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

AGNC *Grants Round-Up* Hot Deadlines

1. **Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) (FEMA):** This program helps local governments and special districts, through their elected officials, public works agencies, capital improvement staffs, and other local officials to dramatically reduce the impacts and costs of future natural disasters. This opportunity “prioritizes investment in infrastructure and construction projects that deliver immediate, measurable risk reduction to communities vulnerable to natural hazards.” Colorado’s natural hazards include wildfire, flooding, drought, winter storms, extreme heat and other hazards identified in the [Enhanced State Hazard Mitigation Plan](#). Draft sub-application due June 1, 2026. Final sub-applications due **July 9, 2026**. Learn more: [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities](#)
2. **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 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](#)
3. **Local Planning Capacity Grant (DOLA):** The Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) has announced incentive funding of up to \$45,000 per jurisdiction from the Local Planning Capacity grant program is available to eligible local governments that adopt or implement an expedited review or Fast Track process for affordable housing by **June 30, 2026**. No match required! Learn more: [Local Planning Capacity Grant](#)
4. **Advance Colorado Broadband Middle Mile (OIT):** This initial phase offers a prime opportunity for applicants to secure funding for critical network backbones, setting the stage for a more integrated and accessible digital landscape in every corner of Colorado. To ensure a smooth rollout, the Colorado Broadband Office updated the program guidelines and released a new middle-mile specific addendum on the Advance-Local website to provide clear, targeted direction for this upcoming cycle. **Application open April 30, 2026 to June 29, 2026**. Learn more: [Advance Colorado Broadband Middle Mile](#)
5. **Rural Strategies Lab (OEDIT):** The Rural Strategies Lab provides participants with the tools, guidance, and expertise needed to move important economic development

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initiatives from concept to

implementation. This program can support you with everything from establishing your business retention, expansion, and attraction plan to building out your outdoor recreation economy. And, following the completion of one of these programs, you are eligible to apply for a \$10,000 implementation grant to put your plans into action! Applications for the 2026 Rural Strategies Lab will open on April 27, 2026, and close on June 30, 2026.

Learn more: [Rural Strategies Lab](#)

6. **AI Upskill Accelerator Pilot Program** (EDA): national competition to help American workers gain job-ready AI skills and support industries critical to regional economies. The program aligns with the U.S. AI Action Plan to position America as a global leader in AI and to ensure workers can leverage AI technologies for productivity and growth. It focuses on industry-led workforce training that goes beyond foundational AI literacy, equipping workers with skills for immediate application in the workplace. Total funding: ~\$25 million; Number of awards: 5–8 non-construction projects; Award size: \$1–\$8 million per project; Cost share: Applicants must provide at least 40% cost share (max allowable investment rate: 60%). Application **Deadline: July 10, 2026**. Learn more: [AI Upskill Accelerator Pilot Program](#)
7. **Destination Blueprint Program** (OEDIT): an 11-month program that provides tourism planning and implementation support for Destination Marketing/Management Organizations (DMOs). The Destination Blueprint Program uses a community-driven planning approach to create a strategic vision for tourism, identify key priorities, and implement projects that support the development, marketing, and management of the visitor experience. Participating destinations will be supported by the CTO Destination Development team and paired with an experienced tourism consultant that will serve as their lead point of contact throughout the duration of the program. Application deadline: **June 17, 2026**, Learn more: [Destination Blueprint Program](#)
8. **Aircraft Pilots Workforce Development Grant Program** (FAA): The purpose of the Program is to attract future aircraft pilots or unmanned aircraft systems operators to the aviation industry throughout the United States and U.S. territories. 20 percent of the total amount funded will be used to carry out the Willa Brown Aviation Education Program. Estimated Total Program Funding: \$13,000,000. Award Ceiling: \$1,000,000. Deadline: **Jun 22, 2026** Learn more: [Aircraft Pilots Workforce Development Grant Program](#)
9. **Assistance to Firefighters Grants** (FEMA): The AFG Program aims to deliver essential resources to equip and train emergency personnel to meet recognized standards. It provides funding to outfit responders with compliant personal protective equipment to enhance their safety during incident response, retrofit or modify facilities to address known health hazards, and acquire emergency response vehicles. Additionally, the program supports the development of health, wellness, and resiliency initiatives to prepare responders for incidents, improve operational efficiency, promote interoperability, and strengthen community resilience. Expected Total Funding \$291,600,000. Anticipated Number of Awards 1,800 awards. Application due: **6/22/26**. Learn more: [Assistance to Firefighters Grants](#)

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Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant (FEMA): The SAFER Program provides funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter organizations to increase the number of firefighters. This funding supports communities in meeting industry standards, achieving 24-hour staffing, and ensuring adequate protection from fire hazards while supporting the traditional missions of fire departments. Expected Total Funding \$324 million. Anticipated Number of Awards 190 awards . Application due: **6/22/26**. Learn more: [Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response \(SAFER\) Grant](#)

- 11. Fire Prevention & Safety (FP&S) grants (FEMA):** The focus of the FY 2025 FP&S Grant Program is to help protect the public and firefighters from fire and fire-related hazards. The FP&S Grant Program provides grants directly to eligible entities for fire prevention programs and firefighter safety, health or well-being research and development. Expected Total Funding \$32.4 million. Anticipated Number of Awards 100 awards. Expected Award Range \$1 – \$1.5 million. Application due: **6/22/26**. Learn more: [Fire Prevention & Safety \(FP&S\) grants](#)

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

- 12. Build to Scale (EDA):** The Build to Scale (B2S) 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](#)
- 13. 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. A second funding round will be held in 2027. Learn more: [Transit Oriented Communities Infrastructure Grant Program](#)
- 14. Non-motorized Trails Grant (CPW):** Funded by Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) and the Federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP), eligible project types include trail construction, maintenance, planning, and support. Opens **August 1, 2026**. Learn more: [Non-motorized Trails Grant](#)

