
**** New Entries are highlighted in green.**

AGNC *Grants Round-Up* Hot Deadlines

1. **BUILD (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) Grant Program:** previously known as the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) and Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grants. The goal of the BUILD program is to fund projects that will have a significant local or regional impact and improve transportation infrastructure. The Minimum Award Size is \$1 million for rural capital projects. Applications must be submitted online no later than 5:00 pm eastern on **February 24, 2026**. Selections are expected to be announced no later than June 28, 2026. Learn more: [Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development](#)
2. **Community Infrastructure Center:** A new partnership between **Amalgamated Bank, The Milken Institute, and NREL** is offering over **\$180 million** to help clean energy projects move forward. This includes **grants and low-interest loans** for projects that are **1.5 megawatts or smaller**—roughly the size of a community solar project or a system on a large building. This effort is focused on helping **tax-exempt organizations**—including **local governments, special districts, and nonprofits**—get access to the financing they need. The **immediate goal** is to support projects that are ready to start construction or be finished before **January 1, 2026**, but **projects at any stage of development are welcome to apply**. Learn more: [Community Infrastructure Center](#)
3. **Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) (DOLA):** The Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) program is designed to help rural communities comprehensively diversify their local economy and create a more resilient Colorado. Projects that will be funded include plans, construction, programs, and capacity building. All applications must **create and retain jobs**, either direct or indirect. Projects should fall into one or more of the following categories: Job creation and retention; Capacity building; Economic resilience; Supports entrepreneurial ecosystems. All projects should be identified as a priority for the community within a comprehensive and holistic approach. The next Rural Economic Development Initiative **grant** cycle will open in **February 2026**. Learn more: [Rural Economic Development Initiative](#).
4. **The America 250 - Colorado 150 Commission:** Partnership with the Anschutz Foundation, Daniels Fund, El Pomar Foundation, Boettcher Foundation, Gates Family Foundation, and the Adolph Coors Foundation. [The Commission will serve as a clearing house for organizations throughout Colorado to apply for grant funding for commemorative programs and projects. The Commission will review all proposals to determine alignment with the Commission's objectives and forward all proposals to partner foundations. Foundations will consider the Commission's feedback but will](#)



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ultimately make their own funding

decisions. This \$5 million includes both proposals submitted through this process and other related projects under consideration by foundations in their regular grant making over the next 18 months. Learn more: [The America 250 - Colorado 150 Commission](#)

5. **Local Planning Capacity Grant Program (DOLA):** Supports local government planning departments to streamline land-use, permitting and zoning processes for affordable housing—through activities such as system upgrades, code revisions, consultant/staff support, and multi-jurisdictional collaborations. Grants typically up to \$250,000, require a 20% local match. **Opens January 26, 2026 and closes February 26.** Learn more: [Local Planning Capacity Grant Program](#)
6. **Community Revitalization Tax Credit (CRTC) Program (OEDIT):** CRTC will provide up to \$50 million in available tax credits (up to \$10 million a year for tax years 2025-2029) for capital projects supporting the creative industry. Eligible projects can apply for tax credits of up to \$3 million crediting up to 25% of the total eligible expenses of a project. Preliminary Application Opens **January 12**; Applications are due by 4pm on **February 17, 2026.** Learn more: [Community Revitalization Tax Credit Program](#)
7. **Land Banking Program (CHFA):** The Land Banking program provides grants to eligible local or tribal governments and forgivable loans to eligible nonprofits with a demonstrated history of providing affordable housing. These funds must be used to acquire and preserve land for affordable for-sale housing or affordable rental housing. Mixed use may be allowed so long as the predominant use is affordable housing. From Monday, January 5th, through Friday, **February 6th**, at 5:00pm MT, LOIs will be accepted for **all eligible projects.** Learn more: [Land Banking Program](#)
8. **Disability Benefit Application Assistance Grant (CDOO):** Administered by the Colorado Disability Opportunity Office (CDOO) within the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, this grant page outlines state funding opportunities overseen by the Colorado Disability Funding Committee to support community-driven work that improves the lives of Coloradans with disabilities. The programs include grants that help organizations provide disability benefit application assistance and fund new or innovative projects that enhance independence, access, and quality of life for individuals with disabilities across the state. By investing in both service-oriented assistance and creative solutions developed by nonprofit and community partners, the initiative seeks to strengthen support systems, promote inclusion, and expand opportunities for people with disabilities throughout Colorado. Deadline: **February 21, 2026.** Learn more: [Disability Benefit Application Assistance Grant](#)
9. **New and Innovative Idea Grant (CDOO):** "New and innovative ideas," mean novel, original or unique concepts for improving quality of life or increased independence for persons with disabilities, whether such concepts are completely new or propose changes to existing concepts, programs, projects, products, or fields. Deadline: **February 28, 2026.** Learn more: [New and Innovative Idea Grant](#)
10. **Wetlands for Wildlife Grants (CPW):** The Colorado Wetlands for Wildlife Program is a voluntary, collaborative, and incentive-based program to restore, enhance, and create wetlands and riparian areas in Colorado. Colorado Parks and Wildlife annually seeks applications for wetland and riparian restoration, enhancement, and creation projects to



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support the goals of this program.

Deadline: **February 24, 2026**. Learn more: [Wetlands for Wildlife Grants](#)

11. **Proposition 123 Local Planning Capacity Grant** (DOLA): This is the final opportunity to secure funding that can support your jurisdiction with implementing the Proposition 123 requirements to expedite the development review process in time to meet that deadline. The spring funding cycle runs from **Monday, January 26 through Thursday, February 26, 2026 at noon**. An informational webinar recording, application materials, and other resources are available on the [LPC Program website](#). Interested applicants must also [schedule a pre-application meeting](#) by mid-February with LPC Program staff in order to access the grant application form online. Need assistance with Fast Track requirements? Don't forget about their [weekly Fast Track Office hours](#) every Wednesday, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Learn more: [Proposition 123 Local Planning Capacity Grant](#)
12. **Grant for Arts Projects** (NEA): Supports arts projects that benefit the public, including performing arts, visual arts, literature, media arts, folk and traditional arts, and multidisciplinary arts activities. Grants may fund creation and presentation of new work, community engagement and arts education, arts programming in underserved communities, partnerships with arts service organizations, and projects that integrate arts into community development or civic life. Typical award amounts range from \$10,000 to \$100,000 (or more) depending on the project category and scope; matching cost share is not required for most applicants. **Deadline: February 12**. Learn more: [Grant for Arts Projects](#)

The Watch List (up and coming grants that you should prepare for)

13. **Build to Scale** (EDA): The Build to Scale (B2) program supports organizations that strengthen entrepreneurial ecosystems to support entrepreneurs as they build and scale technology-driven businesses—and the employees in the new, good jobs they create—to make and deliver new technology products and services. Build to Scale (B2S) grants fund programs that support innovators, entrepreneurs, and startups transforming ideas into the critical, emerging technologies of the future. The Build to Scale program aims to: build capacity for entrepreneurs and innovators to invent, improve, and bring to market new technology products and services; accelerate the growth of regional economies focused on industries of the future; empower communities to enable technology innovators and entrepreneurs to pilot and test their products and services; and increase access to capital for technology-enabled entrepreneurs. Details: [Build to Scale](#)
14. **EmpowHer Grants** (Boundless Futures Foundation): EmpowHer grants support impact-focused female founders who need early-stage business capital, a network of business advisors, or both. Eligible applicants are female entrepreneurs with businesses registered and operating solely in the United States. An applicant's business must make a social impact through its product or business model, be earning revenue, and not be more than five years old. We define 'social issues' as issues that impact society, and we refer to the [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#) as a useful tool for thinking

