FREE webinar is perfect for municipal elected officials and staff who are interested in what is happening at the capitol or who participate in their municipality's advocacy efforts. [Register here.](#)

Get Grants: Grant Writing Workshop
December 12 in Denver
Offered by the Community Resource Center. Build your professional capacity to write competitive grants by gaining a deeper understanding of best practices for writing a grant application. Join CRC for a comprehensive, one-day grant writing workshop and learn best practices in grantwriting and tips for success when writing the Colorado Common Grant Application. Participants will understand the essential elements included in a grant proposal and how to craft a compelling case for support through interactive exercises. [Register here.](#)

Building Better Places Training
Feb. 10-12, 2020 in Grand Junction
Community Builders is offering a workshop, the Building Better Places training to help local leaders develop the skills they need to effectively plan for growth and change in their community. Because the American West is one of the fastest growing and rapidly changing parts of the country, local leaders are grappling with a lot of tough challenges. How can we ensure that growth and change isn't something that simply happens to us, but instead is harnessed into an opportunity to build a more livable, economically viable future for our community? The Building Better Places training invites applicants to build a community team of up to 8 local leaders to attend the training together. Nearly all participation costs, including lodging, are covered for accepted teams. Applications are due Friday, December 20, 2019. [More info here.](#)

Vail Valley Works in 2020
The Vail Valley Partnership presents Vail Valley Works in 2020 as the premier local program for developing, training, and supporting a network of aware and knowledgeable business leaders ready to take on the challenges of an ever-changing community.
In 2020, Vail Valley Partnership will offer three Signature Courses- Community Leadership Academy (Jan. - July), Community Issues Bootcamp (May-Oct.) and NEXT Emerging Leaders (Jan. - June)- with the intended goal of deeper community engagement, a better understanding of the issues facing Eagle County and personal leadership development. For more information visit www.vailvalleyworks.com   or contact Erik Williams at erik@vailvalleypartnership.com.

Downtown Colorado Inc. Annual Meeting 2020 - Colorado Challenge Accelerator Program
Conference wll be held April 14 - 17, 2020 in Colorado Springs
DCI is proud to announce the application process is open to participate in the 2020 Colorado Challenge Accelerator Program! DCI has worked with over 24 communities to transform a challenge into an opportunity. Does your community have challenges you'd like to turn into opportunities? We can help! We've assisted with a variety of issues from branding to housing to downtown design and financing. Applications due Nov. 15 - apply here.

Funding & Technical Assistance

Statewide Internet Portal Authority (SIPA) Micro-Grant program
Deadline: Dec. 30. This application is quick, easy, and will hopefully get you some extra cash for those projects you have been trying to start (or finish). Applicants can be CO state & local governments, special districts, or public education institutions. The project(s) requested must aim to put information and services online for residents of Colorado, as SIPA is very fond of eGovernment solutions. Details here: sipa.colorado.gov/micro-grant. Contact Beth Justice with questions, beth@cosipa.gov.

Funding available to aid municipalities in efforts to combat substance abuse
HB 19-1287: this legislation provides funding for substance use treatment capacity building in rural areas of our state. Municipalities can be recipients of the funding. Decisions on funding will be jointly made by representatives of that region's behavioral health provider, county representatives, and the state. Law enforcement can also apply for these funds. Contact Meghan Dollar, CML legislative and policy advocate, at mdollar@cml.org with additional questions. Grant application guidelines found here.
SB 19-228: Provides funds for grant writing assistance for prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery of substance use disorders. The funds are intended to aid local communities in need of assistance in applying for grants to access state and federal money to address opioid and other substance use disorders in their communities. Priority will be given to rural communities. For grant assistance, visit bit.ly/33QWT3l.

Funding for Roadway Safety Tools
USDOT. This program helps communities devise policies to reduce roadway fatalities. This funding opportunity makes available up to $3 million to develop, refine, and deploy safety tools that address specific roadway safety problems. The Department anticipates making awards of $250,000 to $500,000 to each successful applicant. Eligible applicants are state or local governments, metropolitan planning organizations and regional governments, other political subdivisions of a state or local government. The funding complements existing safety data improvement programs at the Federal Highway Administration, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration by focusing on improving data tools practitioners use to inform their policy and decision-making. NOFA available here. Deadline: January 17, 2020.