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(TAP) (CDOT): TAP is a competitive grant program with funds managed and monitored through the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). Grant funds are passed through CDOT from the [Federal government](#), which are awarded to transportation projects that expand travel choice beyond the single occupancy vehicle, strengthen the local economy, improve quality of life, and protect the environment. Based on availability of funds, CDOT conducts a call for grant applications every three years. CDOT anticipates holding the next Colorado call for TAP federal grant funds in **Fall of 2026**. A timeline will be released in late **Spring of 2026**. Learn more: [Transportation Alternatives Program](#)

16. Partners in the Outdoors Grant Program (CPW): The Partners in the Outdoors Program is a platform for networking and collaboration to advance and balance outdoor recreation and conservation in Colorado. To support these efforts, Colorado Parks and Wildlife provides grant funds to assist our partners across the state who are helping us achieve this goal. **Opening: June 1, 2026. Deadline: July 18, 2026.** Learn more: [Partners in the Outdoors Grant Program](#)**17. Direct Effect Awards (CHFA):** Recognize Colorado nonprofit organizations whose missions align with CHFA's work to strengthen Colorado by investing in affordable housing and community development. Round Two: Application will open **June 22nd** and close **July 17th**. Awardees will be notified in early October 2026. Round Two will be open to organizations applying for funds to advance economic development, food access, and education. For organizations applying for funding to support affordable homeownership, affordable rental housing, and economic development, awards will typically range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. In the food access and education spaces, awards will typically range from \$5,000 to \$20,000. In certain cases, funding may exceed those thresholds. While all applications must be strong to be competitive, applications requesting higher dollar amounts must demonstrate a strong alignment with CHFA's mission to strengthen Colorado by investing in affordable housing and community development. They should also demonstrate strong support from the community and other funding sources, provide specific details about their projected impact, and show how they will advance equity in their community. Learn more: [Direct Effect Awards](#)**18. Safe Routes to School (CDOT):** Starting Safe Routes to School program presents your school, school district, or community with an opportunity to make walking and bicycling to school safer and more accessible for children, including those with disabilities. Next application period in the **fall of 2026**. Learn more: [Safe Routes to School](#)**19. Opportunity Zone Program (OEDIT):** The Colorado Opportunity Zone Program (OZ) is a federal incentive that encourages long-term private investments in designated low-income communities by giving investors tax benefits for investing in real estate projects and operating businesses. Investors receive tax incentives in the form of deferral and elimination of state and federal capital gains taxes. **July 1, 2026:** Colorado nominations for new OZs due to U.S. Treasury. **January 1, 2027:** New OZs made official. Learn more: [Opportunity Zone Program](#)**20. Accessory Dwelling Unit Grant Program (ADUG) (DOLA):** The third round of the Accessory Dwelling Unit Grant Program (ADUG) opens to applications on **August 3**, and



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closes on Monday, **August 31, 2026**.

This program supports local governments in activities that make it easier to build ADUs. Interested applicants are also encouraged to fill out a 1-minute ADUG interest survey. DLG is holding an information session for ADUG Round 3 on Tuesday, May 19, 3:00 - 4:00 PM. This session will be recorded and posted online. Learn more: [Accessory Dwelling Unit Grant Program](#)

21. **RESTORE Colorado Program (Restoration and Stewardship of Outdoor Resources and the Environment)** (GOCO): employs a collaborative funding model to support large-scale habitat restoration and stewardship projects across public and private lands. Approximately \$4.5 million may be available for projects focusing on the following habitats and statewide priorities: Watershed resilience (wetlands, riparian, and upland habitats including forests); Eastern Colorado grasslands; Sagebrush rangelands; Big game winter range and migration corridors. Request for Proposals (RFP) available: **August 2026**. Applications due to NFWF: **November 2026**. Grants awarded: **March 2027**. Learn more: [RESTORE Colorado](#)
22. **Large Building Decarbonization Showcase Grant Program** (CEO): Through this program, CEO will distribute \$35 million to achieve emissions reductions in large buildings by funding projects that are able to achieve compliance with their **Building Performance Colorado** (BPC) emissions reduction target before their deadline or reduce emissions beyond their selected target. **Type:** Reimbursement grant; **Eligibility:** Buildings covered under Building Performance Colorado; **Amount:** \$500,000 - \$2 million per award; 50 - 65% of the implementation costs up to \$2 million and 50% of planning costs up to \$50,000 per award. **Application Rounds:** At least one additional round for implementation-only projects is expected to open from **August 7 - October 2, 2026**. Learn more: [Large Building Decarbonization Showcase Grant Program](#)
23. **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. More funding expected July 1, 2026. \$10,000 max. 10% match. Learn more: [History Colorado Micro Grant](#)
24. **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. The next application period will open in Summer 2026. Learn more: [Colorado Environmental Justice Grants Program](#)
25. **Arts in Society Grant** (Reline Contemporary Arts Center): Arts in Society is a collaborative grant-making program that fosters cross-sector work through the arts by supporting the integration of arts and culture into multiple disciplines critical to the health and well-being of Coloradans. Administered by RedLine Contemporary Art Center and funded through a cohort of Colorado foundations and government agencies, the

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program provides grants ranging from

\$5,000-\$35,000 to individuals and organizations seeking to implement projects that utilize the arts as an integral element in promoting social justice and community welfare.