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about social issues. We believe that

entrepreneurs have the potential to contribute powerfully to solutions to society's issues through successful businesses. Look for in **June 2027**. **\$50,000**. Learn more:

[EmpowHer Grants](#)

Business & Economic Development

15. **Advanced Industries Early-Stage Capital & Retention Grant** (OEDIT Advanced Industries): Colorado-based advanced-industry technology companies may apply twice per year (typically **January and July cycles**) for reimbursement grants of up to **\$250,000** to **commercialize disruptive technologies** developed or manufactured in Colorado. Applicants must provide a 2:1 non-state match, meet revenue/funding caps, and show technology viability. Next deadline: **March 2026** (winter cycle). Details: [Advanced Industries Early-Stage Capital & Retention Grant](#)
16. **Advanced Industries Export Grant** (OEDIT): Small- and medium-sized Colorado businesses in advanced industries may receive reimbursement of up to **\$15,000** (50% of eligible costs) to support **export activities** like international business development, trade shows, marketing, translation, export training, and legal/compliance support. **Applications are open on a rolling basis until funds run out.** Apply at: [Advanced Industries Export Grant](#)
17. **Rural Entrepreneur Grant** (Startup Colorado): Our grants empower rural entrepreneurs to elevate their businesses and make a lasting impact on their communities. With this financial support, you can attend business-related events, enroll in educational programs, or access technical resources that pave the way for growth and success. Our grant program is here to lighten the financial burdens of registration fees, travel expenses, or other hurdles that are standing between you and the acceleration of your business. Rolling deadlines. Learn more: [Rural Entrepreneur Grant](#)
18. **Micro Grant** (History Colorado): The Micro grant supports grass-root preservation efforts. This may encompass any project type which could be applied for as a competitive grant but offers more flexible application timing for smaller-scale projects. Rolling deadlines. \$10,000 max. 10% match. Learn more: [History Colorado Micro Grant](#)
19. **Main Street Mini-Grants** (DOLA): Colorado Main Street offers non-competitive mini-grants to their Candidate, Designated, and Graduate communities based on available funding each year from DOLA. The further along you are in the program, the more money you get. To qualify for a mini-grant, you must fill out an application (found on their website) and the money may only be used for planning, training, and physical improvements. The item must also be listed on your work plan for the year and a 25% match in funds is required. Deadline: **April 1**. Learn more: [Main Street Mini-Grants](#)

ChildCare

Foundations

20. **El Pomar Foundation – Trustee Review Cycles:** El Pomar Foundation accepts grant applications on a rolling basis, reviewed quarterly during Trustee meetings. Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals at least 10 weeks in advance of a review date. For 2025, the remaining Trustee meetings are scheduled for **March 6**, June 18, September 18, and December 4. Learn more: <https://www.elpomar.org/grant-making/>
21. **Hometown Grants** (T-Mobile Foundation): Local governments, tribal leaders, or nonprofit community leaders in Colorado towns with **populations under 50,000** may apply for funding to build or revitalize community spaces (e.g., parks, libraries, town squares, ball fields). Awards are made quarterly, and the application portal **closes at the end of each quarter** (reopens the first day of the new quarter). Learn more: [Hometown Grants](#)
22. **Spark Good Local Grants** (Walmart Spark Good): Eligible entities: Deed-verified organizations with a Spark Good account, including nonprofit organization (c3) government entities, schools, and faith-based groups with community-wide benefit. Provides local cash grants ranging from \$250 to \$5,000 to support community-specific needs through an open application process. **Applications are accepted quarterly.** Learn more: [Spark Good Local Grants](#)
23. **Anschutz Family Foundation:** Provides **grants** of \$5,000-\$10,000 for general operating or program/project requests for various program areas including community & capacity building and low-income housing, among others. Learn more: [Anschutz Family Foundation](#)
24. **Nasdaq Foundation Quarterly Grant Program:** Supports work in two main areas: enhancing financial literacy and investor engagement in under-resourced communities and strengthening/scaling entrepreneurship among under-resourced or underrepresented founders. Grants typically span one year and have no fixed minimum or maximum, though the average size is ~\$75,000. Proposals must be submitted through Nasdaq's online portal. **Deadline** quarterly Learn more: [Nasdaq Foundation Quarterly Grant Program](#)
25. **Craigslist Charitable Fund.** Supports projects advancing animal protection, environmental sustainability, and social good initiatives. Grants generally cover no more than 30% of an organization's annual budget, though exceptions may be made. Academic institutions may allocate up to 10% for indirect costs. Applications are reviewed in quarterly cycles beginning in 2026, with decisions typically issued within two months of the close of each submission window. Funds are generally disbursed within one to two weeks of notification. Fiscal sponsorship is permitted for applicants without 501(c)(3) status. Learn more: [Craigslist Charitable Fund](#)



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26. The Lawrence Foundation Grant

Program: Eligible entities U.S. public charities (501(c)(3)), public schools, or organizations with a fiscal sponsor. Supports work in the environment, human services, disaster relief, and other causes aligned with their mission. Typical awards range from \$5,000 to \$10,000, generally as unrestricted grants. Deadline April 30 for June awards.

Learn more: [The Lawrence Foundation Grant Program](#)

27. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: To transform health in our lifetime, RWJF funds research and initiatives focused on achieving health equity, paving the way to a future where health is no longer a privilege, but a right. Learn more: [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#)

28. Adolph Coors Foundation: The Foundation supports organizations that promote the western values of self-reliance, personal responsibility and integrity. They believe these values foster an environment where entrepreneurial spirits flourish, helping Coloradans reach their full potential. The Foundation places a high priority on programs that help youth to prosper, encourage economic opportunities for adults and advance public policies that reflect our nation's founding principles. Their grant-making places a premium on entrepreneurship. Specifically, our traditional areas of support include one-to-one mentoring programs for youth, paid on-the-job training, and a variety of self-help initiatives. The Foundation also has an interest in bringing integrative medicine into the medical mainstream. In each of its giving areas, the Foundation seeks evidenced-based results. Learn more: [Adolph Coors Foundation](#)

29. Gates Family Foundation: For Capital Grants: Next deadline for capital grant applications is **March 15, 2026**. For Strategic Grants, contact the program officer who is responsible for your area of interest to determine whether your work is eligible for funding consideration. They welcome introductory conversations to determine organizational and program alignment. Learn more: [Gates Family Foundation](#)

30. Caring for Colorado Foundation: They work to improve health outcomes for people experiencing the greatest inequities in health, well-being, and opportunity. They seek to remove health disparities and build a more equitable future for rural communities working to address health inequities for young people will receive high priority in Caring for Colorado funding decisions due to resource constraints in rural communities, such as lack of transportation, inadequate or aging infrastructure, workforce shortages, lack of a robust tax base, and other barriers. Learn more: [Caring for Colorado Foundation](#)

