

Hello,

I hope all is well with you. And Happy (almost) Fall Equinox! I am unsure where summer went, but it has just about left us. I hope you are enjoying the cooler mornings. Here is this month's grant digest. Please note that several opportunities were added this month.

Upcoming IJJA/IRA deadlines:

- [Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans & Grants](#). September 30.
- [Landowner Cost Share Payment Programs for Climate Mitigation and/or Forest Resilience Practices](#). September 30.
- [Reconnecting Communities](#). Department of Transportation. September 30.
- [Upper Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program](#). October 14.

As always please reach out with any specific grant research needs, suggestions, or feedback.

Also, please let us know if you pursue any federal grant opportunities. As part of the Regional Grant Navigator program, the State is collecting information on IJJA and IRA funding requests.

And remember, I can provide grant editing support if you need it!

With appreciation,

Tiffany

## Grants Digest

September 2024

### Affordable Housing –

#### *Upcoming Deadlines*

[Mobile Home Programs](#). Colorado Department of Local Affairs. State. Project-based funding. Eligible entities nonprofit organizations, local governments, resident-owned communities. *Funding can be used for projects related to acquisition and infrastructure improvements. The MHP must be located within an [eligible community](#). **Deadline October 1 (monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup>, LOI due by the 15<sup>th</sup>).***

#### *Rolling Deadlines*

[Prop 123 Land Banking](#). Colorado Housing and Finance Authority. State. Project-based affordable housing funding. Eligible projects acquisition of land for the development of affordable housing. Local and tribal governments are eligible for grants and forgivable loans to nonprofits. *The Proposition 123 Land Banking Program (Program), provides funding for the acquisition of land for the development of affordable rental and for-sale housing. Mixed-use is allowed if the predominant use is affordable housing. Land with pre-existing improvements is*

eligible for financing; however, only the value of the land is eligible for financing under the Program. Started accepting LOIs on September 16 and will continue to do so until the funds are exhausted.

#### Resources

[Addressing Homelessness in Rural Communities](#). Department of Housing & Urban Development + US Department of Agriculture. *A Technical Assistance Guide. Providing supportive housing in rural areas presents a significant challenge – one that is being exacerbated by economic distress caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Rural communities struggle to find adequate, affordable rental units as well as access to the services their most vulnerable tenants need. Both U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) offer programs that can address the challenge.*

## Broadband –

#### Upcoming Deadlines

[State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program](#). National Telecommunications & Information Administration. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. Tribal entities (or consortia thereof) may apply for both Digital Equity Planning and Digital Equity Capacity grants. *Digital equity plans promote the availability and affordability of broadband service and devices, accessibility of public resources, digital literacy, and cybersecurity and privacy awareness. **Deadline February 7, 2025 (Tribes).***

#### Rolling Deadlines

[Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans & Loan Guarantees](#). US Department of Agriculture. Federal. Project-based funding. Eligible entities state and local government, Tribes, NPOs including Cooperatives, for-profit businesses. *This program provides financing for the construction, maintenance, improvement and expansion of telephone service and broadband in rural areas.*

#### Resources

[BroadbandUSA](#). National Telecommunications & Information Administration. Federal Funding. *BroadbandUSA's Federal Funding site connects you to funding opportunities that support broadband planning, digital inclusion, and deployment projects. The site allows you to filter programs by Agency/Department, Eligible Recipients, and/or Program Purpose by using the filter options on the left.*

[Affordable Connectivity Program](#). Federal Communications Commission. *The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more. The benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.*

## Business/Economic Development –

### *Upcoming Deadlines*

[Good Jobs Challenge](#). Economic Development Administration. Federal. Project-based funding. Eligible entities economic development districts, Tribes, local government, higher education, nonprofits. *The EDA will support regional workforce training systems in designing and implementing activities for established sectoral partnerships that place program participants in good jobs and advance industries in the federal key technology focus areas.* **Deadline September 27.**

[Build to Scale](#). Economic Development Administration. Federal. Project-based funding. Eligible entities States, Tribes, local governments. *Funding to support technology- and innovation-centric, high-growth companies as they develop, demonstrate, and deploy the next generation of critical and emerging technologies.* **Deadline 28.**

