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## AGNC *Grants Round-Up* Hot Deadlines

1. **Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program (USDT):** The Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program (RTA) [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) provides up to \$54.2 million in no-match grants on a first-come, first-serve basis to support legal, technical, and financial advisors to help advance infrastructure projects in rural and tribal communities. Applications will be accepted beginning on **September 8, 2025**. The application portal will close on October 8, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. ET. Learn more: [Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program](#)
2. **Colorado CHIPS Community Support Program** (Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade): Eligible local governments, Tribes, regional economic development organizations, or consortia may apply for **market study, implementation, or marketing grants** to expand Colorado's semiconductor and advanced-industry ecosystem beyond existing clusters. Location is a priority consideration. Applications for **Cycle 4 are open through September 30, 2025**. Learn more and apply: [Colorado CHIPS Community Support Program](#)
3. **Water Supply Reserve Fund (WSRF) Grants** (Colorado Water Conservation Board): Eligible entities—including local governments, water districts, ditch companies, and nonprofits—may request competitive grants for feasibility studies, permitting, infrastructure design, education/outreach, or water projects. **Deadlines: October 1, and December 1, 2025**. Learn more: <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/funding/water-supply-reserve-fund-grants>
4. **Advanced Industries Early-Stage Capital & Retention Grant** (OEDIT Advanced Industries): Colorado-based advanced-industry technology companies may apply twice per year (typically **January and July cycles**) for reimbursement grants of up to **\$250,000** to commercialize disruptive technologies developed or manufactured in Colorado. Applicants must provide a **2:1 non-state match**, meet revenue/funding caps, and show technology viability. Next deadline: **March 2026** (winter cycle). Details: [Advanced Industries Early-Stage Capital & Retention Grant](#)
5. **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](#)
6. **Arts in Society Grant Program** (RedLine Contemporary Art Center): Colorado individual artists, community-based groups, and arts organizations may apply for **project grants between \$5,000 and \$35,000** to support interdisciplinary art blending social justice, environmental action, health, or community development. A Letter of Intent opens **July 1, 2025**, with a submission deadline of **September 5, 2025 (11:59 p.m. MST)**; selected LOI recipients are invited to full proposals in January 2026. Learn more: <https://redlineart.org/grants/arts-in-society>
7. **Opportunity Now Tax Credit (OEDIT):** Companies in the advanced manufacturing, clean energy, construction, infrastructure, and semiconductor industries that are investing in talent initiatives such as workforce training or skill development are eligible to apply. This program offers a refundable tax credit of up to 50% of eligible costs, including facility improvements and

equipment purchases used for training. Up

to \$15 million in credits are available annually. Tax credits can be claimed once qualified assets are placed into service, with certificates issued from January 2026 through January 2033.

**Pre-Qualification Questionnaire due by September 16, 2025. Reservation Application Due by September 18, 2025.** [Opportunity Now Tax Credits | Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade](#)