Community Development

31. Revitalizing Main Streets: Opportunity 2 – Small Multimodal & Economic Resiliency Grant Program (CDOT): Eligible local governments, business improvement districts, councils of governments, and colleges/universities may apply for state-funded grants (up to \$250,000 per project) aimed at **improving** pedestrian, bicycle, transit, senior, and disability-friendly **safety in urban arterials or downtown main streets**. A 10% local match is required. Applications are accepted continuously, reviewed every month by CDOT; review deadlines fall on the **last Wednesday of each month**. Apply via email to

cdotmainstreets@state.co.us. Learn

more: [Revitalizing Main Streets - Small Multimodal & Economic Resiliency Grant Program](#)

32. **Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program** (USDA Rural Development): Colorado rural local governments and Tribes may apply for direct loans and grants (up to \$1.5M or more) to **develop essential community facilities**—such as healthcare clinics, community centers, or housing services—supporting pre-development, construction, or renovation. The program is **open on a rolling basis**. More info: [Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program](#)
33. **Film Festival Support & Promotion Grant** (OEDIT/Economic Development & International Trade): Colorado festivals and educational film events may apply for sponsorship grants (typically **\$2,000–\$10,000**) that support **rural-based festivals** to attract tourism and economic activity across the state; eligible events must take place in Colorado and apply through OEDIT's portal. Application windows **open annually—check OEDIT website for current cycle**. More details: [Film Festival Support & Promotion Grant](#)
34. **Single Family Housing Repair Loans & Grants** (USDA): USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to very-low-income homeowners to repair, improve, or remove health and safety hazards to their homes. Application deadline: Open. Learn more: [Single Family Housing Repair Loans & Grants](#)
35. **Community Impact Program** (GOCO): The Community Impact program funds the **planning and/or construction of new or upgraded parks, trails, natural areas, and other outdoor amenities**. Funding may also be used for stewardship work. \$100,000 – \$2,000,000 per project. This grant opportunity is highly competitive, especially for projects at the higher end of this range. GOCO may suggest a revised award amount as needed. Concept papers due: **January 15, 2026**; Applications invited: January 30, 2026; Applications due: **March 5, 2026**; Grants awarded: June 2026. Learn more: [Community Impact Program](#)
36. **Land Acquisition Program** (GOCO): The Land Acquisition program supports urban and rural landscape, waterway, and habitat protection priorities and improves outdoor access. Competitive projects consider opportunities for passive public recreation access; wildlife habitat and migration corridors; critical watersheds, waterways, and riparian ecosystems; scenic viewsheds and greenways; and open spaces, particularly those that serve disproportionately impacted communities. Eligible projects are fee-simple **land acquisitions that provide public access**. GOCO also considers conservation easements when tax credits are financially insufficient or impractical. Generally, up to \$3 million per project. GOCO may suggest a revised award amount as needed. Concept papers due: January 15, 2026; Applications invited: January 30, 2026; **Applications due: March 5, 2026**; Grants awarded: June 2026. Learn more: [Land Acquisition Program](#)
37. **The Pathways Program** (GOCO): The Pathways Program helps address pressing issues and opportunities through research and knowledge-building activities; data-gathering and analysis; development of tools and models; and expanding staff capacity. This program supports high-level visioning processes, equity initiatives, climate resilience efforts, and community engagement strategies that build networks and partnerships.

Projects must address current issues

affecting Coloradans, prioritizing proposals that consider disproportionately impacted communities and meaningfully involve community members in project design and implementation. \$100,000 to \$300,000 per project. However, there is no maximum.

GOCO may suggest a revised award amount as needed. Concept papers due: **January 15, 2026**; Applications invited: January 30, 2026; Applications due: **March 5, 2026**; Grants awarded: June 2026. Learn more: [The Pathways Program](#)

38. **Community Development Block Grant Planning and Feasibility Studies Grant (CDBG)** (DOLA): The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Planning and Feasibility Study Grant helps Colorado communities **plan economic development projects that create or retain permanent jobs**. The project needs to create or retain at least one full-time equivalent job per \$20,000 funded. Generally, the project needs to fill at least 51% of the jobs it creates or retains with low- to moderate-income persons. This program may award up to \$75,000 in grants per year. Application deadline: rolling. Learn more: [Community Development Block Grant Planning and Feasibility Studies Grant](#)
39. **Transit Oriented Communities Infrastructure Grant Program (OEDIT)** - The Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), in partnership with Colorado Energy Office (CEO) and Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will offer state assistance to local governments through the Transit Oriented Communities Infrastructure Grant Program (TOCI) for the purpose of **upgrading infrastructure and supporting regulated affordable housing in Transit Centers** and designated Neighborhood Centers within certified Transit-Oriented Communities. The pilot round of funding is anticipated to **open October 27, 2025**. Notices of Awards are estimated for 2026. A second funding round will be held in 2027. Learn more: [Transit Oriented Communities Infrastructure Grant Program](#)
40. **Colorado Environmental Justice Grants Program**: This grant opportunity was created by the Environmental Justice Act to provide funding to communities disproportionately impacted by pollution and climate change. The Environmental Justice Advisory Board oversees the EJ Grants Program and will serve as the selection committee for the grants. You can apply for this grant if you are part of a: non-profit organization, local government, federally-recognized Tribal government, university, other educational institution, for-profit corporation, or grassroots organization. Learn more: [Colorado Environmental Justice Grants Program](#)
41. **Accessory Dwelling Unit Grant Program (ADUG)** (DOLA): provides grants to certified accessory dwelling unit (ADU) Supportive Jurisdictions for activities that promote the construction of ADUs. This program awards grants directly to local governments. The next round of ADUG funding will **open on February 2, 2026, and close on February 27, 2026**. Register for the ADU Grant Program Informational Session (Wednesday, December 17 at 11 am) to learn about how the program can support your community's ADU-related goals. Learn more: [Accessory Dwelling Unit Grant Program](#).
42. **Emergency Grants** (History Colorado): Provide funding for immediate stabilization work needed when a designated resource faces imminent danger or being lost, demolished, or seriously damaged due to sudden or unexpected acts of nature such as fire, flood, hail,