### *Rolling Deadlines*

[Rural Business Investment Program](#). US Department of Agriculture. Federal. 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.*

[Business and Industry Loan Guarantees](#). US Department of Agriculture. Federal. 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.*

[Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance](#). Economic Development Administration. Federal. Project-based funding. Eligible entities State, local government, nonprofits 501c3 and not, special district governments, Tribes. *The Public Works program provides resources to meet the construction and/or infrastructure design needs of communities to enable them to become more economically competitive. Supported activities under EDA's EAA program include construction and non-construction such as construction or upgrading of public infrastructure, sectoral partnerships for workforce training, design and engineering, technical assistance, economic recovery strategies, and capitalization or re-capitalization of Revolving Loan Funds.*

[Draper Richland Kaplan](#). Foundation. Startup funding. Eligible entities nonprofits. *This foundation will invest and help provide support to entrepreneurs for a three-year funding cycle to launch and expand their ventures.*

[Colorado Startup Loan Fund](#). Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade. State. Loan funding. Eligible entities small businesses. *Provides loan capital to mission-based lenders to provide loans to Colorado entrepreneurs and small business owners needing capital to start, restart, or restructure a business, and those who are not able to obtain a loan from traditional lenders.*

[Strategic Fund Job Growth Incentive](#). Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade. Business incentives. Eligible entities Businesses considering interstate competitive expansion or relocation projects in Colorado. Project-based funding. *Funds for locating or expanding in the state, signing a lease, hiring employees related to this project, making material expenditures for this project.*

## Community Development –

### *Upcoming Deadlines*

[Historic Preservation Fund, History of Equal Rights – Preservation Grants](#). National Park Service. Federal. Project-based funding. Eligible entities local government, States, nonprofits with 501c3 status, independent school districts, special district governments, and Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments). *Funds will be used to preserve sites related to the struggle of all Americans to achieve equal rights. HER grants are funded by the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), administered by the NPS, and will fund a broad range of preservation projects for historic sites including: architectural services, historic structure reports, preservation plans, and physical preservation to structures. Grants are awarded through a competitive process and do not require non-Federal match. **Deadline August 20.***

[Hometown Grants](#). T-Mobile. Foundation. Project-based funding. Eligible entities local government, tribal leaders, or nonprofit community leaders. *The program will fund projects to build, rebuild, or refresh community spaces that help foster local connections in small towns (with populations less than 50,000), including town squares, historic buildings, outdoor parks, ball fields, or libraries. Elected leaders, town managers or employees, or nonprofit leaders are eligible to submit project details. **Deadline: Awards will be made quarterly. Applications will be open on a quarterly basis and the portal will close on the last day of each quarter and reopen for the new quarter on the first of the month.***

### *Rolling Deadlines*

[Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program](#). US Department of Agriculture. Federal. Project-based funding. Eligible entities rural local governments and Tribes. *This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial, or business undertakings. Detailed list of essential community facilities included in link.*

[Disaster Supplemental Grant](#). Economic Development Administration. Federal. Project-based. *Grants for areas in a Presidentially declared disaster region may be eligible for highly flexible grants to use building up a strong and modern workforce. EDA's role in disaster recovery is to facilitate the timely and effective delivery of federal economic development assistance to support long-term community economic recovery planning and project implementation, redevelopment and resiliency.*

[Local Match Program \(Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act\)](#). Colorado Department of Local Affairs. State. Federal match based funding. Eligible entities local government, special districts, and Tribes. *The General Assembly passed Senate Bill 22-215 (creating Colorado Revised Statute 24-75-232), the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Cash Fund, which allocates approximately \$80 million in state General Funds for local match support for state agencies and local governments for the non-federal match requirements included in the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).*

[Thriving Communities Technical Assistance](#). Department of Housing & Urban Development. Federal. Eligible entities are those that are eligible under specific grants. *Technical assistance funding. The program will help local governments ensure housing needs are considered as part of their larger infrastructure investment plans, while also supporting equitable development in disadvantaged communities. Investments to revitalize communities, ensure equitable access to resources, create economic opportunities for residents and businesses, and improve housing availability, affordability, and quality.*

#### Resources

[DOLA Local Community Funding Guide](#). Created by Colorado Department of Local Affairs. *This tool can help local communities in Colorado track potential upcoming funding opportunities. Very user friendly, easy to break down by funding category, program, award type, agency, etc.*