8. **Federal Mineral Lease District (Mesa County):** The Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District's grant programs help alleviate social, economic, and public finance impacts resulting from federal mineral leasing activities in our communities, providing the greatest use of these financial resources for the greatest number of Citizens. Distributions may only be made to eligible entities: the state, or its political subdivisions. These eligible applicants may only use the distribution for eligible purposes: (1) planning, (2) construction and maintenance of public facilities, or (3) provision of public services. Applications due **September 5**; Decision **October 15**. Learn more: [Federal Mineral Lease District](#)
  - a. **Traditional Grant Program:** typically funds new public works or other capital projects, their replacement or repair, and the associated planning, engineering, design, or architectural costs. Funding is also available for public services addressing health, safety, and welfare impacts from federal mining leasing activities, including but not limited to animal control, education, emergency services, protective services, recreation, social services, and transportation. The MCFMLD will not fund more than 70% of the proposed project's eligible costs. A minimum of 10% of the total project costs must be a cash match from the applicant and/or partners. In no case can funds set aside for contingency be used to fulfill the matching requirement.
  - b. **Mini Grant Program:** grants up to \$50,000 with no matching requirement for projects aligned with the MCFMLD Mission Statement and federal law. An exception to the no matching requirement is any mini grant primarily for a planning project, which requires a fifty percent cash match.
9. **BLM-National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) Joint Fire Science Program (JFSP) (BLM):** FSP is seeking proposals focused on the following task statements. Accelerating science to action in fire-prone ecosystems with changing fire regimes: Spurring innovation in fire management through knowledge exchange and place-based partnerships. Evaluation of fire potential forecasts. Research to support wildland fire investigations. Please consult the JFSP database for the specific requirements on each individual task statement. Eligible recipients are small businesses. **Applications due September 18, 2025.** Learn more: [BLM-National Interagency Fire Center \(NIFC\) Joint Fire Science Program \(JFSP\)](#)
10. **Brownfields Job Training Grants (EPA):** Project-based funding. Eligible entities: nonprofit organizations, local governments, land clearance authorities, redevelopment agencies, regional councils, Tribal governments, Alaska Native entities, and public or nonprofit institutions of higher education. Provides up to \$500,000 to recruit, train, and place unemployed or underemployed residents in environmental jobs such as brownfields assessment, cleanup, sustainable remediation, and chemical safety, including required OSHA 40-hour HAZWOPER training. **Deadline September 26.** Learn more: [Brownfields Job Training Grants](#)

## Business & Economic Development

11. **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 (ongoing application process)**. Learn more: [Rural Business Investment Program](#)
12. **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](#)
13. **Public Works & Economic Adjustment Assistance (EDA)** (US Economic Development Administration): State and local governments, tribes, nonprofits (501(c)(3) and others), and special districts in Colorado may apply for **planning, infrastructure, workforce, or technical assistance funding** through EDA's EAA and Public Works programs. Applications are accepted on a **rolling notice-of-funding-opportunity (NOFO) schedule** through the EDA portal. More info: [Public Works & Economic Adjustment Assistance](#) Point of Contact for EDA - (provided with permission) Trent Thompson Economic Development Representative Colorado and Utah [tthompson@eda.gov](mailto:tthompson@eda.gov) / 303.319.6940 / [eda.gov](http://eda.gov)
14. **Colorado Startup Loan Fund** (OEDIT in partnership with Colorado Enterprise Fund/Lendistry): Colorado small businesses ( $\leq 25$  employees,  $< \$2M$  annual revenue) that have difficulty accessing traditional lending can apply for **working capital loans from \$25,000 to \$150,000**, fixed or variable rate, term up to 10 years, along with optional business coaching services. Applications are **rolling through approved participating lenders**. Learn more: [Colorado Startup Loan Fund](#)
15. **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](#)
16. **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](#)
17. **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](#)



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**18. Rural Entrepreneur Grant (Startup**

Colorado): Our grants empower rural entrepreneurs to elevate their businesses and make a lasting impact on their communities. With this financial support, you can attend business-related events, enroll in educational programs, or access technical resources that pave the way for growth and success. Our grant program is here to lighten the financial burdens of registration fees, travel expenses, or other hurdles that are standing between you and the acceleration of your business. Rolling deadlines. Learn more: [Rural Entrepreneur Grant](#)

**19. Buildings Up (US Dept of Energy):** The Buildings Upgrade Prize (Buildings UP) is designed to support innovative approaches to retrofitting buildings to include high performance technologies. Building upgrades may include improving building resiliency and efficiency through measures such as insulation and air sealing and installing efficient electric equipment, including heat pumps and heat pump water heaters. Together, these efforts will help reduce energy costs, while improving indoor air quality and occupant comfort. Buildings UP has awarded more than \$22 million in cash prizes and technical assistance to winning teams across the country developing building upgrade initiatives to improve the lives of Americans. Learn more: [Buildings Up](#)

**20. 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](#)

**21. EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs (DOT):** Eligible uses of funds include: developing key public infrastructure, such as technology-based facilities using distance learning networks, smart rooms, and smart buildings, multitenant manufacturing, outfitting business and industrial parks with fiber optic cable or other forms of telecommunications development facilities, as well as traditional public works projects, including water and sewer systems improvements, industrial parks, and expansion of port and harbor facilities. Investments made through the Public Works program must be aligned with a 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](#)

