

Regional Grants Navigator (RGN) newsletter November 2, 2023

Note: All items in this newsletter including grants, webinars, and resources are curated. I have used input from meetings, phone calls, e-mails, and visits to develop a newsletter that is of interest and use to our community. If you are looking for a grant that is not listed here, please reach out to me.

I have included DOLA's monthly newsletter at the end as there are several programs/grants that may be of interest.

Good News!

Colorado U.S. Senators Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper welcomed the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) waiver notice for letter of credit requirements that were included as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program. The original letter of credit requirements would have made it difficult for small Colorado providers – including nonprofits, municipalities, and utilities – to apply for BEAD funding. In October, Bennet and Hickenlooper joined colleagues to urge NTIA to revise this requirement and allow for alternative methods of surety. Earlier, Bennet wrote to U.S. Department of Commerce Assistant Secretary and NTIA Administrator Alan Davidson to outline the unique obstacles the letter of credit requirement posed to Colorado providers. You can read the full announcement [here](#).

Webinars

Virtual Colorado Resiliency Summit – January 25th (in-person option also)

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkd-ippzMvHtlzPPzruE90yfOPdGels4-B?mc_cid=61f6019783&mc_eid=8faab80164#/registration

Grants

FEMA/DHS – Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=350563>

February 29, 2024

FEMA/DHS – Flood Mitigation Assistance

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=350564>

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DOLA – Crime Prevention/Public Safety programs and grants

https://dlg.colorado.gov/public-safety-opportunities?mc_cid=a45c02f4b0&mc_eid=8faab80164

Multiple due dates

EDA – TechHub Phase II

https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=350598&utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email

Due: February 29, 2024

COE – Public Building Electrification Grant

https://energyoffice.colorado.gov/buildings/funding-and-financing/public-building-electrification-grant?mc_cid=a45c02f4b0&mc_eid=8faab80164

Rolling due date

CDPHE Water Quality Improvement Fund, Categories 2 & 3

<https://cdphe.colorado.gov/water-quality/funding-grants-and-loans/water-quality-grants>

Due: November 28, 2023

EPA Water Technical Assistance (WaterTA) Information

<https://www.epa.gov/water-infrastructure/water-technical-assistance-waterta-information>

No due date

FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=350563&utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email

Due: February 29, 2024

FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=350564&utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email

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Resources

EPA Update October 12, 2023

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/FMfcgzGtxddkCtmfRkGPJTpKTgTqLvzg?projector=1&messagePartId=0.1>

EPA Air, Land, and Water Finance Clearinghouse

<https://ordspub.epa.gov/ords/wfc/f?p=165:1:5083092891443:>

IIJA Implementation Resources

<https://www.nga.org/iija-implementation-resources/>

CHFA – A comparison of Multifamily Green Building Certifications

<https://www.chfainfo.com/getattachment/82c1bbae-d62f-4eee-b055-189e7a75d6db/Comparison-of-Multifamily-Green-Building-Certifications.pdf>

Other

DOLA's monthly update

FUNDING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

[Project for Public Spaces](#) is looking to award five U.S.-based 501c(3) nonprofits or local government agencies with up to \$100,000 each in direct funding for physical improvements and programming as well as technical assistance and capacity building opportunities from. The goal is to help address inequities in

access to high-quality public spaces, especially for communities of color and low-income communities, through placemaking. Applications are open until **November 13**.

The U.S. Department of Transportation announced the second round of its [Thriving Communities Program](#) to support low-resourced communities in advancing transformative transportation projects. Communities in need of free technical assistance can submit a Letter of Interest by **November 15**.

Safe Routes Partnership will be accepting applications October 2 through **November 21** to participate in the [2024 Safe Routes to Parks Activating Communities program](#). Four communities will be selected to receive technical assistance and coaching to advance their goals of improving walking, biking, and rolling to local parks, greenways, and trails. Selected organizations will also receive \$10,000 to implement early actions to improve park access. Learn more in an [information session](#) on November 1.

[Building Better Places](#), through Community Builders, brings together teams of local leaders to understand and address key challenges and opportunities facing their community, blending shared learning with facilitated action planning and helps community teams find common ground on workable strategies to move forward with addressing key needs and opportunities in their communities. Apply by **November 30**.

The Colorado Energy Office has \$2.5 million available to provide more opportunities to get rebates on [e-bike purchases](#). Local governments can apply for this grant program to create their own rebate programs for low-income residents. Apply by **November 30**.

Directing place-based development, redevelopment, and housing in downtowns is a critical component to a robust and active economy, local government fiscal health, and sustainable development patterns. [Main Street LIVE](#) will fund downtown public infrastructure and facilities as Livability Investments for Vibrant Economies is an initiative of the Department of Local Affairs Energy/Mineral Impact Assistance Fund – [work with your regional manager](#) and apply by **December 1** to take advantage of the reduced match requirement.

[T-Mobile Hometown Grants](#) provide up to \$50,000 to fund projects to build, rebuild, or refresh community spaces that help foster local connections in your community. Submissions close on **January 2, 2024**.

The Office of Economic Development & International Trade is providing grants, as well as training and consultation support, to businesses that are facing displacement pressures and that hold cultural, social, or historical significance in Colorado. The [Community Business Preservation Program](#) is accepting applications through **January 19, 2024**.

Downtown Colorado, Inc. invites all Colorado Communities to get involved with the [Colorado Challenge Accelerator Program](#), which includes six months of training and guided project development and access to one-on-one support and regular peer meetings.

EVENTS

The [2023 State Demography Summit](#) takes place **November 3** at Arapahoe Community College. This summit offers the opportunity to learn about the most current population and economic estimates and forecasts for the state, its regions, counties and municipalities. Plenary sessions present the most current population estimates and forecasts, migration trends, and discuss implications for housing,

planning, policy, business, and public services. Expert economists from across the state discussed the near-term outlook for Colorado's economy and thoughts about the state's long run competitiveness.

Join the final [Colorado Safe Routes to School](#) webinar of the year on **November 8** to hear from journalists and media experts about how they cover community stories about youth and safety. Learn practical strategies for framing your Safe Routes story, using simple equipment for capturing events, and leveraging content to reach your larger program goals.

The Community Resource Center is offering the two-part [More than a Manger](#) on **November 30 and December 7**, [Government Grant Development](#) on **December 7**, and an Executive Director Roundtable on [Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Your Organization](#) (**December 5**). They also offer a funder connection series, featuring the [Colorado Trust](#) on **November 14** and [Caring for Colorado Foundation](#) on December 14.

Curious about forthcoming changes to Colorado's economy? Join the University of Colorado Leeds Business Research Division for this free half-day program, [Colorado Business Economic Outlook Forum](#), **December 4**, to gain valuable insight into Colorado's economic future as well as forecasted industry-specific impacts.

Save the date – **Colorado Creative Industries Summit, May 9-10, 2024**, in Pueblo. [Proposals for sessions are due October 16](#).

View the full events and workshops calendar including webinars from the [Small Business Development Centers](#).

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Holiday shoppers are beginning their shopping earlier and earlier. Grow With Google can increase local businesses' holiday sales, even if you don't have an e-commerce website or a website at all. Share this opportunity with your Main Street businesses – [Either live with Q and A](#) on **November 14**, or [this recorded version](#).

Join Main Street America and American Express to help rally communities to support their local businesses. **Small Business Saturday** is November 25, 2023, [Sign up to be an official Neighborhood Champion](#) in early October to receive complimentary merchandise kits.