USDA Technical Assistance & Training for Water and Wastewater Projects
This USDA grant program assists communities with water or wastewater systems through free technical assistance and/or training. Examples of project types: Identify and evaluate solutions to water problems relating to source, storage, treatment, or distribution; identify and evaluate solutions to waste problems relating to collection, treatment, or disposal: assist applicants in the preparation of water and/or waste loan and/or grant applications; and/or provide technical assistance and/or training to water/wastewater system personnel that will improve the management, operation and maintenance of water and waste disposal facilities.
Learn more and apply here.   Deadline: 12/31/19.

2020 Forest Service Wood Innovations Grant Program
Deadline: 1/15/2020. The intent of the Wood Innovations Funding Opportunity is to stimulate, expand, and support wood products markets and wood energy markets. Counties, municipalities, universities, for-profit businesses, and non-profit organizations may apply. More information here. Program announcement here.

Mobility for All Funding Opportunity
The U.S. Department of Transportation. The $3.5 million program seeks to improve mobility options and access to community services for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and people with low incomes. Funds will be awarded for innovative capital projects that seek to improve the coordination of non-emergency transportation services for the transportation disadvantaged. Deadline: January 6, 2020. More information here.

National Endowment for the Arts Big Read Grants
Are you a nonprofit organization interested in increasing community engagement, creating new partnerships, and celebrating great books? The 2020-2021 guidelines for National Endowment for the Arts Big Read grants are now available. Application deadline January 29, 2020. More info here.

Funds to Support Youth in Scientific Education
The American Honda Association.   Deadline: 2/03/2020.   Amount: $20,000-$75,000. More info here: https://www.honda.com/community/applying-for-a-grant.
The purpose of this program is to support youth and scientific education, specifically in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); the environment; job training; and literacy. This program seeks to help meet the needs of American society in an imaginative, creative, youthful, forward-thinking, scientific, humanistic, and innovative manner. Projects should help communities achieve long-term benefits.

The National League of Cities 2020 Leadership in Community Resilience program
NLC is now accepting applications from cities and towns seeking funding for resilience-related projects. Each municipality selected for the 2020 cohort will receive $10,000 in financial support, advisory services, and a site visit from NLC staff, as well as an invitation to NLC's annual resilience summit for the mayor and a staff member. Apply at www.nlc.org/2020-leadership-incommunity-resilience-program-application. Deadline: Dec. 20.

Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals
Department of Health and Human Services. The Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals program supports the development or expansion of community infrastructure that integrates substance use disorder treatment, housing services, and other critical services for individuals (including youth) and families experiencing homelessness. The application deadline is December 16, 2019.

Caring for Colorado Foundation
Creating Equity in Health. Caring for Colorado stands together with rural, urban and

frontier communities to create programs, policies and systems that support the goal that every child in Colorado has love, stability, support and opportunity. Two deadlines per year: First Friday in February; First Friday in August. More info here.

Brownfields, Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup (ARC) Grants
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Deadline: December 3, 2019. Grants offered by the Brownfields Program may be used to address sites contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum) and petroleum. More info here.

Defense Counsel First Appearance Grant Program
The Defense Counsel First Appearance Grant Program is now accepting applications for funding. This program launched with the purpose of reimbursing, in whole or in part, costs associated with the provision of defense counsel to defendants at their first appearance in municipal courts. All Colorado municipal courts are encouraged to apply. For information, please contact Shawn Marandi at 303-864-8479 or shawn.marandi@state.co.us.

National Park Service - Historic Properties and Collections Preserved
The Save America's Treasures program helps preserve nationally significant historic properties and collections that convey the nation's rich heritage to future generations of Americans. Grants are made in two categories: preservation projects for properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places or listed as a National Historic Landmark, and projects involving collections, including artifacts, museum collections, documents, sculptures, and other works of art. The application deadline is December 10, 2019. More info here.

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10 Tips for Small Business Saturday Success

For millions of small businesses across the United States, it's getting close to the most wonderful time of the year: Small Business Saturday! Celebrated two days after Thanksgiving, Small Business Saturday is a way for consumers to usher in the busy holiday shopping season and make an impact in their community by supporting independently owned businesses. Click HERE for 10 tips for success to get the most out of Small Business Saturday, provided by the U.S. Small Business Administration.