**22. Targeted Technical Assistance for Rural Hospitals Program:** A federally funded initiative that offers comprehensive technical assistance to rural hospitals to address financial and operational challenges and maintain essential health services for their communities. **Application Deadline: 9/30/2025.** Learn more: [Targeted Technical Assistance for Rural Hospitals Program](#)

**23. Business and Industry Loan Guarantees (USDA):** Loan funding. Eligible entities: for-profit and nonprofit businesses, cooperatives, Tribes, public bodies, and individuals engaged or proposed to engage in a business. Loan guarantees to improve, develop, or finance business, industry, and employment and improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities. **Rolling Deadlines.** Learn more: [Business and Industry Loan Guarantees](#)

**24. Rural Business Investment Program (USDA):** Startup funding. Eligible entities: for-profits and subsidiaries of an entity. Provides a Rural Business Investment Company (RBIC) license to newly formed developmental capital organizations to fill the need for business and development capital in rural areas. The program works with for-profit developmental capital funds. Rolling Deadlines. Learn more: [Rural Business Investment Program](#)

## ChildCare

25. **Family Child Care Home Facilities Improvement Grant (Early Childhood Council Leadership Alliance / Buell Foundation / Daniels Fund):** Licensed family child care homes in Colorado may apply for up to \$5,000 in funding to address health and safety concerns, meet licensing requirements, or improve indoor/outdoor learning environments. The next application cycle opens **September 1, 2025**, and closes **October 10, 2025**, at 5:00 p.m. **Learn more:** <https://ecclacolorado.org/fcchgrant/>
  26. **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:** <https://buellfoundation.org/resource/child-care-facility-development-toolkit>
  27. **Local Government Childcare Planning Grant Program** (DOLA): This brand new program provides planning grants to local and Tribal governments to help them better understand child care needs and [adopt policy and regulatory best practices](#) in order to promote the development of child care. Capital construction and design funds are not available through this program. Municipalities, counties, Tribal governments, and early childhood development service districts are invited to apply by **September 24, 2025**. Interested applicants must schedule a pre-application meeting with [program staff](#) to discuss proposed project and funding eligibility before applying. **Learn more:** [Local Government Childcare Planning Grant Program](#)
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## Foundations

28. **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 July 25, **September 26**, and **December 12**. **Learn more:** <https://www.elpomar.org/grant-making/>
29. **Western Colorado Community Foundation – Community Grants:** This foundation offers grants to nonprofits serving western Colorado counties. The 2025 Community Grants cycle is open from May 5 to **October 3**, with applications reviewed on a rolling basis. Funding focuses on education, human services, and rural community needs. **Learn more:** <https://wc-cf.org/community-grants/>
30. **Hometown Grants** (T-Mobile Foundation): Local governments, tribal leaders, or nonprofit community leaders in Colorado towns with populations under 50,000 may apply for funding to build or revitalize community spaces (e.g., parks, libraries, town squares, ball fields). Awards are **made quarterly**, and the application portal **closes at the end of each quarter** (reopens the first day of the new quarter). **Learn more:** <https://www.t-mobile.com/community/hometown-grants>



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31. **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. **Deadline applications are accepted quarterly August 1–October 15, and November 3–December 31.** Learn more: [Spark Good Local Grants](#)

## Community Development

32. **Revitalizing Main Streets: Opportunity 2 – Small Multimodal & Economic Resiliency Grant Program** (Colorado Department of Transportation): Eligible local governments, business

improvement districts, councils of governments, and colleges/universities may apply for state-funded grants (up to **\$250,000 per project**) aimed at improving pedestrian, bicycle, transit, senior, and disability-friendly safety in urban arterials or downtown main streets. A **10% local match** is required. Applications are accepted **continuously**, reviewed every month by CDOT; review deadlines fall on the **last Wednesday of each month**. Apply via email to [cdotmainstreets@state.co.us](mailto:cdotmainstreets@state.co.us). Learn more:

