

Hello,

I hope 2025 is off to a nice start for you!

Here is the grants digest for January. Below are some upcoming deadlines to note:

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As always, please reach out with feedback. And remember, if you have projects that you need help finding funding for, or grants that you need assistance writing or editing, you can reach out for help.

With appreciation,

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Grants Digest

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Affordable Housing –

Upcoming Deadlines

[Prop 123 Predevelopment: Affordable Homeownership Housing Assets](#). Colorado Division of Housing. State. Project-based funding. Eligible entities local government, Tribes, a housing authority or affiliates of these agencies, or a small nonprofit organization. *Provides funding for predevelopment activities aimed at creating affordable homeownership opportunities for households at or below 100% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Eligible uses include covering professional fees (such as architect, engineering, and legal costs) and soft costs (like market studies, environmental assessments, and property condition evaluations).* **Deadline March 3.**

[The Community Development Block Grant \(CDBG\) Program](#). Colorado Department of Local Affairs. State. Project-based funding. Eligible entities local government. *Provides funding for predevelopment activities to support the creation of affordable homeownership opportunities*

for households at or below 100% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Funds can be used to cover professional fees such as architectural, engineering, and legal costs, as well as soft costs like market studies, environmental assessments, and property condition evaluations. **Deadline February 24, 5pm.**

Agriculture –

Upcoming Deadlines

[Old Fort Efficiency Supply Grant](#). The Old Fort at Hesperus. Project-based funding. *Provides small grants to new and beginning farmers and ranchers to purchase supplies or equipment that improve operational efficiency in areas such as processing, harvesting, storage, or marketing. Applicants can request up to \$500 in support, with items purchased directly by the program to meet specific needs. Priority is given to farmers and ranchers with less than 10 years of experience in the Old Fort at Hesperus region.* **Deadline February 14.**

Arts & Culture –

[Durango Lodgers' Tax 2025 Arts and Culture Funding](#). City of Durango. Local. Project-based funding. Eligible entities individuals, artists, local organizations, non-profits, businesses, groups, among others. *The fourth year of the Lodgers' Tax: Arts and Culture program is an exciting time for creatives in our community. Creative Industries are an economic driver, enhancing Durango for our residents and visitors. The Lodgers' Tax: Arts and Culture funds have created an opportunity for funding creative projects, events, programs, and experiences supported right here in the Durango community.* **Deadlines Round 1 January 31; Round 2 May 31.**

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 (Tribes).**

[BEAD Grant Program Round 2](#). Colorado Broadband Office. State. Capacity-building funding. Eligible entities local governments, Tribes, regional collaborations, nonprofits, internet service providers, community-based organizations. *Provides funding to support planning, capacity building, and community engagement activities in preparation for Colorado's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program. Grants help local governments, Tribes, and community organizations assess broadband needs, develop digital equity plans, and prepare for future infrastructure funding opportunities. The focus is on ensuring all communities are ready to implement broadband expansion projects that improve connectivity in unserved and underserved areas.* **Application opens January 27.**

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

[Rural Business Development Grants](#). US Department of Agriculture. Federal. *The purpose of the program is to promote economic development and job creation projects through the awarding of grant funds to eligible entities. Applications will compete in two separate categories, business opportunity grants and business enterprise grants, for use in funding various business and community projects that serve rural areas. **Deadline February 28.***

[Small Business Innovation Research | Small Business Technology Transfer](#). Department of Energy. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities small businesses, as defined by the Small Business Administration (SBA), including those that partner with research institutions (for STTR). *Provides funding for small businesses to conduct innovative research and development projects aligned with the Department of Energy's mission areas. Grants support technological innovation and commercialization efforts through the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs. Projects should demonstrate potential for significant advancements in energy-related technologies. **Deadline February 26.***

[Rural Economic Development Initiative](#). Colorado Department of Local Affairs. State. Project-based funding. Eligible entities local government, Tribes, special districts, councils of governments, economic development districts, nonprofits. *Provides funding to help rural communities diversify their economies, create jobs, and strengthen economic resilience. Grants*

*can be used for planning projects, infrastructure improvements, and business development efforts that support job creation and attract investment in rural areas. Priority is given to projects that address economic challenges and enhance long-term sustainability. **Deadline March 12. Application opens February 12.***

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

[Community Development Block Grant](#). Colorado Department of Local Affairs. State. Project-based funding. Eligible entities must be a City, County, or other municipality and must be located in a non-entitlement area. Eligible entities may apply on behalf of nonprofits. *The Department of Local Affairs Division of Local Government (DOLA-DLG) administers the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for non-entitlement municipalities and counties to carry out community development activities. 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 primarily low to moderate income persons; assist in prevention or elimination of slums or blight.* **Deadline February 24.**