Learn more: [Arts in Society Grant](#)

26. **Voucher Opportunity 12 - Grid Innovations Facility and Testing (EnergyWerx):** This Voucher Opportunity seeks to provide electric grid transmission and distribution technology innovators, including small businesses and entrepreneurs, with services such as testing, stress testing, and performance validation from Providers to advance the development of pre-commercial electric grid technologies. Providers can include, but are not limited to, national labs, academic institutions, utility test beds, and private industry facilities. Vouchers will be distributed as in-kind support, meaning that ENERGYWERX will directly reimburse the Voucher Provider for the work they have completed on behalf of the Voucher Recipients. The value of each Voucher will depend on the services defined in the Providers' capability statements, with estimated values of support services per Recipient ranging from \$50k to \$250k. More information about the opportunity is coming soon, with Provider Applications planned to open in Spring 2026. Learn more: [Voucher Opportunity 12 - Grid Innovations Facility and Testing](#)
27. **CDBGPF Design, Engineering, and Environmental Clearance (DEEC) Grant (DOLA):** The CDBGPF DEEC Grant program offers financial assistance for eligible applicants to complete their design, engineering, and environmental clearance activities for an eligible CDBGPF project. Eligible activities include design, engineering, planning, feasibility studies, and environmental clearance. The maximum grant award for the CDBGPF-DEEC program is \$100,000. The CDBGPF-DEEC grant will open in fall 2026. Learn more: [CDBGPF Design, Engineering, and Environmental Clearance Grant](#)
28. **Housing Planning Grant Program (DOLA):** The Housing Planning Grant Program enacted by SB24-174 (C.R.S. §§ 24-32-3701 – 24-32-3711) provides grants to local governments and regional entities to help them better understand their housing needs and to develop actionable and compliant housing needs assessments (HNAs), housing action plans, and comprehensive plan elements. The funding cycle for HPLN Round 5 runs from **Monday, July 13, to Monday, August 17, 2026**. An [informational session](#) will be held on **Thursday, July 9th**. Staff will discuss the HPLN grant process and answer attendee questions. Learn more: [Housing Planning Grant Program](#)
29. **Local Economy Lab (OJT):** Guided by our Framework for Economic Transition, the Lab supports bold, community-driven solutions across three connected areas: **Workforce Development:** We will support projects that create concrete economic outcomes for workers and communities—the actual hiring and retention of workers in sustainable employment opportunities that allows workers to stay and thrive in their communities. Grants will generally range from **\$50,000 to \$300,000**, depending on project stage and funding need. RFP Deadline: **June 12, 2026**; **Entrepreneurship & Small Business Support:** we prioritize projects that provide direct support for individual entrepreneurs and businesses and build the competitive industry sectors that generate lasting jobs. Grants will generally range from **\$50,000 to \$300,000**, depending on project stage and funding need. RFP Deadline: **June 12, 2026**; and **Place-Based Infrastructure:** We support projects to strengthen broadband infrastructure, make a place more attractive to live and visit, and make site-specific investments on former coal sites. RFP coming in **early June**. Learn more: [Local Economy Lab](#)

Business & Economic Development

30. **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](#)
31. **Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grants** (USDA): helps rural communities use advanced telecommunications technology to connect to each other - and the world - overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density. The DLT program is targeted to rural areas with populations 20,000 or fewer. Awards range from \$50,000 to \$750,000. A minimum 15 percent match is required and cannot be from another federal source. Deadline is **June 30**. Learn more: [Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grants](#)
32. **Rural Business Development Grants** (USDA): The purpose of the program is to promote economic development and job creation projects through the awarding of grant funds to eligible entities. Applications will compete in two separate categories, business opportunity grants and business enterprise grants, for use in funding various business and community projects that serve rural areas. Rural Business Development Grant money must be used for projects that benefit rural areas or towns outside the urbanized periphery of any city with a population of 50,000 or more. There is no maximum grant amount; however, smaller requests are given higher priority. There is no cost sharing requirement. There are two types of RBDG projects, Opportunity grants and Enterprise grants. Opportunity type grants are limited to up to 10 percent of the total Rural Business Development Grant annual funding. Enterprise type grants must be used on projects to benefit small and emerging businesses in rural areas as specified in the grant application. Rural Business Development Grants has two different closing dates: 1) **June 15, 2026**, only applies to Strategic Economic and Community Development (SECD) applications and 2) **June 30, 2026**, applies to the remainder of the applicants. Learn more: [Rural Business Development Grants](#)
33. **Growth Grants** (National Association for the Self-Employed): This nonprofit trade association offers access to grants for entrepreneurs and owners of small businesses. You can apply for a maximum amount of \$4,000 if you hold active membership in the organization. The application will ask you to present documentation that explains how you plan to use the funds and their importance to your business growth. Learn more: [Growth Grants](#)

ChildCare

Foundations

34. **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 June 18, September 18, and December 4. Learn more: [El Pomar Foundation](#)
35. **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](#)
36. **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](#)
37. **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](#)
38. **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](#)
39. **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. **December cycle:** Opens September 1 and closes by midnight (23:59:59) Central Time (CT) on **October 31**. Learn more: [The Lawrence Foundation Grant Program](#)
40. **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](#)

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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](#)

42. Gates Family Foundation: For Capital Grants: Next deadline for capital grant applications is **September 1, 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](#)

43. 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](#)

44. Boettcher Foundation:

- a. **Community Connections Grants:** We support initiatives and infrastructure projects that foster stronger connections between individuals and organizations. Our Community Connections grants provide one-time funding for projects or buildings that unite and enhance communities. These grants often help fund the construction of facilities with multi-use spaces, bring together nonprofit organizations and cross-sector partners in shared locations, or make strategic investments that elevate successful initiatives to the next level. We offer three funding cycles each year, where we accept inquiries through a Grant Inquiry Form. Grant awards typically range from \$20,000 to \$75,000.
- b. **Rural Catalyst Grants:** We strengthen the internal capacity of organizations to achieve their goals related to the topics covered in the Foundation's Rural Leadership Collaborative meetings.
- c. **Leader Practitioner Catalyst Grants:** The Leadership Practitioner Catalyst Grant Program strengthens the capacity of leadership organizations that are working to create a more inclusive and accessible leadership ecosystem in Colorado. Learn more: [Boettcher Foundation](#)

45. Colorado Health Foundation: They support organizations that are working to advance [health equity and racial justice](#), and whose work aligns with our [cornerstones](#) and [10](#)