<https://www.codot.gov/programs/revitalizingmainstreets>

33. **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](#)

34. **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](#)

35. **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: <https://oedit.colorado.gov/film-festival-support-promotion-grant>

36. **Fast Track Development Review Incentive** (Colorado Department of Local Affairs): Colorado local and tribal governments committed to Proposition 123 may request up to **\$50,000** (no local match required) in planning-related funding for early adoption of expedited affordable housing review processes. Projects must be implemented by **December 31, 2025** to meet the statewide deadline (Prop 123 mandates full compliance by December 2026). Applications are accepted on



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a **rolling** basis until the fund is exhausted.

Read full guidelines: [Fast Track Development Review Incentive](#)

37. **Accessible Travel Program** (OEDIT): The Accessible Travel Program, a program in partnership with Wheel The World, aims to amplify accessible spaces in destinations across Colorado. This innovative program aligns with the CTO Destination Stewardship Strategic Plan, demonstrating Colorado's commitment to providing welcoming, inclusive and accessible experiences for everyone. Program outcomes include Wheel The World site mapping and reports for up to 25 selected sites; online course to train hospitality professionals about accessible travel; booking solution at [wheeltheworld.com](http://wheeltheworld.com) for all verified sites; promotion of destination and sites on [colorado.com](http://colorado.com) and [wheeltheworld.com](http://wheeltheworld.com); accessible travel core team; recommendations on continued work once the program is complete. Applications due **October 9, 2025**. Learn more: [Accessible Travel Program](#)
38. **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](#)
39. **Local Planning Capacity Grant Program** (DOLA): The [LPC grant program](#) can now support additional project types including comprehensive plans and land use code updates, as well as preliminary planning and analysis work needed to develop affordable housing. The program is intended to support local government capacity to address affordable housing goals through land use and planning work, especially to implement the expedited development review requirements for affordable housing (i.e., "Fast-Track"). The next Funding Cycle ends **September 22, 2025**. Learn more: [Local Planning Capacity Grant Program](#)
40. **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](#)
41. **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](#)
42. **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](#)
43. **Affordable Homeownership and Rental Predevelopment** (DOLA): Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Division of Housing. State. Project-based funding. Eligible entities: small nonprofits, local governments, tribal governments, small housing authorities, and their affiliates. Provides funding to support predevelopment activities for affordable homeownership and rental housing serving households at or below 100% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Offers up to \$500,000 for homeownership projects and up to \$500,000 for rental projects, with grants of up to \$50,000 per project for activities such as site assessments, appraisals, surveys, and green planning.



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Letters of Intent are due 15 days prior to the application. **Deadline October 1, 2025**; if funds remain, a second round will be offered with a March 1, 2026 deadline. Learn more: [Affordable Homeownership and Rental Predevelopment](#)

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## Outdoors

44. **Non-Motorized Trails Grants** (Colorado Parks & Wildlife / GOCO / RTP): Colorado local governments, Tribes, and 501(c)(3) nonprofits may apply for trails-related project grants—covering planning, construction, maintenance, and crew support—while protecting natural and cultural resources. A **Letter of Intent is due August 2, 2025 (5:00 p.m.)**, with full application due **October 1, 2025 (5:00 p.m.)**. Learn more: <https://cpw.state.co.us/committees/trails-committee>
  45. **Disaster Supplemental Grant** (Economic Development Administration): American communities that received major disaster declarations due to hurricanes, **wildfires**, severe storms and flooding, tornadoes, and other natural disasters occurring in calendar years 2023 and 2024. Deadline **March 3, 2026**. Learn more: [Fiscal Year 2025 Disaster Supplemental | U.S. Economic Development Administration](#)
  46. **Forest Restoration & Wildfire Risk Mitigation (FRWRM) Grant Program** (Colorado State Forest Service): Communities, local governments, fire districts, utilities, state agencies, and nonprofit partners may apply for matching grants to reduce wildfire risk, promote forest health, and support woody biomass markets. **The next funding cycle opens August 1, 2025**, with applications closing **October 9, 2025 (5 p.m. MDT)** and awards expected by early 2026. Learn more: <https://csfs.colostate.edu/grants/forest-restoration-wildfire-risk-mitigation/> ([csfs.colostate.edu](https://csfs.colostate.edu))
  47. **Partners for Fish and Wildlife** (DOI): The U.S. DOI Fish and Wildlife Service provides free technical and financial assistance to landowners, managers, tribes, corporations, schools and nonprofits interested in improving wildlife habitat on their land. Project work may include restoring forest, prairie, wetland and stream habitat for wildlife. **Application deadline: 9/30/2025 subject to fund availability**. Learn more: [Partners for Fish and Wildlife](#)
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## Energy