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- or human interaction such as a vehicle crash. Up to \$15,000. **Rolling deadline.** Learn more: [Emergency Grants.](#)
43. **Competitive Grants** (History Colorado): Provide funds for the built environment, archaeology, and education or training related to historic preservation. \$50,000-\$250,000. **Deadline: April 1, 2026.** Learn more: [Competitive Grants](#)
44. **Historic Structure Assessment Grant** (History Colorado): Awarded for the sole purpose of preparing a report on the physical condition of a historic building or structure in accordance with a mandatory State Historical Fund assessment scope of work. Up to \$15,000. **Rolling deadline.** Learn more: [Historic Structure Assessment Grant](#)
45. **Community Electric Bicycle Grants** (CEO): to develop and implement e-bike deployment projects in communities across the state. Up to \$25,000. On the 15th of every month until May 15, 2026. Learn more: [Community Electric Bicycle Grants](#)
46. **Folk and Traditional Arts Project Grant** (OEDIT): dedicated to celebrating, documenting, and preserving Colorado's cultural heritage through folk and traditional arts. It aims to enhance community well being, encompassing belonging, cultural identity, economic vitality, and sense of place. This initiative includes two funding opportunities: funding for the creation, presentation, or teaching of folk and traditional arts; funding for documenting folk or traditional arts and cultural heritage through the creation of community archiving, oral histories, or photojournalism, video or other creative and or documentary works. **Funding Amount:** \$3,000. The Colorado Creative Industries Folk and Traditional Arts Grant may be used to fully fund a project. **Matching funds are not required.** **Deadline: April 14, 2026.** Learn more: [Colorado Creative Industries Folk and Traditional Arts Grant Program Guidelines, \(Google Doc\)](#)
47. **Skill Advance Colorado Job Training Grant** (OEDIT): The Skill Advance Colorado Job Training Grant (formerly the Colorado First and Existing Industry Grant) helps businesses and nonprofits create customized job training for employees. Up to \$200,000. **Deadline: April 1, 2026.** Learn more: [Skill Advance Colorado Job Training Grant](#)
48. **Community Schoolyards Grant Program** (DOLA): designed to fund the planning, design, and capital construction of innovative community schoolyards across Colorado, the application cycle will open **March 2 through April 1, 2026.** This program offers a single grant opportunity that encompasses both the planning and design, and capital construction phases for innovative community schoolyards. This unified approach aims to streamline the funding process, supporting projects from formal design to completion. Learn more: [Community Schoolyards Grant Program](#)
49. **YouthBuild 2025** (DOL): DOL will award grants through a competitive process to eligible public or private non-profit organizations or Tribal entities to provide pre-apprenticeship occupational skills training, education, and job placement services to opportunity youth. YouthBuild prepares participants for quality jobs in various industry sectors, and includes wrap-around supportive services such as assistance in transportation, childcare, and housing. YouthBuild programs must offer participants construction training and hands-on experiences building affordable housing for their community. **Deadline: March 2, 2026.** Award ceiling: \$2M. Award floor: \$1M. Learn more: [Youth Build 2025](#)

Outdoors

50. **Disaster Supplemental Grant (EDA):** American communities that received major disaster declarations due to hurricanes, **wildfires**, severe storms and flooding, tornadoes, and other **natural disasters occurring in calendar years 2023 and 2024**. Deadline **March 3, 2026**. Learn more: [Fiscal Year 2025 Disaster Supplemental | U.S. Economic Development Administration](#)
51. **Fish and Wildlife Resources Fund Grants (CWCB under DNR):** Grant money to mitigate impacts on fish and wildlife resources. Grant funds can be used for mitigation, enhancement and species recovery projects. **Rolling deadline**. Unspecified amount. Learn more: [Fish and Wildlife Resources Fund Grants](#)
52. **Wild and Scenic Rivers Fund Grant (CWCB under DNR):** To foster cooperative and collaborative processes aimed at the development of protections for river-dependent outstandingly remarkable values (“ORVs”). These protections would be intended as an alternative to wild and scenic river designation under the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, while also protecting Colorado’s ability to fully use its compact and decree entitlements. No specified funding amount. **Rolling deadline**. Learn more: [Wild and Scenic Rivers Fund Grant](#)
53. **Timber, Forest Health & Wildfire Mitigation Industries Workforce Development Program (CSFS):** This grant program provides funding to support hiring and training new employees in timber, forest health, and wildfire mitigation industries across Colorado. It reimburses a portion of costs for businesses and organizations that expand their workforce in roles such as harvesting, wood products manufacturing, forestry services, and wildfire mitigation, helping build local capacity and skills in critical natural resource sectors. The program is part of broader efforts to strengthen Colorado’s forest economy, support rural employment, and improve forest health and wildfire resilience. Funding Amount: Varies. Learn more: [Timber, Forest Health & Wildfire Mitigation Industries Workforce Development Program](#)

Energy

54. **Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG):** Administered by the U.S. Department of Energy, EECBG provides formula and competitive grants to local governments, tribes, and states for **energy efficiency projects, building retrofits, and clean transportation efforts**. Applications are open now with rolling deadlines based on entity eligibility. Learn more: [Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant](#)

55. **ARPA-E and EERE Funding**

Opportunities: DOE's ARPA-E and EERE offices issue grants for **high-impact energy R&D, solar, storage, workforce training, and efficiency projects**. Multiple FOAs are open in 2025 with varying deadlines. Learn more: [ARPA-E and EERE Funding Opportunities](#)

56. **Rural & Municipal Utility Cybersecurity (RMUC) Program:** Offers over \$70 million in grants to rural and municipal utilities to **enhance cybersecurity** and grid resilience. Part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The next application round opens Fall 2025. Learn more: [Rural & Municipal Utility Cybersecurity \(RMUC\) Program](#)

57. **High Energy Cost Grants:** (USDA) This program supports rural and tribal communities with extremely high household energy costs by **funding infrastructure and energy-efficiency improvements**. Deadlines vary by notice but are generally rolling. Learn more: [High Energy Cost Grants](#)

58. **Energy/Mineral Impact Assistance Fund Grant (EIAF)** (DOLA): The Energy/Mineral Impact Assistance Fund Grant (EIAF) program assists political subdivisions that are socially and/or economically **impacted by the development, processing, or energy conversion of minerals and mineral fuels**. Funds come from the state severance tax on energy and mineral production and from a portion of the state's share of royalties paid to the federal government for mining and drilling of minerals and mineral fuels on federally-owned land. For fiscal year 2026, DLG anticipates announcing a grant cycle between \$15M - \$25M, likely in Spring 2026. Learn more: [Energy/Mineral Impact Assistance Fund Grant](#)

59. **Energy Code Adoption and Enforcement Grant (CEO):** Supports direct financial assistance covering costs of code adoption and enforcement, staff or consultant time, and related training/technical assistance. **Quarterly deadlines**. Learn more: [Energy Code Adoption and Enforcement Grant](#)

Transportation

60. **Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grants – Sections 5310, 5311, 5339:** Supports capital, operating, and **mobility management projects** for rural and small urban transit systems. **Deadlines vary by state**. Learn more: [Federal Transit Administration Grants](#)

61. **Fleet-ZERO EV Charging Grant** (CEO): Offers funding for electric vehicle charging to support the transition of light-, medium-, and heavy-duty fleet vehicles and equipment to electric vehicles. Up to \$50,000. Rolling deadline. Learn more: [Fleet-ZERO EV Charging Grant](#)

62. **Charge Ahead Colorado EV Charging Grant** (CEO): Supports electric (EV) adoption in Colorado by offering funding for EV charging to serve communities and EV drivers across the state. Up to six L2 charging ports. Rolling deadline. Learn more: [Charge Ahead Colorado EV Charging Grant](#)