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[priority areas](#). Each year, they award

nearly \$100 million in grants and contributions to nonprofit organizations and support private-sector partners through program-related investments. They have 3 annual deadlines: Feb. 15, June 15, and Oct. 15. Learn more: [Colorado Health Foundation](#)

46. **Bass Pro/Cabela's Outdoor Fund:** invest in programs and initiatives aimed at: Conserving Wildlife and Habitat; Connecting New Audiences to the Outdoors; Advocating for Access and Sportsmen's Rights; Supporting Military and Veterans. \$5000-\$10,000. Learn more: [Bass Pro/Cabela's Outdoor Fund](#)
47. **Reiter Family Foundation:** The Reiter Family Foundation seeks to support organizations who are doing meaningful work to shape and sustain Colorado communities. February 1st: Housing and Food Access; May 1st: Education and Youth; September 1st: Environment and Conservation. \$1000-\$20,000. Learn more: [Reiter Family Foundation](#)
48. **Patagonia Environmental Grants:** Patagonia supports environmental organizations with bold, direct-action agendas and a commitment to long-term change. \$5000-\$20,000. Learn more: [Patagonia Environmental Grants](#)
49. **Xcel Energy Foundation:** Since 2011, the Xcel Energy Foundation has partnered with CTC to provide grant funds for tree planting in communities impacted by storms and budget cuts across Colorado. Funds are only available to communities within Xcel service areas. Learn more: [Xcel Energy Foundation](#)
50. **Buell Foundation:** Dedicated to early childhood and improving the lives of young children and their families throughout Colorado. They have made significant contributions to organizations and initiatives that work to bolster outcomes for children ages birth to five, particularly those from underserved and under-resourced communities across the state. In the last fiscal year, over 90% of their grants were awarded in this category. Additionally, they prioritize funding programs in rural Colorado, with more than 65% of recent grants going to communities outside the Denver metro area. Most grants range from \$10,000 to \$50,000. Learn more: [Buell Foundation](#)
51. **Retirement Research Foundation: Foundation for Aging:** RRF Foundation for Aging focuses on improving the quality of life for older people. RRF's grant eligibility criteria requires national reach: Advocacy, Knowledge Sharing & Awareness Raising, Research. RRF has established Priority Areas: Age Equity, Caregiving, Economic Security, Housing, Social Connection, and Organizational Capacity Building. Letter of inquiry due Friday, November 1, 2026 9:59pm PDT Full proposal due **Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2027**. Learn more: [Retirement Research Foundation](#)
52. **Ducks Unlimited:** By leveraging memberships, donations and corporate support, Ducks Unlimited secures **state and federal grants** to tackle ambitious conservation projects. Through strategic fundraising, we provide a sustainable future for waterfowl and countless other species. Learn more: [Ducks Unlimited](#)
53. **Boundless Futures Foundation: EmpowHer Grants:** 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



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refer to the [United Nations Sustainable](#)

[Development Goals](#) as a useful tool for thinking about social issues. We believe that entrepreneurs have the potential to contribute powerfully to solutions to society's issues through successful businesses. **Spring 2026: application opens May 1, grants awarded fall 2026; Fall 2026: application opens November 1, grants awarded spring 2027.**

\$50,000. Learn more: [EmpowHer Grants](#)

54. **Hewlett Foundation:** Our U.S. efforts prioritize strengthening democracy, advancing education for all, and supporting community-led conservation in the North American West. Globally – including in the U.S. – we make grants to reduce harms to communities from the growing threat of climate change, and to support reproductive health, women's economic empowerment, and inclusive governance. We also invest in strengthening the effectiveness of philanthropy and the nonprofit sector and address specific challenges through time-limited initiatives. Learn more: [Hewlett Foundation](#)

Community Development

55. **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](#)
56. **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](#)
57. **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](#)
58. **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](#)
59. **Emergency Grants** (History Colorado): Provide funding for immediate stabilization work needed when a designated resource faces imminent danger or being lost, demolished, or



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seriously damaged due to sudden or unexpected acts of nature such as fire, flood, hail, or human interaction such as a vehicle crash. Up to \$15,000. **Rolling deadline.** Learn more: [Emergency Grants.](#)

60. **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](#)
61. **Survey Plan Grants** (CDHE): Administered by History Colorado under the Department of Higher Education, this Survey Plan grant helps communities assess their current historic resource survey documentation and create a comprehensive plan for future architectural or cultural resource surveys. It provides funding to support thoughtful planning that informs how local governments and organizations identify, prioritize, and document historic resources across geographic areas. The opportunity is part of the State Historical Fund's suite of noncompetitive grants designed to strengthen preservation planning and prepare for future preservation work. Funding Amount: Up to \$20,000. Rolling Application Deadline. Learn more: [Survey Plan Grants](#)
62. **Archaeological Assessment Grant** (History Colorado): Administered by History Colorado under the Department of Higher Education, the Archaeological Assessment Grant Program supports the identification, documentation, and evaluation of archaeological resources across Colorado to guide preservation and stewardship decisions. The program is part of the state's broader commitment to protecting historic and prehistoric sites, guiding projects that adhere to nationally recognized preservation standards. It prioritizes careful planning, urgency of resource protection, and community benefit—encouraging partnerships, public engagement, and inclusion of historically underrepresented communities. By funding assessments, the grant enables organizations to identify risks, plan for future preservation, and promote public understanding of Colorado's cultural heritage. Funding Amount: Up to \$20,000. Rolling Application Deadline. Learn more: [Archaeological Assessment Grant](#)
63. **Colorado Circular Communities Grants:** To qualify for C3 funding opportunities, projects must promote a circular economy, defined as an economy that: Uses a systems-focused approach that involves industrial processes and economic activities that are restorative or regenerative by design; Enables resources used in industrial processes and economic activities to maintain their highest value for as long as possible; Aims to eliminate waste through the superior design of materials, products, and processes, including business models.
 - **Impact Grants** are for projects between \$50,000 and \$500,000. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis, but there are three application windows: January-March; April-June; and July-September. If you submit an application during one of these windows, your application will be reviewed at the end of the window.
 - **Capacity Building Grants** are for projects more than \$500,000 and remain by invitation only. These projects need to have a significant impact on circularity in Colorado. To save time for potential applicants, a more robust inquiry form is available so you know exactly what C3 is seeking.