48. **Local IMPACT Accelerator** (Colorado Energy Office): Colorado local governments, counties, cities, or federally recognized Tribes can seek policy and pilot project funding from a \$50 million statewide initiative aimed at accelerating local climate-aligned policy adoption in buildings, land use, transportation, and waste. **Round One LOI opens June 16, 2025**, deadline **August 1, 2025**; **Round Two LOI due November 17, 2025**. Learn more: <https://energyoffice.colorado.gov/local-impact-accelerator>
49. **Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)**: Administered by the U.S. Department of Energy, EECBG provides formula and competitive grants to local governments, tribes, and states for energy efficiency projects, building retrofits, and clean transportation efforts. Applications



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are open now with rolling deadlines based

on entity eligibility. Learn more: [Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant](#)

50. **Colorado Energy Office:** Full list of government avail funding: [Funding & Financing for Government | Colorado Energy Office](#)
51. **Rural Energy for America Program (REAP):** USDA's REAP offers grants and loan guarantees to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements. Applications accepted quarterly; next deadlines: **September 30** and **December 31, 2025**. Learn more: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/energy-programs/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency-improvement-guaranteed-loans>
52. **ARPA-E and EERE Funding Opportunities:** DOE's ARPA-E and EERE offices issue grants for high-impact energy R&D, solar, storage, workforce training, and efficiency projects. Multiple FOAs are open in 2025 with varying deadlines. Learn more: <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov>
53. **Rural & Municipal Utility Cybersecurity (RMUC) Program:** Offers over \$70 million in grants to rural and municipal utilities to enhance cybersecurity and grid resilience. Part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The next application round opens Fall 2025. Learn more: [Rural & Municipal Utility Cybersecurity \(RMUC\) Program](#)
54. **High Energy Cost Grants:** Administered by USDA, this program supports rural and tribal communities with extremely high household energy costs by funding infrastructure and energy-efficiency improvements. Deadlines vary by notice but are generally rolling. Learn more: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/electric-programs/high-energy-cost-grants>
55. **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](#)

## Transportation

56. **USDOT Grant Dashboard:** The U.S. Department of Transportation Grant Dashboard is a centralized, interactive tool that provides detailed information on all transportation-related federal funding programs. Access the dashboard here: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/dashboard>
57. **Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A):** The USDOT SS4A program funds planning and implementation projects to reduce roadway fatalities and serious injuries. Eligible applicants include local governments, MPOs, and Tribes. **The next round is expected in 2026.** Learn more: <https://www.transportation.gov/rural/grant-toolkit/safe-streets-and-roads-all-ss4a-grant-program>
58. **RAISE / BUILD / INFRA Grants:** Competitive grants for large-scale, multimodal, or freight projects that promote safety, sustainability, and economic competitiveness. The next funding round is \*expected\* in **late 2025**. Learn more: <https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants>

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– **Sections 5310, 5311, 5339:** Supports capital, operating, and mobility management projects for rural and small urban transit systems. **Deadlines vary by state.** Learn more:

