



Northwest Colorado Development Council

AGENDA

Thursday, July 16, 2026 3:00 p.m. MST

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82153958424?pwd=UUNUeEtxLzJHYjE4TFgyN0NyY0xDQT09>

1.0 Open Meeting/Roll Call

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.1 June 18, 2026 [Minutes](#)

3.0 Public Comments:

4.0 New Business

4.1 OEDIT Update: Kami Collins: Northwest Economic Diversification Study with CU

5.0 Old Business

5.1 OJT Update

5.2 DOLA Update

5.3 Chairman/Vice Chair Reports:

5.4 Project Manager's Update

5.4.1 Project Pipeline & Grant Report

5.4.2 NCIC Board Report

5.4.3 Marketing & Website Report

5.5 Apprenticeship Coordinator/ ERC Fellow Update

5.5.1 Industry Diversification

5.5.1.1 Regional Entrepreneurship: +10 startups (31 YTD); StartUp Colorado Growth Accelerator began July 13th and runs until Oct. 2

5.5.1.2 Regional BR&E: +4 business (34 YTD), +4 jobs (187 Jobs YTD)

5.5.2 NCIC Program Support

5.5.2.1 Workforce: Apprenticeship - HVAC next phase, Plumbing & Water Driller in Draft, Heavy Equipment/CDL in planning & AMT/Aviation in employer recruitment. CDLE case worker has left.

5.5.2.2 Grants Collective: Facilitated the July meeting w/guest speaker Trent Thompson. August meeting was cancelled for the summer break.

5.5.3 ERC Update - Fellowship Extended to October 31st @ 30 hours/week

5.6.4 Grant Applications -

5.6.4.1 JTF Place-based Infrastructure [RFP](#)

JTF supports projects to strengthen broadband infrastructure, make a place more attractive to live and visit, and make site-specific investments on former coal sites. **Deadline: July 24, 2026**

5.6.4.2 [USDA MPPEP Round IV](#) open: supports Processing Expansion Projects ranging from \$50,000 to \$2 million (50% match) and Simplified Equipment-Only

Projects ranging from \$10,000 to \$250,000, with 25% match. Deadline: **August 7, 2026**

5.6.4.3 [Natural Disaster Mitigation Enterprise \(NDME\)](#) will fund grants of up to \$900,000 and, in some cases, up to \$1.5M 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**.

5.6.4.4 [Tourism Marketing Grant](#)

OEDIT Tourism Marketing Grant provides funding for tourism-related marketing campaigns and initiatives that support the CTO's (Colorado Tourism Office) mission. The minimum funding request is \$2,500, and the maximum is \$49,000. Eligible projects must be new marketing campaigns or initiatives. Application Deadline: **August 20, 2026**.

5.6.4.5 DOH has announced a new [Notice of Funding Availability \(NOFA\) for predevelopment activities](#) supporting future affordable homeownership or rental projects with up to \$500,000 available for both. Predevelopment grants of up to \$50,000 per project are available to support activities like site assessments, appraisals, surveys, and green planning. **Letter of Intent Date: August 17, 2026. Application Date: September 1, 2026.**

5.6.4.6 **NWCDC Grant Support**

[Grants Collective](#) (Sasha Nelson is currently supporting)
[Grants Toolkit](#)

6.0 Member Updates:

7.0 Next Meeting: August 20, 2026

8.0 Adjourn