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- **Mini Grants** are for projects up to \$50,000. Applications are continuously open and may be submitted directly through the website.
Learn more: [Colorado Circular Communities Grants](#)
- 64. **Brownfields Program** (CDPHE): Supports activities such as environmental site assessments (Phase I/II), cleanup planning, property reuse planning, and revitalization efforts that transform blighted properties into productive community assets. Contact CDPHE for current application processes and eligibility details. Rolling deadlines.
Learn more: [Brownfields Program](#)
- 65. **Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Infrastructure Grant** (DOLA): The CDBG-ED Infrastructure Grant program is designed to provide funding for Infrastructure activities for a business project located within Colorado. Such projects will need to meet an economic development objective and will need to create or retain one job for each \$35,000 in loan funds, filling at least 51% of the jobs created and/or retained with low-to-moderate income individuals. Eligible activities include acquisition, design/engineering, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or installation of public improvements. Learn more: [Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Infrastructure Grant](#)
- 66. **Community Services Block Grant** (CSBF) (DOLA): The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) is a federally funded program that provides formulaic grants to alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty in communities. Colorado has 28 eligible local entities working under nine Community Services Block Grant federal objectives including employment, education, income management, housing, emergency services, nutrition, linkages with other programs, self sufficiency, and health. The Department of Local Affairs is required to develop and submit a Community Services Block Grant State Plan to the Office of Community Services, either annually or biennially, outlining the planned use of funds, program policies, and how the state office will work to ensure that the intents and purposes of the grant are met. The state office is required to make the plan available for public inspection and to hold a public hearing to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed use and distribution of funds. Department of Local Affairs is interested in collecting feedback on the proposed plan from local stakeholders, community members and partners. Learn more: [Community Services Block Grant](#)
- 67. **Law Enforcement Community Services Grant Program** (DOLA): The program gives grants to law enforcement agencies, local government entities, and community organizations to improve services to the communities. This includes community services such as policing and outreach, drug intervention, prevention, treatment and recovery, and other services. The grant program includes a 11-member committee to make recommendations to the Executive Director to review grant applications and recommend which grants should be approved. Learn more: [Law Enforcement Community Services Grant Program](#)

Outdoors

- 68. **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,



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enhancement and species recovery

projects. **Rolling deadline.** Unspecified amount. Learn more: [Fish and Wildlife](#)

[Resources Fund Grants](#)

69. **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](#)
70. **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](#)
71. **Oil and Gas Compensatory Mitigation Grant Program** (DNR): Administered by Colorado Parks and Wildlife under the Department of Natural Resources, the Oil and Gas Compensatory Mitigation Grant Program helps support conservation of high-priority wildlife habitat affected by oil and gas development. It uses mitigation funds collected from oil and gas operators to help qualified land trusts and partners implement conservation easements and related projects that offset unavoidable impacts to wildlife resources. This program emphasizes long-term habitat protection and restoration in areas with significant energy development pressures, advancing collaborative conservation efforts across the state. Funding Amount: Up to \$20,000. **Application Deadline: 07/31/2026.** Learn more: [Oil and Gas Compensatory Mitigation Grant Program](#)
72. **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. Organizations eligible for GOCO funding include Colorado cities, towns, and counties; Title 32 special districts; land conservation organizations that advance the acquisition of open space; political subdivisions of the State of Colorado whose missions are to identify, manage, or acquire open space and natural areas; and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Grant Awards: \$100,000 to \$300,000 per project. However, there is no maximum. GOCO may suggest a revised award amount as



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needed. Deadlines: **Concept papers**

due: July 23, 2026; Applications invited: August 7, 2026; Applications due: **September 10, 2026**. Learn more: [Pathways Program](#)

73. **Reforest Colorado** (Colorado Tree Coalition): ReForest Colorado funds projects in communities affected by natural disasters to assist in the planting of new trees and planting-related expenses. ReForest Colorado grants are available to state and local governments, school districts, community and neighborhood organizations, and private nonprofit groups. Learn more: [Reforest Colorado](#)
 74. **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. **Concept papers due: July 23, 2026**. Applications invited: August 7, 2026. Applications due: **September 10, 2026**. Grants awarded: December 11, 2026. Learn more: [Community Impact Program](#)
 75. **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program** (FEMA): ensures that state, local, tribal and territorial governments have the financial opportunity to plan for and implement hazard mitigation measures that reduce the risk of loss of life and property from future natural disasters during the reconstruction process following a disaster. HMGP funding is available when authorized through a major disaster declaration. The amount of HMGP funding available to the applicant is based on the estimated total federal assistance, subject to the sliding scale formula that FEMA provides for disaster recovery for each disaster declaration. Learn more: [Hazard Mitigation Grant Program](#)
 76. **Hazard Mitigation Grant Post Fire** (FEMA): assistance is available to help communities implement hazard mitigation measures after wildfire disasters in any area affected by a fire for which assistance is provided under a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) declaration. The availability of HMGP Post Fire assistance is not contingent on a major disaster declaration and is instead available in any area affected by a fire for which assistance was provided under an FMAG declaration. Learn more: [Hazard Mitigation Grant Post Fire](#)
 77. **Flood Mitigation Assistance** (FEMA): A competitive program that provides funding to states, local communities, federally recognized tribes and territories. Funds can be used for projects that reduce or eliminate the risk of flood damage to structures insured by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Learn more: [Flood Mitigation Assistance](#)
 78. **Natural Disaster Mitigation Enterprise (NDME) Grant** (CRO): will fund grants to local governments to implement resilience and natural disaster mitigation measures, and match funds required by federal grants dedicated to implement pre-disaster mitigation measures. **Applications are due August 31, 2026**. Learn more: [Natural Disaster Mitigation Enterprise Grant](#)
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Energy