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/grants>

- 60. 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](#)
- 61. Off-System Bridge Grant Program (BRO) (CDOT):** The Off-System Bridge Program (BRO) funds major structure replacement or major rehabilitation on Poor or Fair off-system structures as selected by the Special Highway Committee (SHC). An SHC selected replacement or major rehabilitation project requires a minimum 20% match from the successful Colorado county or municipal applicant. Applications are open through **November 7, 2025**. Learn more: [Off-System Bridge Program — Colorado Department of Transportation](#)
- 62. Bridge Investment Program (DOT/FHA):** Eligible entities: projects involving bridges or culverts on the National Bridge Inventory rated poor or imminently poor. Provides funding to reduce the overall number of bridges in poor or fair condition. Grants include: Planning Project Grants for planning, feasibility analyses, and revenue forecasting with no award minimum or maximum (deadline October 1, 2025); Bridge Project Grants for projects with total eligible costs not greater than \$100 million and a minimum award of \$2.5 million (deadline **November 1, 2025**). Learn more: [Bridge Investment Program](#)

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## Water

- 63. Water Quality Grants** (Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment): Colorado public water systems, local governments, nonprofits, and childcare or school facilities may apply for grants covering service line inventory/completion, PFAS testing and mitigation projects, lead testing in schools and childcare, and water quality improvement initiatives via SCG or WQIF



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grants. **Deadlines vary by sub-program.**

Learn more: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/water-quality-grants>

64. **Watershed & Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO) Program** (USDA NRCS): Federal, state, local, and tribal governments in Colorado may apply for grants to support watershed restoration, flood risk prevention, erosion control, and natural resource protection projects. **Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.** Learn more: [Watershed & Flood Prevention Operations \(WFPO\) Program](#)
65. **Colorado Water Plan Grants** (Colorado Water Conservation Board): Eligible local governments, water districts, enterprises, and nonprofits may receive grants in categories like water storage & supply, conservation & land use planning, watershed health, recreation, agricultural innovation, or outreach. Application cycles are due July 1 and **December 1, 2025**. Learn more: <https://cwcw.colorado.gov/funding/colorado-water-plan-grants>
66. **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: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/emergency-community-water-assistance-grants>
67. **Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program** (USDA Rural Development): Local governments, tribes, and nonprofits in rural Colorado (population ≤ 10,000) may apply for low-interest loans or grants to support drinking water treatment, wastewater systems, stormwater infrastructure, and solid waste disposal projects. **Applications accepted on a rolling basis.** Learn more: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program>
68. **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: <https://www.coloradoriverdistrict.org/community-funding-partnership>
69. **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](#)
70. **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](#)
71. **Midsize and Large Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilient and Sustainability Program** (EPA): Eligible entities: Public water systems serving populations of 10,000 or more. Provides grant funding to enhance infrastructure resilience against natural hazards, extreme weather events, and cybersecurity threats. Offers a total program funding amount of \$9.5 million across



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an anticipated 6 awards. Deadline **October**

**6.** Learn more: [Midsize and Large Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilient and Sustainability Program](#)

- 72. Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Projects** (Small Storage Program) (DOI/BOR): Eligible entities: include state, county, city or township, and special district governments; joint powers authorities; federally recognized Tribal governments and tribal organizations; and IRS 501c3 nonprofits (excluding institutions of higher education) located in the 17 western U.S. states, Alaska, or Hawaii. The program supports planning, design, and/or construction of small surface or groundwater storage projects with capacities between 200 and 30,000 acre-feet, offering up to 25 percent federal cost-share. Priority is given to multi-benefit, regional, and multi-stakeholder projects that enhance reliability, ecosystem resilience, groundwater management, or water quality. Deadline **April 17, 2026**. Learn more: [Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Projects](#)

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- 73. IJIA 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: [IJIA Local Match Program](#)
- 74. DOLA Local Community Funding Guide** (Colorado Department of Local Affairs): An interactive **online funding navigator** designed for Colorado local governments and nonprofits to track current and upcoming state, federal, and private funding programs across categories such as community development, infrastructure, water, business support, and more. **Available now and continuously updated**—no application required. Access it here: [DOLA Local Community Funding Guide](#)
- 75. 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](#)
- 76. 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](#)



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77. **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](#)

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