[Local Planning Capacity Grant Program](#). Colorado Department of Local Affairs. State. Capacity-building funding. Eligible entities local government, Tribes, councils of governments, special districts. *Provides funding to support local governments in addressing planning challenges such as land use, housing, economic development, and climate resilience. Grants can be used for activities like updating comprehensive plans, conducting studies, or developing strategies that address growth, sustainability, and community needs. Emphasis is placed on projects that promote collaboration and align with state planning priorities.* **Deadline March 14.**

[Rural & Community Support Grants](#). Anschutz Family Foundation. General operating and project-based funding. Eligible entities nonprofits and local government partnering with a nonprofit. *The foundation supports nonprofit organizations focused on improving quality of life for individuals and families in Colorado, particularly in rural and underserved communities. Priority is given to projects addressing basic human needs, community and economic vitality, self-sufficiency, and access to opportunities. Eligible proposals should demonstrate community engagement, strong leadership, and sustainable impact, with an emphasis on organizations serving low-income and vulnerable populations.* **Deadline July 15.**

[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 –

Upcoming Deadlines

[Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities \(BRIC\)](#). Department of Homeland Security. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities local government, Tribes. *Provides funding for hazard mitigation projects that strengthen community resilience against natural disasters. Grants support activities such as infrastructure improvements, capacity building, and innovative solutions that reduce the impacts of climate change and natural hazards. The program prioritizes projects that promote public safety, protect critical infrastructure, and address long-term climate adaptation strategies.* **Deadline April 18.**

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

[Colorado Wildlife Program](#). Bureau of Land Management. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities States, local government, special districts, universities and colleges, Tribes, nonprofits. *The program collaborates with partners to maintain and restore habitats for diverse species, monitor wildlife populations, and address threats to critical ecosystems. It integrates advanced monitoring systems, conducts research on habitat conservation effectiveness, and supports education initiatives like citizen science to promote wildlife stewardship. With a focus on underserved communities, the program also raises public awareness about conservation challenges and successes, enhancing opportunities for inclusive engagement and economic benefits related to wildlife.* **Deadline January 31.**

[Colorado Forest and Woodlands Resource Management](#). Bureau of Land Management. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities States, local government, special districts, universities and colleges, Tribes, nonprofits. *This program prioritizes projects that support forest and woodland health, including preparation, administration, or implementation efforts at a national level. Key activities involve project preparation tasks such as site surveys, environmental clearances, and NEPA documentation; project administration tasks like subcontracting and performance inspections; and implementation efforts aligned with land management goals, including forest treatments and timber salvaging.* **Deadline February 3.**

[Colorado Recreation and Visitor Services](#). Bureau of Land Management. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities States, local government, special districts, universities and colleges, Tribes, nonprofits. *This Program offers diverse recreational opportunities that benefit communities while advancing key administrative priorities, including racial equity, economic growth, and environmental sustainability. Efforts should focus on engaging youth, tribes, and underserved populations in public land stewardship; improving access to climate-resilient*

*outdoor activities; removing barriers to recreation; and delivering up-to-date, accessible visitor information for a sustainable and inclusive recreational experience. **Deadline February 3.***

Rangeland Resource Management. Bureau of Land Management Headquarters. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities States, local government, special districts, universities and colleges, Tribes, nonprofits. *This new grant initiative to support the conservation and restoration of public rangelands. This program aims to combat climate change by promoting climate-resilient landscapes through improved land health practices, such as sustainable livestock grazing, invasive species management, and soil conservation. It also seeks to restore legacy disturbances on rangelands through vegetation treatments, grazing management structures, and enhanced soil resource management. **Deadline February 14.***

Colorado Fuels Management and Community Fire Assistance. Bureau of Land Management. Federal (IIJA). Eligible entities local government, Tribes, special districts, institutions of higher education, nonprofits. *The program aims to enhance wildfire resilience through fuels management on federal and non-federal lands while fostering community engagement. Key goals include developing and implementing fire education and training programs, conducting Community Wildfire Protection Plans, and wildfire assessment, and expanding local employment opportunities. **Deadline February 17.***

Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans & Grants. US Department of Agriculture. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities rural small businesses and agricultural producers. *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. Must be within a rural area with population of 50,000 residents or less. Combined grant and loan guarantee funding up to 75% of total eligible project costs. If you are interested in applying, contact one of the local program specialists before starting your application. They can be found on the above linked website under the "Contact" tab. **Deadline March 31.***

Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas. Department of Energy & Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations. Federal (IIJA). Eligible entities tribes and tribal organizations, state and local governmental entities, non-profit and for-profit entities, rural electric cooperatives, farming associations and cooperatives, labor unions, institutions of higher education, and both incorporated and unincorporated consortia. *Applicant teams must address at least one of the following: improving overall cost-effectiveness of energy generation, transmission, or distribution systems; siting or upgrading transmission and distribution lines; reducing greenhouse gas emissions from energy generation in rural or remote areas; providing or modernizing electric generation facilities; developing microgrids; or increasing energy efficiency. **Deadline concept papers February 27; application August 28.***

[Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program](#). US Department of Agriculture & US Forest Service. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities local governments, Tribes, nonprofits, State forestry agencies. *The Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) aims to assist at-risk communities and Indian Tribes in planning for and mitigating wildfire risks. Priority is given to communities with high wildfire hazard potential, those classified as low-income, or those recently impacted by severe disasters.* **Deadline February 28.**

[Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships Grants](#). Colorado Parks & Wildlife. State. Project-based funding. Eligible entities local government, Tribes, State agencies, nonprofits, special districts. *Provides funding to support outdoor recreation and conservation planning at the regional level. Grants help partnerships develop or update regional plans, engage diverse stakeholders, and align local priorities with state-level goals. Funds may be used for community engagement, research, plan development, and coordination efforts to balance outdoor recreation with natural resource protection.* **Deadline May 9. Application opens March 14.**

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.*

Health –

Upcoming Deadlines

[Supporting Coloradans in Recovery Through Non-Clinical Programs](#). The Colorado Health Foundation. Project-based funding. Eligible entities local government, Tribes, nonprofits, for-profits. *Provides funding for non-clinical programs that support Coloradans in recovery from substance use disorders. Grants focus on addressing social determinants of health, promoting well-being, and reducing barriers to sustained recovery through services such as peer support, housing assistance, employment programs, and community connection activities. Priority is given to programs that are community-driven and culturally responsive.* **Deadline February 15 and June 15.**

[Equitable Community-Designed Outdoor Spaces](#). The Colorado Health Foundation. Project-based funding. Eligible entities local government, Tribes, nonprofits, for-profits. *Provides funding to support the planning, design, and creation of outdoor spaces that promote health, well-being, and equity in Colorado communities. Grants prioritize community-led projects that address the unique needs of underrepresented populations by improving access to safe, inclusive, and culturally relevant outdoor environments. Funding can be used for planning, community engagement, and construction activities.* **Deadline February 15 and June 15.**

[Building a Pipeline of Primary Care Providers to Serve Diverse Communities](#). The Colorado Health Foundation. Project-based funding. Eligible entities local government, Tribes, nonprofits, for-profits. *Provides funding to support programs that increase the pipeline of primary care*

providers from diverse backgrounds to serve historically underserved communities. Grants focus on recruitment, training, and retention strategies aimed at addressing workforce shortages and improving culturally responsive care. Eligible activities may include scholarships, mentorship programs, and initiatives to reduce barriers to entry into primary care professions. **Deadline February 15 and June 15.**

[Strategic Prevention Framework-Partnerships for Success for Communities, Local Governments, Universities, Colleges, and Tribes/Tribal Organizations](#). US Department of Health & Human Services. Federal. Project-based funding. Eligible entities local government, universities and colleges, Tribes, community and faith-based organizations. *The purpose of this program is to help reduce the onset and progression of substance misuse and its related problems by supporting the development and delivery of community-based substance misuse prevention and mental health promotion services. The program is intended to expand and strengthen the capacity of local community prevention providers to implement evidence-based prevention programs.* **Deadline February 21.**

[Tribal Behavioral Health](#). US Department of Health & Human Services. Federal. Tribal-based funding. Eligible entities Tribes. The purpose of this program is to prevent and reduce suicidal behavior and substance use/misuse, reduce the impact of trauma, and promote mental health among American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth, up to and including age 24, by building a healthy network of systems, services, and partnerships that impact youth. SAMHSA expects this program will be a model for community change that integrates a community's culture, resources, and readiness to address suicide prevention and substance use/misuse among AI/AN youth. **Deadline March 6.**