79. **Direct Current Fast-Charging Plazas Grant (CEO)**: Funding to increase community access to high-speed electric vehicle charging. Funding Amount: \$17 million. Match: Varies, up to 80%. **Application Round**: May 18, 2026 thru July 10, 2026. Learn more: [Direct Current Fast-Charging Plazas Grant](#)
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Transportation

80. **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](#)
81. **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](#)
82. **TMO Seed Funding Grant (CDOT)**: Program Goals: Foster the creation of innovative solutions and technologies that reduce single occupancy vehicle trips and encourage the use of alternative modes of transportation; Support the creation of financially sustainable TMOs that enhance the capacities and efficiencies of their local and regional transportation networks and support stakeholders in voluntary efforts to reduce trips, emissions, and travel impacts; Support economic development by normalizing and encouraging telecommuting as a best work practice for employers; Provide safe access to economic opportunities and mobility for people of all ages, incomes, and abilities, including vulnerable users; Reduce greenhouse gas and criteria pollutant emissions by reducing vehicle miles traveled by personal vehicles. Open for rolling applications. Check the website for confirmation the program still has open funding for the fiscal year. Learn more: [TMO Seed Funding Grant](#)
83. **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](#)
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Water

84. **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**

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initiatives via SCG or WQIF grants.

Deadlines vary by sub-program. Learn more: [Water Quality Grants](#)

85. **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](#)
86. **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](#)
87. **Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program** (USDA Rural Development): Local governments, tribes, and nonprofits in rural Colorado (population $\leq 10,000$) 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](#)
88. **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](#)
89. **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](#)
90. **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](#)
91. **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](#)

92. **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](#)

93. **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](#)

94. **Water Technical Assistance (WaterTA) (EPA):** EPA offers free Water Technical Assistance (WaterTA) to help communities identify water challenges and solutions, build capacity, and develop application materials to access water infrastructure funding. Learn more: [WaterTA](#)

95. **Colorado Watershed Restoration Grants (DNR):** for capacity building, planning, engineering, implementation, and post-wildfire emergency funding to address the susceptibility of values at risk to post wildfire hazards. Learn more: [Colorado Watershed Restoration Grants](#)

96. **Projects Bill Grants (DNR):** Projects Bill Grants (formerly Non-Reimbursable Project Investments) are CWCB Board authorized state-wide investments for regional supply needs that do not fit within other CWCB grant programs. Grants also require approval by the General Assembly. Matching funds are typically required, and the amount of funding can vary annually, but is generally between \$1 million - \$10 million. Learn more: [Projects Bill Grants](#)

97. **Colorado Nonpoint Source Program (CDPHE):** Restores and protects waterbodies impacted by nonpoint source pollution. It accomplishes this goal by providing financial and technical assistance to watershed groups and other local entities to implement best management practices to improve water quality impacted by nonpoint source pollution. It also funds activities that raise awareness, increase interest, involvement and knowledge of water quality and impacts of nonpoint sources of pollution. "Mini grants" are available to fund small education and outreach projects. Typically, mini-grants range from \$1,000 to \$2,500, with a maximum of \$5,000. Mini-grants are awarded on a cost-reimbursement basis. Non-federal matching funds are required, but may be either in-kind or in cash contribution. Project sponsors are reimbursed for costs incurred to implement the project based on the budget provided in the proposal. Learn more: [Colorado Nonpoint Source Program](#)

98. **WaterSMART: Applied Science Grants (DOI):** The Bureau of Reclamation leverages Federal and non-Federal funding to work cooperatively with States, Tribes, and local

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entities as they plan and implement

actions to increase water supply and hydropower reliability. The goal of the WaterSMART Applied Science Grants (ASG) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is to invite eligible entities to apply for funding to improve access to and use of hydrologic data, develop and improve water management tools, and improve hydrologic modeling and forecasting capabilities. Water managers and reservoir operators rely on hydrologic data, modeling, and water supply forecasts to make decisions to meet future water demands. Results from these projects will be used by water managers to increase water supply reliability to meet water delivery requirements, provide flexibility in water operations to be more resilient during droughts, and enhance water supply forecasts to better predict floods and optimize limited water supplies. Award Ceiling: \$400,000. Deadline: **July 8, 2026**. Learn more: [Applied Science Grants](#)

99. **State Revolving Fund Grants** (CDPHE): The State Revolving Fund (SRF) has two grants (Planning and Design & Engineering) to help disadvantaged communities in funding their wastewater, stormwater, and drinking water projects. These are applied to communities and districts that intend to obtain an SRF subsidized loan. Learn more: [State Revolving Fund Grants](#)
100. **WaterSMART Drought Response Program** (Bureau of Reclamation): The Bureau of Reclamation's Drought Response Program supports a proactive approach to drought by providing assistance to water managers to develop and update comprehensive drought plans, and implement projects that will build long-term resiliency to drought. Closing **July 28, 2026**. Learn more: [WaterSmart Drought Response Program](#)
101. **WaterSMART Enhancing Water Resources Projects** (Bureau of Reclamation): designed to support projects that improve water resource management for multiple uses, including water conservation, efficiency, infrastructure improvements, and watershed restoration. The program aims to: Increase water supply reliability and sustainability; Address competing demands from agriculture, recreation, fisheries, power, and other sectors; Balance multiple community interests and deliver significant watershed benefits. Estimated Total Program Funding: \$60,000,000. Expected Number of Awards: 30 Awards. Ceiling: \$3,000,000. Award Floor: \$50,000. The first application period will close Wednesday, **September 9th, 2026**, and the second application period will close Wednesday, September 8th, 2027. Learn more: [WaterSMART Enhancing Water Resources Projects](#)
102. **WaterSMART Title XVI Program** (Bureau of Reclamation): funds the planning, design, and construction of water reclamation and reuse projects. Title XVI projects maximize limited water supplies in the Western United States through water reuse, which provides communities with new sources of clean water and reduces reliance on other water sources that are more vulnerable during times of shortage. For applications submitted under the first round, feasibility studies must be received by June 26, 2026. The first round is due by **August 26, 2026**, and the second round is due by August 26, 2027. Learn more: [WaterSMART Title XVI Program](#)
103. **WaterSMART Desalination Construction Program** (Bureau of Reclamation): funds the planning, design, and construction of desalination facilities for seawater or brackish groundwater or surface water. These projects help communities to diversify their water