Water

63. **Water Quality Grants** (Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment): Colorado public water systems, local governments, nonprofits, and childcare or school facilities may apply for grants covering service line inventory/completion, PFAS testing and mitigation projects, lead testing in schools and childcare, and **water quality improvement** initiatives via SCG or WQIF grants. **Deadlines vary by sub-program.** Learn more: [Water Quality Grants](#)
64. **Watershed & Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO) Program** (USDA NRCS): Federal, state, local, and tribal governments in Colorado may apply for grants to support **watershed restoration**, flood risk prevention, erosion control, and natural resource protection projects. **Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.** Learn more: [Watershed & Flood Prevention Operations \(WFPO\) Program](#)
65. **Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants** (USDA Rural Development): Rural communities, tribal governments, nonprofits, and local public bodies in Colorado may apply for grants up to \$150,000 for transmission repairs or up to \$1,000,000 for new water sources or treatment infrastructure. **Applications accepted year-round.** [Learn more: Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants](#)
66. **Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program** (USDA Rural Development): Local governments, tribes, and nonprofits in rural Colorado (population ≤ 10,000) may apply for low-interest loans or grants to support drinking water treatment, wastewater systems, stormwater infrastructure, and solid waste disposal projects. **Applications accepted on a rolling basis.** Learn more: [Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program](#)
67. **Community Funding Partnership** (Colorado River District): Local governments, nonprofits, irrigation districts, and other water users in Colorado's Western Slope may apply for grants supporting agriculture, water quality, conservation, and infrastructure. **Rolling deadline**, but requests over \$50,000 must be submitted **six weeks before board meetings in January, April, July, or October.** Learn more: [Community Funding Partnership](#)
68. **Technical Assistance for Federal Cost-Sharing Program** (Colorado Water Conservation Board): The TAFC Program's main purpose is to provide technical and administrative support to organizations applying for federal funding. This program is especially helpful for water users who struggle to access federal funds due to limited staff or technical resources. The TAFC Program offers grants directly to water users. These grants can be used to hire consultants or get other necessary resources to create strong applications for federal funding. All projects funded by TAFC must align with the Colorado Water Plan and can include projects involving aging infrastructure. TAFC grants cannot be used for treated water projects or wastewater projects. The CWCB has \$500,000 available for projects across Colorado. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Learn more: [Technical Assistance for Federal Cost-Sharing Program](#)
69. **Water and Waste Disposal Pre-development Planning Grants** (USDA): USDA Rural Development offers grants to help eligible low-income, rural communities plan and develop applications for the Water and Waste Disposal loan/grant and loan guarantee

programs. **Application deadline: Open**

Learn more: [Water and Waste Disposal Pre-development Planning Grants](#)

70. **Water Plan Grants** (Colorado Water Conservation Board): Provides funding to advance the Colorado Water Plan. Please see program guidelines for eligible project types. Preference given to projects that have multiple benefits and multiple purposes and involve multiple stakeholders. **Deadline July 1.** Learn more: [Water Plan Grants](#)
71. **Water Supply Reserve Fund (WSRF) Grant Program:** provides funding to assist Colorado water users in addressing their critical water supply issues and interests through a unique local review process. Requests for funds from the WSRF program must be presented to and recommended by the respective Basin Roundtable prior to submitting a grant application and being considered by the CWCB Board. Eligible projects may include funding for technical assistance regarding permitting, feasibility studies and environmental compliance; studies or analysis of structural, nonstructural, consumptive and nonconsumptive water needs, projects or activities; design of structural projects or activities; infrastructure replacement or maintenance projects. Learn more: [Water Supply Reserve Fund Grant Program](#)
72. **Small Communities Grant** (CDPHE): This grant is for eligible projects that are for the planning, design and construction of public water systems or domestic wastewater treatment works that serve a population of not more than 5,000 people, and are necessary for the protection of public health and water quality. Learn more: [Small Communities Grant](#)
73. **State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program (CDPHE):** The SRF currently has increased capacity to fund wastewater and stormwater projects, with design and engineering grants and principal forgiveness available for disadvantaged communities. Funding requests remain subject to availability, prioritization, caps, and approval by the Authority's Board of Directors. Nonprofit water systems remain eligible; however, new policies are being implemented to account for the additional administrative and financial capacity required of nonprofits, affecting planning and preliminary needs assessments, loan application and credit review processes, and loan terms. Free technical assistance is available through WaterNow Alliance, which provides one-on-one support to help communities plan and secure SRF financing for sustainable drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater projects, including green stormwater infrastructure, water efficiency, reuse, watershed protection, and lead service line replacement. **Deadlines January 5 and February 5.** Learn more: [State Revolving Fund Loan Program](#)
74. **Emerging Contaminants in Small or Disadvantaged Communities Grant Program (EC-SDC):** Supports planning, design, and infrastructure projects that reduce public health risks from emerging contaminants in drinking water, including PFAS, manganese, and other contaminants. Two funding tiers are available: Tier 1 Planning and Design Grants provide up to \$300,000 for planning, design, and pilot testing over up to 24 months; Tier 2 Infrastructure Grants support near-ready projects for design and construction of treatment facilities, consolidation infrastructure, or new potable water sources, with awards up to \$30 million per project (not to exceed \$10 million in a single year). Assessment sampling is not eligible under this program but may be funded separately through the PFAS Grant Program. **Application opens January 5. Deadline**

February 4 at 11:59 pm MST. Learn

more: [Emerging Contaminants in Small or Disadvantaged Communities Grant Program](#)

75. **Public Education, Participation, and Outreach Grant Program (DNR):** Administered by the Colorado Water Conservation Board under the Department of Natural Resources, this grant program supports efforts to increase public awareness and engagement around water issues across Colorado. It funds education and outreach initiatives that help communities understand local water resources, encourage stewardship, and advance water-management goals. The program prioritizes collaborative efforts that align with the Colorado Water Plan and local Basin Implementation Plans, fostering meaningful, community-driven engagement. Funding Amount: Up to \$25,000. Deadline: 6/1/26. Learn more: [Public Education, Participation, and Outreach Grant Program](#)
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Programs, Incentives, and Tax Credits

76. **Colorado Technical Assistance Direct Pay Program (OFFSI):** The Colorado Governor's Office of Federal Funds and Strategic Initiatives (OFFSI) is offering technical assistance to help tax-exempt organizations access federal clean energy tax credits through the Elective Pay (Direct Pay) Program. These tax credits—made available through the Inflation Reduction Act—can cover up to 60% of eligible project costs. This program helps nonprofits plan, fund, and implement clean energy projects across Colorado. **Rolling applications** – but funding is limited, so early submissions are encouraged. [Learn more: Colorado Technical Assistance Direct Pay Program.](#)
77. **IIJA Local Match (LOMA) Program** (Colorado Department of Local Affairs): Local governments, special districts, and federally recognized Tribes in Colorado may apply for federal match-based funding under the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act to support projects requiring a local match. The program opened in September 2022 and will remain **open until funds are committed** (no fixed deadline). Apply via: [IIJA Local Match Program](#)
78. **Local Economy Lab** (OJT): Just Transition Fund's Local Economy Lab program offers **grants** of \$250,000–\$500,000 and tailored technical assistance to help access public, private, and philanthropic capital. New applications accepted in early 2026. Learn more: [Local Economy Lab](#)
79. **Public Works & Economic Adjustment Assistance (EDA)** (US Economic Development Administration): State and local governments, tribes, nonprofits (501(c)(3) and others), and special districts in Colorado may apply for **planning, infrastructure, workforce, or technical assistance funding** through EDA's EAA and Public Works programs. Applications are accepted on a **rolling notice-of-funding-opportunity (NOFO) schedule** through the EDA portal. Learn more: [Public Works & Economic Adjustment Assistance](#)
Point of Contact for EDA - (provided with permission) Trent Thompson Economic Development Representative Colorado and Utah tthompson@eda.gov / 303.319.6940 / eda.gov

