

Grants Digest

January 2023

Affordable Housing –

[Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program \(SHOP\)](#). HUD. Federal. Project-based funding. *Grant funds to eligible national and regional non-profit organizations and consortia to purchase home sites and develop or improve the infrastructure needed to set the stage for sweat equity and volunteer-based homeownership programs for low-income persons and families.* Deadline **January 23**.

[Transformational Affordable Housing, Homeownership, and Workforce Housing Grant Program](#). DOLA. State. Project-based funding. *The aim of this Transformational Affordable Housing, Homeownership, and Workforce Housing Grant Program NOFA is to provide funds and resources to assist eligible applicants in developing, creating or preserving affordable housing opportunities in their communities.* **Deadline Letters of Intent monthly on the 10th. Deadline Application on the 1st.**

[Transformational Homelessness Response Grant Program](#). DOLA. State. Project-based funding. *The aim of this Transformational Homelessness Response Grant Program NOFA is to create a future where homelessness is rare and brief when it occurs, and no one gets left behind. The NOFA achieves this aim by advancing and implementing proven solutions and program models that reduce homelessness in a holistic and sustainable way by targeting many of the key underlying factors necessary for people to thrive.* **Deadline Letters of Intent due January 15, May 15, September 15; January 15, 2024. Deadline Application February 15, June 15, October 15; February 15, 2024.**

Rolling Deadlines

[Innovative Housing Incentive Program](#). OEDIT. State. Project-based funding. *The grant is designed to help support the expansion of affordable housing with funding for manufacturers and housing factories. They also have a loan program specifically for factories.*

Resources

[Addressing Homelessness in Rural Communities](#). HUD & USDA. *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.*

Agriculture –

Upcoming Deadlines

[Agriculture Innovation Center Grant Program](#). USDA. Federal. Project-based funding. *The primary objective of the program is to provide grants to Agriculture Innovation Centers that will*

*provide technical assistance to agricultural producers to market value-added agricultural products. **Deadline March 6.***

[Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement](#). USDA. Federal. Project-based funding. *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. **Deadline March 31.***

Arts & Culture –

Upcoming Deadlines

[Performing Arts Grant Program](#). Tri-M Foundation. National foundation. Project-based funding. *The Foundation's Performing Arts Grant Program provides grants ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000 for the development and presentation of innovative, high-quality performing arts projects, events, and festivals by regional nonprofit arts organizations. For 2023-2024, the Foundation will award grants in the disciplines of theatre and dance. **Deadline February 28.***

[Grants for Arts Projects](#). National Endowment for the Arts. Federal. Project-based funding. *The program supports opportunities for public engagement with the arts and arts education, for the integration of the arts with strategies promoting the health and well-being of people and communities, and for the improvement of overall capacity and capabilities within the arts sector. **Deadline February 9.***

[Challenge America](#). National Endowment for the Arts. Federal. Project-based funding. *Challenge America offers support primarily to small organizations for projects in all artistic disciplines that extend the reach of the arts to groups/communities with rich and dynamic artistic and cultural contributions to share that are underserved. **Deadline April 23.***

Business/Economic Development –

Upcoming Deadlines

[Opportunity Now Colorado](#). OEDIT. State. Project-based funding. *The program will provide nearly \$85 million in grant funds to collaborative initiatives that improve access to jobs that provide good wages; help close regional workforce shortages; and work on long-term partnerships between industry, education and workforce providers. **Deadline January 23, other rounds will be released through 2023.***

[Economic Development Organization Grant](#). OEDIT. State. *Action Grants will be provided in the range of \$25,000 and \$40,000. There is a preference for organizations located in rural parts of the State, those located in rural and economically distressed parts of the State, and those with proposals that seek to increase support for historically under resourced businesses. Use of the grant funds for capacity, operational, and/or personnel support is allowable if it helps expand an economic development program or technical assistance services, is used for applying for*

grants and leveraging other sources, or otherwise helps drive an economic development initiative chosen by the applicant. **Deadline February 15.**

[Rural Business Development Grants](#). USDA. Federal. Project-based funding. *Designed to provide technical assistance and training for small rural businesses. Small means that the business has fewer than 50 new workers and less than \$1 million in gross revenue. There is no maximum grant amount; however, smaller requests are given higher priority.* **Deadline February 28.**

Rolling Deadlines

[Business Foundations Technical Assistance Program](#). OEDIT. State. Technical assistance funding. *Provides technical assistance and small grants to Colorado small businesses to help businesses legally establish themselves. The program includes 3 required training paths for businesses to complete and receive a certification. Once completed, businesses may be eligible to apply for small grants of up to \$1,200.*