supply portfolio by turning currently unusable water sources into a new source of water supply that is less vulnerable to drought. For applications submitted under the first round, feasibility studies must be received by June 26, 2026. The first round is due by **August 26, 2026**, and the second round is due by August 26, 2027. Learn more: [WaterSMART Desalination Construction Program](#)

104. **Water & Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning Grants (USDA):** This program helps eligible low-income communities plan and develop applications for proposed USDA Rural Development water or waste disposal projects. Maximum of \$60,000 or 75 percent of the predevelopment planning costs. At least 25 percent of the project cost must come from the applicant or third-party sources. In-kind contributions do not count toward this minimum. Learn more: [Water & Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning Grants](#)

Programs, Incentives, and Tax Credits

105. **IJJA 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: [IJJA Local Match Program](#)
106. **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](#)
107. **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](#)
108. **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](#)
109. **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

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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](#)

110. **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](#)
111. **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](#)
112. **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](#)
113. **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



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Playbook to assist local recovery

groups in navigating the complexities surrounding post-wildfire recovery. Learn more:

[Source Water Assessment and Protection](#)

114. **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](#)
115. **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](#)
116. **Innovative Housing Assistance Program (OEDIT):** The Innovative Housing Incentive Program helps address Colorado's housing shortage by supporting the development and expansion of the state's innovative housing manufacturing businesses. The program includes two funding mechanisms: 1) grants for working capital expenses and per unit incentives and 2) factory loans to support new or expanding factories in Colorado. Applications available on a rolling basis. Learn more: [Innovative Housing Assistance Program](#)
117. **Small-scale Housing Technical Assistance (CHFA):** The program helps catalyze small-scale affordable housing developments by providing access to an affordable housing consultant and pre-development grant assistance. Potential small-scale projects, of 25 units or less, may apply for affordable housing planning and development technical assistance (TA) services and pre-development grants to further their work. Round Two Deadline: **6/26/26**. Learn more: [Small-scale Housing Technical Assistance](#)

118. IIJA Grant Writing and

Technical Assistance Program (State of Colorado): Colorado issued an RFP to hire consultants to be on-call for grant writing and technical assistance for project planning (e.g. site assessments, permitting, cost estimating, design assistance, stakeholder engagement). The consultants will be deployed for priority projects by the Governor's Office of Economic Recovery at no cost to the awarded entity. Local governments and Tribes may request this assistance through an application process. Deadline: **Dec. 31, 2026**. Learn more: [IIJA Grant Writing and Technical Assistance Program](#)

119. **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](#)

120. **Circular Action Alliance: Reimbursements and Funding**: Under Colorado's EPR law, service providers including local governments, Tribes, for profit and nonprofit recycling collectors, material recovery facilities and transfer stations can be reimbursed for 100% of the net costs of the eligible recycling services they provide to Colorado residents. The program also provides funding for compost facilities to improve recovery of compostable products or to reduce contamination. Learn more: [Circular Action Alliance: Reimbursements and Funding](#)

121. **Main Street** (DOLA): As a Main Street America™ Coordinating Program, Colorado Main Street helps to lead a powerful, grassroots network of over 40 Coordinating Programs and over 1,200 neighborhoods and communities across the country committed to creating high-quality places and to building stronger communities through preservation-based economic development. Learn more: [Main Street](#)

122. **Local Legal Support Initiative** (DOLA): the State of Colorado will partner with a legal services provider to offer free legal assistance relating to federal funding issues to local governments, federally recognized Tribes, special districts, and non-profit organizations across Colorado. The initiative has a special focus on small and/or rural entities. The initiative is designed to safeguard critical local investments by ensuring that awarded funds remain deployable, compliant, and protected. The legal services provider has been selected and the program is expected to launch mid-May. The legal services provider can provide support to local governments, Tribes, special districts, and Colorado-based non-profit organizations in their efforts to: Navigate federal contract changes and potential clawbacks or terminations; Maintain compliance with evolving federal regulations and guidance; Resolve federal grant management and procurement issues; and Access legal expertise for appeals, extensions, or corrective actions of federal agency decisions. Learn more: [Local Legal Support Initiative](#)

123. **Targeted Technical Assistance for Rural Hospitals Program** (USDA): A federally funded initiative that offers comprehensive technical assistance to rural hospitals to



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address financial and operational

challenges and maintain essential health services for their communities. **Application**

Deadline: Rolling Basis Learn more: [Targeted Technical Assistance for Rural Hospitals Program](#)