80. **Rural Business Investment Program (RBIP)** (USDA Rural Development): For-profit organizations or their subsidiaries seeking a **Rural Business Investment Company (RBIC)** license may raise private equity capital (typically \$10M or more) to invest in rural Colorado businesses and seed local economic growth. This is a federal program with **no fixed deadline**. Learn more: [Rural Business Investment Program](#)
81. **Strategic Fund Job Growth Incentive** (OEDIT): Businesses pursuing interstate-competitive relocation or expansion into Colorado with **net new job creation** may qualify for a performance-based cash incentive indexed to job growth (e.g. up to ~\$6,500 per job over five years). Available on a rolling basis—projects must meet criteria and engage directly with OEDIT. Apply via: [Strategic Fund Job Growth Incentive](#)
82. **Enterprise Zone R&D Tax Credit** (Colorado Department of Revenue / OEDIT): Businesses located within Colorado enterprise zones that increase qualified in-zone R&D expenditures from year over year may claim a **3% income tax credit** on the increase; this is a tax incentive rather than a grant, with **no application deadline** other than state tax filing. Learn more: [Enterprise Zone R&D Tax Credit](#)
83. **Advanced Industries Global Consultant Network** (OEDIT): The Global Consultant Network helps Colorado-based small businesses **expand into other countries**. Consulting services typically last between three and eight months. Consultants offer Market entry services and [In-country partner meetings](#). Consultants can help your business in these countries: Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, Philippines, Spain, Thailand, and the United Kingdom. Learn more: [Advanced Industries Global Consultant Network](#)
84. **Buildings Up** (US Dept of Energy): The Buildings Upgrade Prize (Buildings UP) is designed to support innovative approaches to retrofitting buildings to include high performance technologies. **Building upgrades** may include improving building resiliency and efficiency through measures such as insulation and air sealing and installing efficient electric equipment, including heat pumps and heat pump water heaters. Together, these efforts will help reduce energy costs, while improving indoor air quality and occupant comfort. Buildings UP has awarded more than \$22 million in cash prizes and technical assistance to winning teams across the country developing building upgrade initiatives to improve the lives of Americans. Learn more: [Buildings Up](#)
85. **EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs** (DOT): Eligible uses of funds include: developing key public infrastructure, such as technology-based facilities using distance learning networks, smart rooms, and smart buildings, multitenant manufacturing, outfitting business and industrial parks with fiber optic cable or other forms of telecommunications development facilities, as well as traditional public works projects, including water and sewer systems improvements, industrial parks, and expansion of port and harbor facilities. Investments made through the Public Works program must be aligned with the current Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS). Eligible recipients are State Governments; Local Governments; Federally Recognized Tribes and Affiliated Groups; Academic and Research Institutions; Non-profit. Rolling Application. Learn more: [EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs](#)
86. **Thriving Communities Technical Assistance** (US Department of Housing & Urban Development): Colorado municipalities receiving federal transportation funding may

qualify for HUD technical assistance to

coordinate transportation and housing strategies that benefit residents and local businesses. Eligible jurisdictions must be local governments integrating federal transit dollars into housing-related investments. Applications are **rolling based on HUD TA schedules**. Learn more: [Thriving Communities Technical Assistance](#)

87. **Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A)**: The USDOT SS4A program funds planning and implementation projects to **reduce roadway fatalities** and serious injuries. Eligible applicants include local governments, MPOs, and Tribes. **The next round is expected in 2026.** Learn more: [Safe Streets & Roads for All](#)
88. **Freight Rail Tax Credit** (OEDIT/OJT/CDOT): The Freight Rail Tax Credit gives tax relief to businesses that use freight rail lines that might otherwise close down due to decreased coal production. This program was created by Senate Bill 24-190, and codified under Colorado Revised Statute 39-22-563. The Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade (OEDIT) manages this program, in consultation with the Office of Just Transition (OJT) and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). The goal of the Freight Rail Tax Credit is to incentivize businesses to use specific rail lines in Coal Transition communities in Colorado. Program Benefits: Businesses can get back up to 75% of their eligible costs (Qualified Expenditures) through this state income tax credit; a business must use the tax credit for the same tax year that it had the qualified expenses and executed their freight rail use plan, but it may reserve tax credits for future years; if the tax credit a business receives is more than the income tax it owes for that year, the business will get the extra amount back as a refund (Refundable tax credit). This applies to shipments that either originate or terminate in a Tier 1 coal community. Rolling deadlines. Learn more: [Freight Rail Tax Credit](#)
89. **Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Projects** (Small Storage Program) (DOI/BOR): Eligible entities: include state, county, city or township, and special district governments; joint powers authorities; federally recognized Tribal governments and tribal organizations; and IRS 501c3 nonprofits (excluding institutions of higher education) located in the 17 western U.S. states, Alaska, or Hawaii. The program supports planning, design, and/or construction of **small surface or groundwater storage projects** with capacities between 200 and 30,000 acre-feet, offering up to 25 percent federal cost-share. Priority is given to multi-benefit, regional, and multi-stakeholder projects that enhance reliability, ecosystem resilience, groundwater management, or water quality. Deadline **April 17, 2026**. Learn more: [Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Projects](#)
90. **Colorado Creative Districts** (OEDIT) - The Colorado Creative Districts program certifies communities that contribute to our state's economy through creativity, culture, and the arts. The program's goal is to help communities increase jobs, incomes, and investments in creative places. Colorado Creative Districts attract artists and creative entrepreneurs to a community, infusing new energy and innovation, which in turn enhances the economic and civic capital of the community. Districts also serve as a focal point for celebrating and strengthening a community's unique identity, become a space to showcase cultural and artistic organizations and events, and contribute to the development of healthy communities. Learn more: [Colorado Creative Districts](#)

91. Source Water Assessment and

Protection (SWAP) (CDPHE): The SWAP program's main objective is to minimize potential contaminant threats to public drinking water supplies. To engage in this effort, public water systems and governmental entities can apply for a \$5,000 protection planning grant through the SWAP program. The SWAP program also supports Wildland Fire Decision Support System work and post-wildfire recovery efforts. SWAP program staff assisted in the development of the Post Fire Playbook to assist local recovery groups in navigating the complexities surrounding post-wildfire recovery. Learn more: [Source Water Assessment and Protection](#)

92. Rocky Mountain Health Foundation: They have 4 funds: Basic Needs; Health Care; Simple Gifts; and Workforce Development. They award one-year, General Operating grants up to \$15,000, with a streamlined application, expedited timeline, and minimal reporting. This cycle is designed for organizations whose services align with these categories: community coalitions/alliances; community gardens; immigrant/indigenous/LGBTQIA2S+ support; peer support groups; respite care/in-home supports; and focus area. This fund opens in January of each year. Learn more: [Rocky Mountain Health Foundation](#)

93. Federal Child Care Funding & Program Integrity Resource (CCDF/CCCAP): This resource provides an overview of how the federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) supports child care access and quality in Colorado. The fact sheet outlines the current federal funding situation, including temporary restrictions on CCDF reimbursement announced in January 2026, potential fiscal impacts to child care assistance, licensing, quality improvement initiatives, and early childhood workforce supports, and the safeguards Colorado has in place to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse. It also describes the layered accountability systems used by CDEC, ongoing monitoring and oversight practices, and steps the Department is taking to maintain program integrity and continuity of services. This resource is intended to support partners, local governments, and service providers in understanding the role of CCDF funding in Colorado and the potential implications of federal funding disruptions. Learn more: [Federal Child Care Funding & Program Integrity Resource](#)