## Education –

### Rolling Deadlines

[Thriving Children](#). W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Foundation. General operating and project-based funding. Eligible entities nonprofit organizations. *The foundation supports in three primary areas: Thriving Children: We support a healthy start and quality learning experiences for all children. Working Families: We invest in efforts to help families obtain stable, high-quality jobs. Equitable Communities: We want all communities to be vibrant, engaged and equitable.*

## Emergency Management & Security –

### Rolling Deadlines

[Community Disaster Loan Program](#). Federal Emergency Management Agency. Federal. General operating support. Eligible entities local governments. *The Community Disaster Loan Program provides funding for local governments to operate their essential community services after substantial revenue loss caused by a disaster.*

## Energy & Environment –

### *Upcoming Deadlines*

[Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans & Grants](#). US Department of Agriculture. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities agricultural producers and small business. *Guaranteed loans and grant financing to help agricultural producers and rural small businesses invest in renewable energy systems and make energy-efficiency improvements.* **Deadline September 30.**

[Landowner Cost Share Payment Programs for Climate Mitigation and/or Forest Resilience Practices](#). US Department of Agriculture. Federal (IRA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities State Forestry Agencies; Nonprofit Organizations; Institutions of Higher Learning; Units of Local Government; A non-state entity must include a letter of endorsement from a State Forester or their equivalent. *This funding opportunity to support state-endorsed programs to issue cost share payments to landowners for climate mitigation and/or forest resilience practices.* **Deadline September 30.**

[Forest Restoration & Wildfire Risk Mitigation](#). Colorado Forest Service. State. Project-based funding. Eligible entities local community groups (homeowner, neighborhood, or property associations), local government, public or private utilities (including water providers), States, nonprofits. *Funding to encourage community-level actions across the state for some specific purposes including reduce the risk of wildfire to people, property, and infrastructure in the wildland-urban interface; promote forest health and forest restoration projects; encourage use of woody material for traditional forest products and biomass energy.* **Deadline October 10.**

[Colorado Electric Grid Resilience Funds](#). Colorado Energy Office + Department of Local Affairs. State (through DOE funding). Project-based funding. Eligible entities electric utilities and local governments. *Funds to increase grid resiliency in the State. Includes the following Grant Programs:*

- [Microgrids for Community Resilience](#) – support community-level resilience to reduce impacts during electric grid disruptions. Round 4 is now open. **Deadline is rolling until funds are expended.**
- [Grid Hardening Grants for Small Communities](#) – support rural electric cooperatives and municipal utilities in funding critical grid resilience projects. \$1m max per applicant. **Deadline November 1.**
- [Advanced Grid Monitoring](#) – support electric utilities in funding critical grid monitoring and resilience projects. Max \$500,000 per applicant. **Deadline November 15.**

[Community Change Grants](#). Environmental Protection Agency. Federal (IRA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities local government, Tribe, higher education institute. *Environmental and climate justice activities to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges. These place-based investments will be focused on*

community-driven initiatives to be responsive to community and stakeholder input. **Deadline November 21, rolling applications accepted.**

[Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant \(EECBG\)](#). Department of Energy. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities States, local governments, and Tribes. *Funds are for implementing strategies to reduce energy use, to reduce fossil fuel emissions, and to improve energy efficiency.* **Deadline October 31.**

[Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants](#). Environmental Protection Agency. Federal. Project-based funding. Eligible entities States, local governments, and Tribes. *Grants offered by the Brownfields Program may be used to address sites contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum) and petroleum.* **Deadline November 14.**

[Environmental Justice Grant Program](#). Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment. State. Project-based funding. Eligible entities nonprofits, local government, Tribes, universities, other educational institutions, for-profit business, grassroots organizations. *Funds for projects to ensure every community has a healthy environment in which to live, learn, work, and play. These projects help measure, prevent, or reduce pollution in disproportionately impacted communities. Disproportionately impacted communities include low-income communities, communities of color, communities disproportionately impacted by pollution and climate change, and some other categories. Funds also can help pay for technical assistance to help community organizations most effectively participate in rulemaking hearings.* **Deadline November 25.**

