

Grants Digest

May 2023

Affordable Housing –

[Direct Effect Awards](#). Colorado Housing and Finance Authority. State. Project-based funding. *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. **Deadline Round 1 Opens May 1 Closes May 31. Round 2 Opens September 1 and Closes September 29.***

[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 May 15, September 15; January 15, 2024. Deadline Application 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

[HUD Invites Local Governments to Request Thriving Communities Technical Assistance to Align Housing and Infrastructure Investments](#). HUD. Federal. *HUD opened the portal for local governments to request technical assistance for its Thriving Communities technical assistance program. This funding will help local governments ensure housing needs are considered as part of their larger infrastructure investment plans, with a focus on disadvantaged communities.*

[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

[Value-Added Producer Grant](#). USDA. Federal. *The program helps agricultural producers enter value-added activities to generate new products, create and expand marketing opportunities, and increase producer income. Funding for farmers and ranchers. **Deadline May 11.***

Arts & Culture –

Upcoming Deadlines

[Colorado Creates Grant](#). Colorado Creative Industry, OEDIT. State. *Helps organizations and communities create art and cultural activities through general operating support funding. Funds are distributed throughout Colorado with a focus on rural communities.* **Deadline May 24.**

[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 July 6.**

Broadband –

Upcoming Deadlines

[Broadband Technical Assistance](#). USDA. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. *Provides financial assistance through cooperative agreements to eligible entities to receive or deliver broadband technical assistance and training. Also supports the development and expansion of broadband cooperatives.* **Deadline June 20.**

[Community Connect Grants](#). USDA. Federal. Project-based funding. *Provides financial assistance to eligible applicants that will provide broadband service in rural, economically-challenged communities where service does not exist. Rural areas that lack any existing broadband speed of at least 25 Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps upstream are eligible.* **Deadline June 20.**

[Advance Colorado Broadband Capital Projects Fund \(CPF\)](#). Colorado Broadband Office. State. *The program is designed to fund broadband infrastructure projects for unserved and underserved locations throughout Colorado. The goals are to bolster economic opportunity, expand digital inclusion, enable thriving communities by supporting a digital economy, and strengthen resiliency across communities through broadband.* **Application opens June 12, deadline August 11.**

[Public Wireless Supply Chain Innovation Fund Grant Program – Expanding Testing and Evaluation](#). National Telecommunications & Information Administration. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. *Funding to accelerate the development, deployment, and adoption of open and interoperable 5G radio access networks (RAN).* **Deadline June 2.**

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.*

Resources

[BroadbandUSA](#). NTIA. 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

[STEM Talent Challenge](#). EDA. Federal. Project-based funding. *Aims to build STEM talent training systems to strengthen regional innovation economies. Projects should aim to identify opportunities in high-growth potential sectors, and to expand and empower the innovation economy workforce. **Deadline June 12.***

[Building Pathways to Infrastructure Jobs Grant Program](#). Department of Labor. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. *The grants will enable partners in the public and private sectors to develop or scale workforce training programs to prepare job seekers in advanced manufacturing; information technology; and professional, scientific, and technical service occupations that support renewable energy, transportation, and broadband infrastructure sectors. **Deadline July 7.***

Rolling Deadlines

[Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance](#). EDA. Federal. Project-based funding. *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.*

[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.*

Community Development –

Upcoming Deadlines

[Community Connections Grant](#). Boettcher Foundation. Foundation. Project-based funding. Nonprofits eligible to apply. *These grants often support the construction of buildings with multi-use community space, the co-location of numerous nonprofit or multisector partners, or one-time strategic investments that help take a proven initiative or program to the next level. Grants awarded in this category are typically in the range of \$20,000 – \$75,000. **Cycle 2 opens May 15 due June 15; Cycle 3 opens August 1 due September 1.***

[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.*

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.*

Criminal Justice

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 3 August 1, Round 4 November 1, Round 5 February 1, 2024.***

[Second Chance Act Community-Based Reentry Program](#). Bureau of Justice Assistance. Federal. *This application is funding for community-based nonprofit organizations and federally recognized tribal governments to enhance or implement evidence-based responses to improve reentry, reduce recidivism, and support successful transitional planning for individuals who are currently, or were formerly, involved in the criminal justice system. **Deadline May 24.***

Education –

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.*

Emergency Management & Security

Upcoming Deadlines

[State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program \(SLCGP\)](#). Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. State. Project-based funding. *Funding for targeted cybersecurity investments in state, local tribal (SLT) government agencies, thus improving the security of critical infrastructure and improving the resilience of the services SLT governments provide their community. **Deadline May 31.***

Energy & 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 2 applications May 18.**

[Colorado Rangeland Resource Management](#). BLM. Federal (IIJA). *Funds for monitoring and assessing soil, vegetation, and land conditions of projects that maintain land health and productivity, sequester carbon, and ensure resilient landscapes. Potential activities funded under this announcement include land conservation, stakeholder engagement, and mapping.* **Deadline May 22.**