94. Water Technical Assistance Program (EPA): The EPA's Water Technical Assistance (WaterTA) program provides free support to communities for addressing water infrastructure challenges, enhancing capacity, and accessing federal funding. It connects communities with experts to help assess and implement solutions for their drinking water, sewage, and stormwater needs. This program is particularly beneficial for communities facing challenges such as aging infrastructure, compliance with regulations, and the need for funding to improve water systems. Learn more: [Water Technical Assistance Program](#)



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Loans and Loan Guarantees

95. **Colorado Startup Loan Fund** (OEDIT in partnership with Colorado Enterprise Fund/Lendistry): Colorado small businesses (≤ 25 employees, $< \$2M$ annual revenue) that have difficulty accessing traditional lending can apply for **working capital loans from \$25,000 to \$150,000**, fixed or variable rate, term up to 10 years, along with optional business coaching services. Applications are **rolling through approved participating lenders**. Learn more: [Colorado Startup Loan Fund](#)
96. **Water & Waste Disposal Loan Guarantees** (USDA): USDA Rural Development helps private lenders provide affordable financing to qualified borrowers to improve access to clean, reliable water and waste disposal systems in rural areas. Application Deadline: Open. Learn more: [Water & Waste Disposal Loan Guarantees](#)
97. **Distributed Generation Energy Project Financing** (USDA): USDA Rural Development provides loans and loan guarantees to **energy developers** for distributed energy projects that provide wholesale or retail **electricity** to electric utilities serving rural communities. **Application deadline: Open** Learn more: [Distributed Generation Energy Project Financing](#)
98. **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Loan Program** (USDA): USDA Rural Development provides loans to **utilities that provide retail electric service** to help consumers save money, reduce the need to purchase or generate energy, reduce electricity emissions, and help strengthen rural economies through energy efficiency and conservation projects. **Application deadline: Open** Learn more: [Energy Efficiency and Conservation Loan Program](#)
99. **Electric Infrastructure Loan and Loan Guarantee Program**: (USDA) USDA Rural Development finances the **construction of electric distribution facilities** and improvements to electric service in rural areas. Application deadline: Open. Learn more: [Electric Infrastructure Loan and Loan Guarantee Program](#)
100. **On-Farm Labor Housing Loans** (USDA): USDA Rural Development provides low-interest loans to eligible borrowers to **develop or rehabilitate rental housing** for very-low- to moderate-income farm laborers. Application deadline: Open until funds are depleted. Learn more: [On-Farm Labor Housing Loans](#)
101. **Multifamily Housing Loan Guarantee Program** (USDA): USDA Rural Development works with qualified private-sector lenders to provide financing to qualified borrowers to **increase the supply of affordable rental housing** for low- and moderate-income individuals and families in eligible rural areas and towns. **Application deadline: Open.** Learn more: [Multifamily Housing Loan Guarantee Program](#)
102. **Business & Industry (B&I) Loan Guarantees** (USDA Rural Development): Eligible for-profit and nonprofit businesses, cooperatives, Tribes, public bodies, and individuals in rural Colorado may access USDA-guaranteed business loans (up to \$25M+) to finance capital investments, expand operations, or improve employment capacity. Applications are accepted year-round through USDA-approved lenders. Apply here: [B&I Loan Guarantees](#)
103. **Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program** (USDA): USDA Rural Development provides loan guarantees to eligible lenders to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Projects include fire and rescue stations, town halls, health care clinics and

hospitals. Application deadline: Open.

Learn more: [Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program](#)

104. **Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans and Loan Guarantees** (USDA): USDA Rural Development offers financial assistance to eligible service providers that will construct, improve, or expand telecommunication and broadband networks in rural areas. **Application deadline: Open November 8, 2025.** Learn more: [Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans and Loan Guarantees](#)
105. **Rural Hospital Stabilization Program**: National Rural Health Resource Center: A federally funded program that offers assistance to rural hospitals, at no cost to them, to help improve their financial stability by enhancing or expanding health care services that meet community needs. **Application deadline: Open, rolling basis** Learn more: [Rural Hospital Stabilization Program](#)
106. **Multifamily Housing Rental Assistance Program** (USDA): USDA Rural Development provides payments directly to the owners of **USDA financed rural rental or farm labor housing** on behalf of eligible tenants who cannot afford to pay their full rent. **Application deadline: Open.** Learn more: [Multifamily Housing Rental Assistance Program](#)
107. **Northwest Catalyst Capital** (NWCCDC) - a microloan fund designed specifically for entrepreneurs and small business owners in Moffat, Rio Blanco, and Routt Counties. Loan amount: \$5,000 to \$15,000; Interest rate: 5% fixed rate; Loan origination fee: 1%; Term 2-4 years. Learn more: [Northwest Capital Catalyst](#)
108. **Northwest Loan Fund** (NWCCOG) - The ideal Northwest Loan Fund (NLF) client is a new or growing business within our service area that is creating jobs or providing positive economic impact for the local economy. The program does require collateral, though it can often participate with other lenders to take a collateral position behind those lenders. Size and term will vary. Most loans have ranged from \$10,000 to \$500,000. With fees at 2-3% and favorable interest rates. Learn more: [Northwest Loan Fund](#)
109. **Tree Assistance Program** (USDA): The Tree Assistance Program (TAP) provides financial assistance to eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes, and vines lost by natural disasters. Learn more: [Tree Assistance Program](#)
110. **Single Family Construction Loan Program** (CHFA): The Single Family Construction Loan Program provides attractive financing terms to for-profit and nonprofit developers for constructing affordable, for-sale homes in Colorado. The Program provides construction or bridge acquisition financing. Borrowers should have previous experience developing affordable for-sale housing. Affordability requirements apply to all projects. Learn more: [Single Family Construction Loan Program](#)
111. **Drinking Water Revolving Fund** (CDPHE): Water treatment, storage and distribution projects emphasizing health hazards and compliance standards.
- Interest on leveraged loans at 70-80% of market rate
 - Direct loans interest rate currently 3% for 20-year & 3.25% for 30 year loan terms. \$3 million limit for direct loans
 - 30 year maximum
 - No limit for leveraged loans (subject to availability of funds)



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Disadvantaged Community Program:

Reduced rates available depending on severity of Disadvantaged status (currently 1%-2.25%). Planning, Design & Engineering Grants and principal forgiveness may be available.

- Planning Grant for up to \$10,000 with 20% local match
- Design & Engineering Grant up to \$300,000

Private non-profits are eligible for planning grants and for loans, but are not eligible for Design & Engineering grants or principal forgiveness.

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Funding:

- Special funding for drinking water projects with a special focus on lead service line replacement and emerging contaminants through 2026. Eligible applicants may receive partial loan forgiveness. Funding is available to local government borrowers. Learn more: [Drinking Water Revolving Fund](#)

112. **Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund** (CDPHE): Wastewater treatment and collection, nonpoint source pollution, and storm water projects

- Interest on leveraged loans at 80% of market
- Direct loans interest rate currently 3% for 20 year & 3.25% for 30 year loan terms. \$3 million limit for direct loans
- 30 year maximum
- No limit for leveraged loans (subject to availability of funds)

Green Project Reserve Program: Reduced rates available for eligible green costs greater than 15% of total project cost, (reduced interest rate for the first \$3 million only).

Disadvantaged Community Program: Reduced rates available depending on severity of Disadvantaged status (currently 1%-2.25%). Planning and Design & Engineering Grants may be available.