[Consumer Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program](#). Environmental Protection Agency. Federal (IRA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities States, local governments, Tribes, nonprofits, public-private partnerships. *Funding for projects that will achieve the following objectives: decrease household food waste; expand markets for and boost sales of compost; inform the public about residential food waste composting program, provide details on accepted materials, and increase collection rates while reducing physical contamination in residential food waste composting programs.* **Deadline December 20.**

#### *Rolling Deadlines*

[Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program](#). Environmental Protection Agency. Federal (IRA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities States, local governments, and Tribes. *Assist in implementation strategies to reduce energy use, reduce fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency.*

## **Tourism –**

#### *Upcoming Deadlines*

[Recreation Economy for Rural Communities 2024 Application](#). Environmental Protection Agency. Federal. Project-based funding. Eligible entities *Funding will include a planning team will help communities bring together local residents and other stakeholders to decide on strategies and*

*an action plan to grow the local outdoor recreation economy. The planning assistance process will take place over 8 to 12 months, with a focal point being a facilitated community workshop. At the workshop, participants will work together to identify a vision, goals, and specific actions to realize the locally set goals. Partner communities are encouraged to pursue activities that foster environmentally friendly community development and Main Street revitalization through the conservation and sustainable use of public or private forests or other natural resources. **Deadline October 16.***

[Accessible Travel Program](#). Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade. State. Project-based funding. Eligible entities destination organizations defined on website. *The Accessible Travel Program, a pilot 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. **Deadline October 10 at 4pm.***

[Destination Development Mentor Program](#). Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade. State. Project-based funding. Eligible entities destination organizations defined on website. *Program seeks to match destination organizations and industry association partners with experienced tourism consultants to provide expertise, resources, mentorship, and capacity building. Selected applications will receive 100 hours of consulting to advance priority projects through June 30, 2025. **Deadline October 24 at 4pm.***

## **Transportation/Infrastructure –**

### *Upcoming Deadlines*

[Reconnecting Communities](#). Department of Transportation. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities local government, Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), State governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS. *This program aims to advance and support reconnection of communities divided by transportation infrastructure – with a priority on helping disadvantaged communities improve access to daily needs (jobs, schools, healthcare, grocery stores, and recreation). Funds awarded on a competitive basis to support planning and capital construction activities that aim to restore community connectivity through the removal, retrofit, mitigation or replacement of highways, roadways, or other infrastructure facilities that create barriers to mobility, access or economic development. **Deadline September 30.***

[Safe Routes to School](#). Colorado Department of Transportation. State. Project-based funding. Eligible entities local governments, service authority, school district, and other subdivisions of the State. *Starting Safe Routes to School program presents your school, school district, or community with an opportunity to make walking and bicycling to school safer and more accessible for children, including those with disabilities. Because the needs of every community*



are unique, each community or individual school may choose to emphasize different components to make its program work. **Deadline November 4.**

### Rolling Deadlines

[Revitalizing Main Streets: Opportunity 2 - Small Multimodal & Economic Resiliency Grant Program](#). Colorado Department of Transportation. State. Project-based funding. Eligible entities local governments, business improvement districts, council of governments, university or college. *CDOT seeks to award grants to fund projects that improve safety for pedestrians, bicycle riders, transit users, seniors and people living with disabilities along urban arterials or main street corridors, connecting multimodal access to encourage downtown economic vitality.* [Applications](#) may be submitted at any time to [cdotmainstreets@state.co.us](mailto:cdotmainstreets@state.co.us). Applications will be reviewed every month. Deadline for review will be the last Wednesday of the month.

### Resources

[Department of Transportation Navigator](#). US Department of Transportation. *Helps communities navigate the best ways to apply for grants, and plan for and deliver transformative infrastructure projects and services. Provides an overview of grant programs under the Resources for [Grant Seekers tab](#).*

[Toolkit to track federal infrastructure funding](#). Created by the Colorado Economic Recovery Office. *This tool can help local communities in Colorado track potential upcoming funding opportunities.*

## Water –

[WaterSMART Drought Response Program: Drought Resiliency Projects for Fiscal Year 2025](#). Bureau of Reclamation. Federal. Project-based funding. Eligible entities business, State, public housing authorities, local government, special districts, nonprofits, Tribes. *This grant supports a proactive approach to drought by providing financial assistance to develop and update comprehensive drought plans (Drought Contingency Planning) and implement projects that will build long-term resilience to drought.* **Deadline October 7.**