124. **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](#)
125. **University Technical Assistance Program (DOLA):** The University Technical Assistance Program is a helpful arrangement that benefits both local governments and graduate students. The program is a collaboration between the Colorado Center for Community Development at the University of Colorado Denver and the Department of Local Affairs. Small local governments and other political subdivisions of the State can access these valuable services to create initial plans for projects. It offers affordable technical assistance to small local governments and other political subdivisions of the State in the following areas: Processes and design; Architecture; Landscape architecture; Planning; Housing; Renewable energy projects. These plans help the government entity gather support from the community and secure the necessary funding for the project. In simple terms, it assists small local governments in getting ideas off the ground and making them real with the help of the community and financial backing. Learn more: [University Technical Assistance Program](#)
126. **First Southwest Community Fund:** In Colorado's rural communities, securing startup and growth funding can be the difference between a dream and a successful enterprise. First Southwest Community Fund bridges this gap by offering **grant funding** to qualified rural Colorado entrepreneurs and small business owners who successfully complete select educational workshops. Learn more: [First Southwest Community Fund](#)

Loans and Loan Guarantees

127. **Colorado Enterprise 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 Enterprise Fund](#)
128. **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](#)

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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](#)

130. **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](#)

131. **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](#)

132. **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](#)

133. **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](#)

134. **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](#)

135. **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](#)

136. **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](#)

137. **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](#)



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138. **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](#)

139. **Northwest Catalyst Capital (NWCDC)** - a microloan fund designed specifically for entrepreneurs and small business owners in Moffat, Rio Blanco, and Routt Counties. Loan amount: \$5,000 to \$37,500; Interest rate: 5% fixed rate; Loan origination fee: 1%; Term 2-4 years. Learn more: [Northwest Capital Catalyst](#)

140. **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](#)

141. **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](#)

142. **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](#)

143. **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)

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



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receive partial loan forgiveness.

Funding is available to local government borrowers. Learn more: [Drinking Water Revolving Fund](#)

144. **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](#)

145. **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 state legislature, and applications must be received by August 1 for funding the following year. Learn more: [Water Project Loan Program](#)

146. **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 deadline: June 30, 2026** Learn more: [Intermediary Relending Program](#)

147. **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 deadline: June 30, 2026** Learn more: [Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Programs](#)

148. **Community Development Block Grant Business Loan (DOLA):** aids business in rural areas by providing loans and loan guarantees. A business needs to create or retain one job for each \$35,000 in loan funds, filling at least 51% of the jobs created and/or retained with low-to-moderate income individuals. If your business has five or fewer employees



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and all owner(s) qualify as

low-to-moderate income persons, a Microenterprise Loan is also available.

Microenterprise loans do not need to meet the same job creation and/or retention requirements. Learn more: [Community Development Block Grant Business Loan](#)

Bookmark These Resources!

149. **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](#)
150. **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](#)
151. **USDOT Grants 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](#)
152. **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](#)
153. **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](#)
154. **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



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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](#)

155. **Colorado Energy Office:** Full list of government avail funding: [Funding & Financing for Government | Colorado Energy Office](#)
156. **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](#)
157. **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](#)
158. **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](#)
159. **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](#)
160. **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](#)
161. **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](#).
162. **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](#)

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163. **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 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](#)
164. **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](#)
165. **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](#)
166. **Local Infrastructure Hub: Funding Pathfinder Tool:** The Funding Pathfinder streamlines the search for tailored funding opportunities, helping cities access resources for infrastructure and community projects that align with their goals. **Grant Search Tool:** The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law consists of nearly 400 funding opportunities. The Grant Search can help you find those that best align with your community priorities. Learn more: [Local Infrastructure Hub](#)
167. **Rural Economic Development Toolkit** (ORR): offering practical steps for communities to grow their economies through outdoor recreation. ORR's toolkit outlines best practices such as identifying local champions and building collaboratives, creating a community brand, securing funding and planning sustainable infrastructure, while addressing common challenges like limited capacity and environmental concerns. The toolkit also includes case studies and examples to help rural leaders turn outdoor assets into long-term economic opportunity. Learn more: [Rural Economic Development Toolkit](#)
168. **Environmental Justice Grants Dashboard** (CDPHE): This interactive tool showcases where and how grant funding makes a difference across the state. Use the dashboard to explore projects from the past three grant cycles—each aimed at helping communities create healthier places to live, learn, work, and play. Learn more: [Environmental Justice Grants Dashboard](#)
169. **RealWaterTA** (EPA): Back-to-basics approach to support drinking water and wastewater systems using proven, best-practice approaches that will most effectively address local needs while partnering with states and Tribes. RealWaterTA focuses on



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eight priorities when helping water and wastewater systems reliably provide safe drinking water and effectively treat wastewater over the long term. RealWaterTA will:

Support returning to and maintaining compliance; Focus on traditional and innovative water infrastructure; Define the scope of technical assistance; Strengthen technical, managerial, and financial (TMF) management; Empower the water workforce; Improve financial readiness and access to financial assistance; Reduce inefficient costs; and Drive real-world results. Learn more: [RealWaterTA](#)

170. **Grants Calendar** (CDOT): This table includes all CDOT Grants and Enterprise Grants programs for January through December 2026. It also includes future notice of funding opportunities and application dates for the Transportation Alternatives program. Learn more: [Grants Calendar](#)
171. **Sports Facility Grants and Funding Database** (Sports Venue Calculator): Curated database of nationwide and state-specific sports-related grant programs. Learn more: [Sports Facility Grants and Funding Database](#)
172. **Colorado.GrantWatch.com**: GrantWatch is the leading grant website, providing a comprehensive database of grants and foundations, as well as a range of features designed to simplify the grant-seeking process. Learn more: [Colorado.GrantWatch.com](#)
173. **Startup Colorado**: Startup Colorado is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that supports rural entrepreneurs and ecosystem builders in 53 rural counties across Colorado. They believe that anyone should have the ability to start and scale a business in the place they call home. They're here to help both entrepreneurs and ecosystem builders access the human, social, and financial capital they need to build thriving businesses. Learn more: [Startup Colorado](#)
174. **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Guidebook** (DOLA): This guidebook has been developed by the State of Colorado to assist local governments and subgrantees in the implementation and administration of local public facility, housing, and economic development projects undertaken through the funding from the State administered Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Learn more: [Community Development Block Grant Guidebook](#)