

Regional Grants Navigator (RGN) newsletter

February 27, 2024

Upcoming Webinars

Pathways to Recovery & Resiliency Funding

Over the next few months, the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) will focus on federal funding through a webinar series called Pathways to Recovery & Resiliency Funding. This summer the State of Colorado hosted a series of regional summits to provide information about IIA and IRA opportunities and what must be done to successfully apply for and administer funds. If you missed the regional Infrastructure Development Summits, don't worry! This is your opportunity to catch up and stay in the loop. Plus, all webinars are recorded for future reference (see previous webinars in this series). Upcoming webinars include:

- [Energy and Energy Codes](#)- March 20, 2024
- [Water Part 2](#)- April 17, 2024
- [Best Practices for Grant Applications](#)- May 15, 2024
- [Environment](#)- June 12, 2024
- [Broadband](#)- July 17, 2024

Childcare Success Stories: Economic Development Strategies for Building Community Resilience (Part 1)

Discover how effective childcare solutions can be a cornerstone for community resilience and economic development. GSA Executive Vice President, Bethany Quinn, will share actionable strategies and real success stories on Enhancing childcare capacity, Collaborative stakeholder engagement, and Funding opportunities for childcare initiatives

When: Thursday, February 29 at 12:00 PM CST

[Reserve your spot here!](#)

SRF/WIFIA Workshop

The [Colorado State Revolving Fund \(SRF\)](#) and [Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act \(WIFIA\)](#) programs are hosting an in-person workshop with a virtual option in Denver on March 14, 2024. The workshop will be held in the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority office (1580 N. Logan St #820, Denver, CO 80203), from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

We will cover topics including WIFIA Program basics, SRF basics, Details about Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding in the SRF program, How communities can benefit from WIFIA and SRF co-funding.

Please register for the Denver workshop by March 1, 2024. [Register here](#)

See also, Microgrids for Community Resilience

Funding

Sustainability, Environment, and Energy

Microgrids for Community Resilience

Opens March 13th, closes June 13th

Webinars

- [Webinar 1 - Public Health, Extreme Weather, & Microgrids](#)
 - **March 6th 10 - 11:30 AM**
- [Webinar 2 - Microgrids for Community Resilience Overview & Best Practices:](#)
 - **April 2nd 1 - 2 PM**
- [Webinar 3: Technical Assistance Offerings:](#)
 - **April 17th, 9 - 10 AM**
- [Office Hours:](#)
 - This session is offered as drop-in support ahead of the application deadline.
 - **May 30th 1 - 2 PM**

Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)

Deadline: March 31, 2024

This program helps agricultural producers and rural small-business owners make energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy investments.

- Logan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Yuma, and Washington counties are all in eligible areas

Transportation, Roads, and Bridges

Safe Streets and Roads for All program

Due by August 29, 2024

This program aims to significantly reduce or eliminate roadway fatalities and serious injuries by developing safety action plans and implementing projects focused on all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, micromobility users, and commercial vehicle operators.

Water Ways, Reclamation, Sewer, and Restoration

Fuels Management and Community Fire Assistance Program

Due by April 19, 2024

This grant can be used to assist with fuels management and community fire assistance program activities to reduce the risk and impact of wildfires to local communities through coordination, reducing the amount of hazardous fuels, and furthering the education of landowners about wildfire prevention and mitigation.

Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants

Deadline: Applications accepted on rolling basis

This program helps eligible communities prepare, or recover from, an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water.

Other

Congressional Directed Spending

Due: March 15th

This year, Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper will have a joint application process for CDS projects. Applicants will be able to complete *one* application form which will be received by both offices. **Each Senator will then review project requests and submit to the Appropriations Committee individually.**

Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI)

This program supports innovative projects that promote economic resiliency in rural Colorado.

Due: March 14th

CHFA Direct Effects Award

CHFA's Direct Effect Awards recognize Colorado nonprofit organizations whose missions align with CHFA's work to strengthen Colorado by investing in affordable housing and community development.

- Round One: Application will open April 1st and close April 26th. Awardees will be notified in late July 2024.
- Round Two: Application will open August 19th and close September 13th. Awardees will be notified in early December 2024.

CHFA's Small Scale Housing Technical Assistance

The program helps catalyze small-scale affordable housing developments by providing access to an affordable housing consultant and pre-development grant assistance.

Round Two: August 2024 - Date TBA

Value Added Producer Grants in Colorado

Deadline: April 11, 2024 (electronic), April 14, 2024 (paper)

The program helps agricultural producers generate new products, create and expand marketing opportunities, and increase producer income through value-added activities.

Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program

Deadline: March 2, 2024

This program helps firefighters and other first responders obtain equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources for protecting against fire and related hazards.