[Upper Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program](#). Bureau of Reclamation. Federal (IRA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities public entities and Tribes. *The "Bucket 2 Environmental Drought Mitigation" or "B2E" component of phase two provides funding for projects that provide general environmental benefits or ecosystem/habitat restoration benefits that address issues directly caused by drought.* **Deadline October 14.**

[WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grants](#). Bureau of Reclamation. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities States, Tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, State/regional/local authorities (member must include a water or power delivery authority), or nonprofits acting in partnership with any other eligible entity. *Funding provides funding for projects that result in quantifiable water savings, implement renewable energy components, and support broader sustainability benefits. These projects conserve and use water more*

*efficiently; increase the production of renewable energy; mitigate conflict risk in areas at a high risk of future water conflict; and accomplish other benefits that contribute to sustainability in the Western United States. **Deadline November 13.***

**Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Projects.** Bureau of Reclamation. Federal (IIJA).

Project-based funding. Eligible entities States, local government, Tribes, nonprofits with 501c3 status, special districts. *Funds to invite sponsors of small surface water and groundwater storage projects to request cost-shared funding for the planning, design, and/or construction of projects that enhance and increase the reliability of municipal and irrigation water supplies, provide opportunities to enhance groundwater management and provide water quality improvements and ecosystem benefits. **Round 1 Deadline December 12 and Round 2 Deadline July 15, 2025.***

**WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects for Fiscal Year 2024.** Bureau of Reclamation.

**Federal (IIJA).** Project-based funding. Eligible entities States, local government, Tribes, nonprofits, special districts. *Funding to plan for and implement actions to increase water supply sustainability through investments in existing infrastructure and attention to local water conflict. Also for small-scale on-the-ground projects that seek to conserve, better manage, or otherwise make more efficient use of water supplies. **Deadline January 14, 2025.***

*Rolling Deadlines*

**Federal Technical Assistance Grants for Federal Projects.** Colorado Water Conservation Board. State. Local Capacity Grants and CWCB Technical Assistance Grants. Eligible entities local government, mutual ditch companies, nonprofits. *As part of the American Rescue Plan Act, a total of \$5 million in federal funding has been allocated for technical assistance grants that will enable eligible entities to work with the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) contractors or to hire contractors to expand their capacity and expertise, in pursuit of federal funding opportunities that directly support the Colorado Water Plan objectives. The allowable uses of this grant funding are broad in scope, to allow for the wide range of federal opportunities available.*

**Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants in Colorado.** US Department of Agriculture. Federal. Emergency funding. Eligible entities local government, nonprofits, Tribes. *Emergency-based funding. This program helps eligible communities prepare, or recover from, an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water. Water transmission line grants up to \$150,000 to construct waterline extensions, repair breaks or leaks in existing water distribution lines, and address related maintenance necessary to replenish the water supply. Water source grants up to \$1,000,000 for the construction of new wells, reservoirs, transmission lines, treatment plants, and/or other sources of water (water source up to and including the treatment plant).*

**Watershed Restoration Grants.** Colorado Water Conservation Board. State. Project-based funding. Eligible entities special districts, Tribes, mutual ditch companies, nonprofits. *The Program will focus on the development of Wildfire Ready Watershed action plans and implementation of projects designed to mitigate post wildfire impacts. Applications will be*

*accepted for capacity building, planning, engineering, and implementation to address the susceptibility of values at risk to post wildfire hazards.*

[Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program](#). US Department of Agriculture. Federal. Project-based funding. Eligible entities, private nonprofits, Tribes. *This program provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas. Funds may be used to finance the acquisition, construction, or improvement of drinking water sourcing, treatment, storage, and distribution; sewer collection, transmission, treatment, and disposal; solid waste collection, disposal, and closure; storm water collection, transmission, and disposal.*

#### *Resources*

[Colorado Water Funding Opportunity Navigator](#). Colorado Department of Natural Resources. *This database is intended to serve as a tool for people and organizations across Colorado to navigate all available funding opportunities for water projects in a single place.*