

Regional Grants Navigator (RGN) newsletter

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Quick reminder: This is a monthly list of upcoming opportunities, grants, and helpful links based on the needs of Region 1 (Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedwick, Yuma, and Washington counties). If there is a specific project you need technical assistance or funding for, please let me know. Past and current newsletters can also be found on the [NECALG – Grants](#) webpage.

Important

2025 State Revolving Fund Eligibility Surveys Opening May 1st

[Colorado Environmental Online Services \(CEOS\) portal](#)

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Water Quality Control Division conducts the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Eligibility Survey annually to identify water, sewer, stormwater, and nonpoint source infrastructure improvement needs throughout the state. Funding through the SRF programs is available to implement these capital projects and the first step for obtaining these funds is through the survey. Surveys must be completed and submitted ***no later than June 30, 2024.***

Great Upcoming Opportunity

SRF Regional Workshop: Akron Workshop

Date: July 23, 2024

Time: 9:00am - 4:15pm

Location: Akron Senior & Community Center- 166 Cedar Avenue, Akron, CO 80720

Lunch will be provided.

[Register here](#) before July 12th. *If registrations exceed capacity, local government representatives and private non-profits that operate public drinking water systems will be prioritized.*

Who should attend?

Local governments that operate drinking water or wastewater systems: decision-makers, finance staff, and operators.

Private nonprofits that operate public drinking water systems.

During the workshop, we will cover topics including

- SRF basics (including details about Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding in the SRF program)
- Funding options for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure
- Planning, asset management, available technical assistance
- Current and upcoming regulations regarding lead and emerging contaminants

We will also have staff available to answer questions about specific projects and discuss situations unique to your community.

Funding Opportunities

Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans & Grants (REAP)

The program provides guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements. Agricultural producers may also apply for new energy efficient equipment and new system loans for agricultural production and processing.

Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Program

This funding opportunity prioritizes projects benefiting safety, resiliency, equity, climate, partnerships, and integration.

WaterSMART Environmental Water Resources Projects 2024

This Environmental Water Resources Projects NOFO provides funding for water conservation and efficiency projects, water management and infrastructure improvements, and river and watershed restoration projects and nature-based solutions that provide significant ecological benefits, have been developed as part of a collaborative process, and help carry out an established strategy to increase the reliability of water resources.

DOLA - Revitalizing Main Streets

This grant program enhances active transportation safety and strengthens the connection of people to main streets and central economic hubs. The program encourages physical activity and enhances local economic vitality in towns and cities across Colorado through funding infrastructure improvements to make walking and biking easy, yielding long-term benefits that bolster community connections. Due dates in 2024 are **June 26, August 28, October 30, and December 18.**

DOLA - T-Mobile Hometown Grants

Towns with a population of 50,000 or less can get up to \$50,000 to bring your community project ideas to life. T-Mobile is investing \$25 million in 500 rural towns over five years to jumpstart projects and build stronger communities. Along with Smart Growth America, Main Street America is a partner on the grant selection panel. The current cycle closes **June 30.**

DOLA - Walmart's Spark Good Local Grants

Grants aim to address the unique needs of the communities where Walmart operates. Grants support a variety of organizations, such as animal shelters, elder services, and community clean-up

projects. These grants are open quarterly: May 1 to **July 15**, August 1 to **October 15**, and November 1 to **December 31**.

Links

DOT Navigator

The DOT Navigator is a resource to help communities understand the best ways to apply for grants and to plan for and deliver transformative infrastructure projects and services. Whether it's the first time you're applying for a DOT grant or you're looking for more technical details and guidance, the DOT Navigator can help get you started.

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