[Clean Air Program](#). Colorado Energy Office. State. Project-based funding. *For the implementation of voluntary industrial and manufacturing air pollutant emission reduction projects in Colorado.* **Deadline June 7.**

[FM Global Fire Prevention Grant Program](#). FM Global. Foundation. Project-based funding. *FM Global supports organizations in the United States working to combat fire. Fire departments and brigades, as well as national, state, regional, local, and community organizations can apply for funding to support a wide array of fire prevention, preparedness, and control efforts, including pre-incident planning, fire prevention education and training, and arson prevention or fire investigation. Applicants must be a governmental unit or a nonprofit organization.* **Deadline June 30, September 30, December 31.**

[Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans & Grants](#). USDA. Federal (IIJA). Project-based. *Guaranteed loans and grant financing to help agricultural producers and rural small businesses invest in renewable energy systems and make energy-efficiency improvements.* **2023 Deadlines June 30, September 30, December 31. 2024 Deadlines March 31, June 30, September 30.**

[2023 Clean School Bus Grant Program](#). Environmental Protection Agency. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. *Provides funds to expand fleets of zero emissions (ZE) school buses or clean school buses, which operate by using alternative fuels.* **Deadline August 22.**

[Clean Energy Demonstration Program on Current and Former Mine Land Funding Opportunity Announcement](#). Department of Energy. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. *To support clean energy demonstration projects on current and/or former mine lands. Eligible clean energy technologies include solar; micro-grids; geothermal; direct air capture; fossil-fueled electricity generation with carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration; energy storage; and advanced nuclear technologies.* **Deadline August 31.**

**Health –
Upcoming Deadlines**

[Opioid abatement infrastructure funding](#). Colorado Opioid Abatement Council. State. Project-based funding. *The purpose of the Infrastructure Share is to promote capital improvements and provide operational assistance for developing or improving the infrastructure necessary to abate the opioid crisis within the state of Colorado.* **Deadline June 20.**

[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 3 August 1, Round 4 November 1, Round 5 February 1, 2024.**

Transportation/Infrastructure –

Upcoming Deadlines

[Charging and Fueling Infrastructure \(CFI\) Discretionary Grant Program](#). DOT Federal Highway Administration. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. *A new competitive grant program created by President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to strategically deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in the places people live and work, urban and rural areas alike, in addition to along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs).* **Deadline May 30.**

[Safe Streets and Roads for All](#). USDOT. Federal (IIJA). *This program supports planning, infrastructure, behavioral, and operating initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets involving all roadway users, including pedestrians; bicyclists; public transportation; personal conveyance; and micro mobility users; motorists; and commercial vehicle operators.* **Deadline July 10.**

[Wildlife Crossing Program](#). US Department of Transportation. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. *The goal of this grant is reducing Wildlife Vehicle Collisions while improving habitat connectivity. Will provide funding for construction projects such as engineering, design, permitting, right-of-way acquisition, and other activities. Non-construction projects such as planning, research, and educational activities not directly related to construction of infrastructure improvements.* **Deadline August 1.**

[Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation \(PROTECT\) Program](#). Department of Transportation. Federal (IIJA). *Funding to plan for and strengthen surface transportation to be more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters.* **Deadline August 18.**

Rolling Deadlines

[Revitalizing Main Streets: Opportunity 2 - Small Multimodal & Economic Resiliency Grant Program](#). CDOT. State. Project-based funding. *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. Applications will be reviewed every month. Deadline for review will be the last Wednesday of the month, with a small winter break in November and December.

Resources

[Department of Transportation Navigator](#). DOT. 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 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 May 31.**

Water –

Upcoming Deadlines

[Water Supply Reserve Fund Grants](#). Colorado Water Conservation Board. State. Technical assistance, studies, design, or infrastructure replacement, or maintenance funding. provides funding to assist Colorado water users in addressing their critical water supply issues and interests. The funds help eligible entities complete water activities. **Deadline June 1, August 1, October 1, December 1.**

[Public Education, Participation, and Outreach Grant Program](#). Colorado Water Conservation Board. State. Statewide initiatives. This grant category includes a total of \$75,000 for education and outreach-related initiatives that are focused either statewide or multi-basin. These efforts include but are not limited to advancing a single statewide effort, developing new initiatives of statewide importance, funding statewide awareness surveys, and developing education campaigns that can support public awareness efforts on water issues across the state. **Deadline June 1 and December 1.**

[Water Plan Grants](#). Colorado Water Conservation Board. State. Project-based funding. The purpose of these grants is to make progress on the critical actions and measurable objectives identified in the [Colorado Water Plan](#). All grant applications will be assessed based on funds available for a particular Water Plan category. Categories include water storage and supply;

*water sharing agreements; conservation and land use planning; engagement and innovation; agricultural projects; watershed health and recreation projects. **Deadline July 1.***

Rolling Deadlines

[Federal Technical Assistance Grants for Federal Projects](#). Colorado Water Conservation Board. State. Local Capacity Grants and CWCB Technical Assistance Grants. *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](#). USDA. Federal. *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. 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](#). 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.*