[Colorado Startup Loan Fund](#). OEDIT. State. Loan funding. *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.*

[Economic Impact Initiative Grants](#). USDA. Federal. Project-based funding. *This program provides funding to assist in the development of essential community facilities in rural communities with extreme unemployment and severe economic depression. An essential community facility is one that provides an essential service to the local community, is needed for the orderly development of the community, serves a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.*

[Location Neutral Employment Community Marketing Grant](#). OEDIT. State. Business funding. *Funds provide up to \$5,000 in marketing funds to help rural areas attract out-of-state companies to create new jobs in their communities.*

[Strategic Fund Job Growth Incentive](#). OEDIT. Business incentives. 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.*

Broadband –

Rolling Deadlines

[Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans & Loan Guarantees](#). USDA. Federal. Project-based funding. *This program provides financing for the construction, maintenance, improvement and expansion of telephone service and broadband in rural areas.*

Community Development –

Upcoming Deadlines

[Revitalizing Main Streets](#). CDOT. State. Project-based funding. *The 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.*
Deadline January 25.

[Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities \(BRIC\)](#). Dept. of Homeland Security. Federal. Project-based funding. *The BRIC program makes federal funds available to states, U.S territories, Indian tribal governments, and local communities for pre-disaster mitigation activities.* **Deadline January 27.**

[Community Development Block Grant \(CDGB\)](#). DOLA. DOLA administers the federal CDBG. *Eligible uses of funds include acquisition, design/engineering, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or installation of public improvements or public facilities. Examples of projects include sewer and water systems, commercial streetscape improvements, community centers, food banks, shelters, health clinics etc. The funds must be used for activities that either benefit low- and moderate-income persons, or prevent or eliminate slums or blight.* **Deadline February 17.**

[Social and Economic Development Strategies \(SEDS\)](#). Health and Human Services. Federal. Project-based funding. *This program is focused on community-driven projects designed to grow local economies, strengthen Native American families, including the preservation of Native American cultures, and decrease the high rate of current challenges caused by the lack of community-based businesses, and social and economic infrastructure in Native American communities.* **March 31.**

[Hometown Grants](#). T-Mobile. Foundation. Project-based funding. *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](#). USDA. Federal. Project-based funding. *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.*

Education –

Upcoming Deadlines

[Kids to Parks Day School Grants Program](#). National Park Trust. National foundation. Project-based funding. *In celebration of Kids to Parks Day on May 20, 2023, the National Park Trust is offering the Kids to Parks Day School Grants Program, which provides support to under-resourced U.S. schools to help students discover and explore parks, historic sites, public lands, and waters.* **Deadline January 20.**

[Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants](#). USDA. Federal. Project-based funding. *Provides financial assistance to enable and improve distance learning and telemedicine services in rural areas. Funds support the use of telecommunications-enabled information, audio and video equipment, and related advanced technologies by students, teachers, medical professionals, and rural residents. These grants are intended to increase rural access to education, training, and health care resources that are otherwise unavailable or limited in scope.* **Deadline January 30.**

[Enhance Out-of-School Time Programs for Middle Schoolers](#). New York Life Foundation: Aim High. Foundation. Project-based funding. *For this year's cycle, 20 one-year grants of \$15,000 each will be awarded: ten for programs' efforts around racial equity and social justice and ten for programs' efforts around youth well-being. Twenty two-year grants of either \$50,000 per year or \$25,000 per year will focus on supporting programs in enhancing direct service activities, technical assistance, capacity building, and their efforts in continuing to serve youth while facing the challenges of the pandemic and beyond.* **Deadline February 1.**

[Youth Build](#). Dept. of Labor. Federal. Project-based funding. *Provides funding for pre-apprenticeship services to support education, occupational skills training, and employment services for at risk youth.* **Deadline February 7.**

Rolling Deadlines

[Thriving Children](#). W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Foundation. General operating and project-based funding. *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.*

Environment –

Upcoming Deadlines

[Matching Awards Program](#). National Forest Foundation. Federal funds via the US Forest Service. Project-based funding. *Provides funding for results-oriented on-the-ground projects that enhance forest health and outdoor experiences on National Forests and Grasslands.* Eligible applicants 501(c)3 nonprofits, universities, and federally recognized tribes. **Deadline for Round 1 applications January 23. Deadline for Round 2 applications May 18.**

[Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant](#). FEMA. Federal. Project-based funding. *Flood Mitigation Assistance is a competitive grant program that provides funding to states, local communities, federally recognized tribes and territories. Funds can be used for projects that reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings insured by the National Flood Insurance Program.* **Deadline January 27.**