- Planning Grant for up to \$10,000 with 20% local match
- Design & Engineering Grant up to \$300,000
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding:
Special funding for wastewater projects with a special focus on emerging contaminants through 2026. Eligible applicants may receive partial loan forgiveness. Learn more: [Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund](#)

113. **PFAS Grant Program** (CDPHE): This program provides funding opportunities for sampling efforts to test groundwater and surface water, water treatment infrastructure, and emergency assistance for communities and water systems affected by these chemicals. Learn more: [PFAS Grant Program](#)

114. **Water Project Loan Program** (CWCB): CWCB has \$50 million available annually for raw water projects (dams, pipelines, ditches, wells, hydroelectric, new projects or rehabilitation). Loans are available for up to 100% of project costs. The repayment period is up to 30 years (40 years for reservoir projects). Click the link for the current low-interest loan rates. Loans typically range from \$100,000 to \$10 million. Loan applications under \$10 million are approved every other month by the CWCB Board. Applicants should anticipate a minimum of 5 months from the time of application until funds are made available. Loans over \$10 million must be approved annually by the



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state legislature, and applications must

be received by August 1 for funding the following year. Learn more: [Water Project Loan Program](#)

115. **Intermediary Relending Program** (USDA): USDA Rural Development provides 1-percent-interest loans to local intermediaries who then relend to businesses to help improve economic conditions and create jobs in rural communities. **Application deadlines: Third Quarter - March 31, 2026, and Fourth Quarter - June 30, 2026** Learn more: [Intermediary Relending Program](#)
 116. **Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Programs** (USDA): USDA Rural Development funds eligible projects using local utility organizations as intermediary lenders. Funds support projects that help create and keep jobs in rural areas. **Application deadlines: Third Quarter - March 31, 2026, and Fourth Quarter - June 30, 2026** Learn more: [Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Programs](#)
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Bookmark These Resources!

117. **Simpler.Grants.gov**: Search real Grants.gov data on Simpler.Grants.gov. Their search aims to deliver closer matches to your keywords and filters. We also redesigned the results and opportunity listings to make them easier to navigate and read. Learn more: [Simpler.Grants.gov](#)
118. **CLCT (Communities Lead, Communities Thrive) Colorado State Grant Database for Nonprofits**: Dashboard that shows currently available grant opportunities specifically for nonprofit across the various state agencies. Updated every 2 weeks. Learn more: [CLCT Colorado State Grant Database for Nonprofits](#)
119. **USDOT Grant Dashboard**: The U.S. Department of Transportation Grant Dashboard is a centralized, interactive tool that provides detailed information on all transportation-related federal funding programs. Access the dashboard here: [USDOT Grant Dashboard](#)
120. **Child Care Facility Development Toolkit** (Colorado Department of Local Affairs): A free, self-guided five-session video series (in partnership with the Department of Early Childhood and OEDIT) to help local governments, housing developers, childcare providers, and community leaders understand planning, design, funding, and development of child care facilities in Colorado; it's available now with **no deadline**. Learn more: [Child Care Facility Development Toolkit](#)
121. **DOLA Local Community Funding Guide** (Colorado Department of Local Affairs): An interactive **online funding navigator** designed for Colorado local governments and nonprofits to track current and upcoming state, federal, and private funding programs across categories such as community development, infrastructure, water, business support, and more. **Available now and continuously updated**—no application required. Access it here: [DOLA Local Community Funding Guide](#)

122. **Colorado Energy Office:** Full list of government avail funding: [Funding & Financing for Government | Colorado Energy Office](#)
123. **Care for Colorado Coalition (OEDIT/CTO):** Founded by the Colorado Tourism Office and **Leave No Trace**, this coalition of 200+ partners—including government, tourism, and outdoor organizations—promotes responsible recreation through the *Seven Care for Colorado Principles* (e.g., Stick to Trails, Trash the Trash). It aims to protect Colorado's natural and cultural resources by educating residents and visitors. Eligible partners include tourism organizations, local governments, Tribes, chambers, and recreation-focused businesses. Learn more: [Care for Colorado | Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade](#)
124. **Disaster Resiliency and Recovery Guide:** (USDA) USDA RD developed this guide as a resource for rural communities seeking disaster resiliency and recovery assistance. Learn more: [Disaster Resiliency and Recovery Guide](#)
125. **Post Disaster Recovery Toolkit:** The Post Disaster Recovery Toolkit includes six steps to be taken by local governments in the aftermath of a disaster. Learn more: [Post Disaster Recovery Toolkit](#)
126. **Proposition 123 Reports and Performance Measures Resource** (DOLA, Division of Housing): State-level performance and policy resource providing reports, dashboards, and metrics tracking the implementation of Proposition 123, Colorado's affordable housing funding initiative. Includes data on annual allocations, program performance, and compliance with priorities such as affordability, density, and sustainability. Updated regularly to support planning, accountability, and transparency. Learn more: [Proposition 123 Reports and Performance Measures Resource](#)
127. **Colorado Green Business Assistance (CDPHE):** The Colorado Green Business Network (CGBN) offers FREE sustainability assessments and follow-up support to help you improve energy efficiency, water conservation, waste reduction, and corporate social responsibility. Our team of Green Business specialists provides high-level technical assistance on an ongoing basis. We work with organizations of any size, type, and expertise - no matter where they are in their sustainability journey. Learn more: [Colorado Green Business Assistance](#)
128. **Department of Transportation Navigator** (DOT): Helps communities navigate the best ways to apply for grants, and plan for and deliver transformative infrastructure projects and services. Provides an overview of grant programs under the Resources for [Grant Seekers tab](#). Learn more: [Department of Transportation Navigator](#).
129. **Housing Hub Colorado** (DOLA, CHFA, OEDIT, HOST): a new initiative designed to bring key agencies in our state together to support a streamlined process to apply for affordable rental housing tax credits and related public funds, and strengthen Colorado's commitment to safe, stable, and secure housing for all. Housing Hub Colorado is the first initiative launching out of the Colorado Housing Consortium. Learn more: [Housing Hub Colorado](#)
130. **Civic Solutions Hub** (DOLA): Designed to support local governments in capacity building and operational efficiency. DOLA will facilitate and enhance partnerships between public, academic, and private parties to explore, pilot, and implement new processes and technologies that will enhance local government operations, increase



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capacity, and provide more efficient

constituent services. This program will provide the opportunity for Colorado local governments to pilot new initiatives and create case studies on what is working in the area of internal organizational service delivery. Through pilot programs, training opportunities, and research and development. Learn more: [Civic Solutions Hub](#)

131. **Accessory Dwelling Unit Toolkit** (DOLA): a comprehensive resource that serves as a clearinghouse for local governments researching or updating their current ADU regulations, programs, incentives, and homeowner assistance materials. Learn more:

[Accessory Dwelling Unit Toolkit](#)

132. **Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Finance Programs** (CHFA): The following programs will support the construction or conversion of ADUs: **Relending:** The ADU Relending Program will provide loans to eligible nonprofits, public housing authorities, and community development financial institutions (CDFIs) offering financing to eligible borrowers for the construction or conversion of ADUs; **Credit Enhancement:** The ADU Credit Enhancement Program will support lenders offering affordable loans to eligible low- and moderate-income borrowers; **Interest Rate Buydown:** The ADU Interest Rate Buydown Program will help lower interest rates on loans made to eligible low- and moderate-income borrowers. Learn more: [ADU Finance Programs](#)



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