[Environmental Justice Grants Program](#). CDPHE. State. Project-based funding. *Funds projects in Colorado communities disproportionately impacted by pollution and climate change. Projects can focus on air or water quality, waste, land use, build environment, climate, natural assets, soil quality. A comprehensive list is on the website.* **Deadline February 3.**

[Field Work Initiative](#). LOR Foundation. Foundation. Project-based funding. *Farmers and ranchers in rural parts of Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, and Wyoming are eligible for up to \$10,000 to implement innovative water projects in the face of unprecedented drought. Potential projects might include new ideas for water or land-use practices, products, or technologies that change the way water is used on a farm or ranch.* **Deadline February 22.**

[PFAS Grant Program](#). CDPHE. State. Project-based funding. *This program provides funding opportunities for sampling efforts to test groundwater and surface water, water treatment infrastructure, and emergency assistance for communities and water systems affected by these chemicals.* **Deadline March 31.**

[Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans](#). USDA. Federal. Project-based funding. *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.* **Deadline March 31.**

Rolling Deadlines

[Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program](#). USDA. Federal. Project-based funding. *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.*

Health –

Upcoming Deadlines

[Criminal Justice Early Intervention Grant Program](#). CO Behavioral Health Administration. State. Project-based funding. *This grant is related to SB 22-196. SB 22-196's early intervention, deflection, and redirection from the criminal justice system grant program makes a*

*transformative investment into programs to divert and deflect individuals with behavioral health needs away from the criminal justice system and into appropriate treatment. **Deadline Round 1 January 15, Round 2 May 1, Round 3 August 1, Round 4 November 1, Round 5 February 1, 2024.***

[Community Investment Grant Program](#). CO Behavioral Health Administration. State. Project-based funding. *This grant is related to HB 22-1281. This grant may be used to establish or expand evidence-based/informed services along the behavioral health care continuum; capital expenditures related to providing services; expanding capacity for existing treatment, programs, or services. **Deadline Round 1 January 15, Round 2 May 1, Round 3 August 1, Round 4 November 1, Round 5 February 1, 2024.***

[Children, Youth, and Family Services Grants](#). CO Behavioral Health Administration. State. Project-based funding. *This grant is related to HB 22-1281, which created this program to expand children, youth, and family oriented behavioral health care services to address identified local needs along the continuum of behavioral health care, including services for those with acute, complex, or severe behavioral health conditions and needs. **Deadline Round 1 January 15, Round 2 May 1, Round 3 August 1, Round 4 November 1, Round 5 February 1, 2024.***

[Substance Use Workforce Stability Grant Program](#). CO Behavioral Health Administration. State. Project-based funding. *This grant is related to HB 22-1281, which created this program to support stability in the substance use disorder treatment workforce. Provides direct care to staff who spend 50% or more of their time working with clients. Support may include temporary salary increases, recruitment and retention bonuses, and other tactics that support staff. **Deadline Round 1 January 15, Round 2 May 1, Round 3 August 1, Round 4 November 1, Round 5 February 1, 2024.***

[Rural Health Innovation and Transformation Technical Assistance](#). Dept. Health and Human Services. Federal. Project-based funding. *To provide technical assistance to support rural health care through innovative payment models and to promote the value-based care landscape in the context of rural health care. **Deadline February 7.***

[RAISE Transportation Discretionary Grants](#). US Dept of Transportation. Federal. Project-based funding. *DOT offers funding to support capital investments in unmet surface transportation infrastructure needs with an emphasis on rural areas and tribal lands. **Deadline February 28.***

[Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Overdose Response](#). HSS. Federal. Project-based funding. *This funding opportunity, RCORP-Overdose Response, will advance RCORP's overall goal by supporting immediate responses to the opioid crisis in rural areas. Applicants are encouraged to give special consideration to the needs of rural populations that have historically suffered from poorer health outcomes or health disparities, as compared to the rest of the rural population. Examples of these rural populations include but are not limited to: racial and ethnic minorities, people who are pregnant, adolescents and youth, LGBTQIA+ individuals, veterans,*

socioeconomically disadvantaged populations, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities.
Deadline January 23.

Transportation/Infrastructure –

Resources

[DOLA Local Community Funding Guide](#). Created by DOLA. *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.*

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

Tourism –

Upcoming Deadlines

[Colorado State Outdoor Recreation Grant](#). Colorado Outdoor Recreation Industry Office. State. Project -based funding. *OREC will be accepting applications for roughly \$4 million in competitive funding for projects related to economic development and recovery in the outdoor recreation sector. Eligible entities include government bodies, nonprofits, colleges/universities, economic development organizations, and Indian Tribes. Reviewed quarterly, next deadline March 31.*