Transportation/Infrastructure –

Upcoming Deadlines

[Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant Program \(RAISE\)](#). Department of Transportation. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities States, local governments, Tribes, transit agencies. *Provides grants for surface transportation infrastructure projects with significant local or regional impact. Two Rounds of funding, note that Round 1 is for highly rated applications that were not selected under the FY 2024 NOFO and designated FY 2024 Projects of Merit.* **Deadline January 30.**

[Clean Transit Enterprise Planning Grant](#). Colorado Department of Transportation. State. Planning grant funding. Eligible entities local public agencies, nonprofits, Tribal governments that provide public transit service and/or specialized transportation service, as well as operators of closed-door transit services. *This program provides funds for the development of agency plans, studies, and analyses to help prepare for and accelerate the deployment of zero-emission transit vehicles and support the infrastructure, facilities, training, and organizational investments necessary to make such deployments successful.* **Deadline February 7.**

[Highway Safety Improvement Program \(HSIP\)](#). Colorado Department of Transportation. State. Project-based funding. Eligible entities local agencies. *The purpose this funding is achieving significant reduction in fatalities and serious injuries on all public roadways, including non-State owned roads and roads on tribal land. The Colorado HSIP, administered by CDOT, requires a data-driven, strategic approach to improving highway safety on all public roads with a focus on performance to support zero deaths and serious injuries on Colorado roads. Funding for local agency roadway safety improvement infrastructure projects that will be ready for construction by state fiscal year 2028* **Deadline February 21.**

[Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation \(PROTECT\) Program](#). Department of Transportation. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities States, political subdivisions, local governments, MPOs, special districts, Tribes. *Aims to enhance the resilience of surface transportation infrastructure—such as highways, public transit, ports, and railways—against climate risks. The program funds projects that apply innovative, scientifically grounded approaches to climate adaptation, especially in vulnerable communities. Three grant categories applicable to our region:*

- *Planning Grants: For developing resilience plans, conducting design and vulnerability assessments, building technical capacity, and preparing evacuation strategies.*
- *Resilience Improvement Grants: To enhance the durability of existing transportation infrastructure against natural disasters like flooding, wildfires, and extreme weather.*
- *Community Resilience and Evacuation Route Grants: For protecting and improving essential evacuation routes, including expansions, safety enhancements, and redundancy measures.*

Deadline February 24.

[Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program](#). Department of Transportation. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities county local governments, Tribes, special districts, States. *Offers \$27 million in technical assistance grants to rural and Tribal communities for the planning and design phase development of transportation projects. There is no local funding match required to participate in this program. The Bureau designated up to \$10 million for Tribal applicants. Funding first come first serve.* **Grant opens March 4, deadline April 13.**

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](mailto:cdotmainstreets@state.co.us) 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.*

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 –

[State Revolving Loan Fund: Water Quality Grants and Loans](#). Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment. State. Project-based funding. Eligible entities local government, nonprofits, special districts. *Provides low-interest loans for the planning, design, and construction of water infrastructure projects to improve drinking water safety and wastewater management. Funds support projects such as treatment facilities, distribution systems, stormwater infrastructure, and nonpoint source pollution control. Additional benefits include loan forgiveness for disadvantaged communities and extended repayment terms to ease financial burdens on borrowers.* New process will use a priority point threshold to determine when a project may submit a loan application. Projects that score at or above the threshold may apply at any loan cycle during the year (“Open” and “Limited” cycles are shown in the schedule on the website). Projects that score below the threshold may only apply at the “Open” cycles. Applicants will be provided a preliminary score at the Prequalification stage and a final score at the Project Needs Assessment stage. **Deadlines Feb 5 (open); April 5 and later (limited).**

[Technical Assistance to Tribes](#). US Department of Interior. Federal (IRA). Eligible entities Tribes. *The Bureau of Reclamation’s Tribal Assistance Program (TAP) provides financial and technical support to federally recognized Indian Tribes to develop, manage, and protect tribal water and related resources. Administered through Reclamation’s Native American and International Affairs Office, the program fosters cooperative relationships between Indian Tribes and Reclamation’s five regional offices.* **Deadline February 27.**

[WaterSMART Environmental Water Resources Projects](#). Bureau of Reclamation. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities local government, Tribes, nonprofits, institutions of higher education, for-profits, agricultural cooperatives, community-based organizations. *Provides funding to support the development and implementation of projects that reduce agricultural greenhouse gas emissions, improve carbon sequestration, and promote climate-smart farming practices. The grant focuses on scaling innovative technologies and practices that enhance environmental sustainability and resilience in agriculture. Projects should demonstrate measurable impacts in reducing emissions, improving soil health, and supporting farmers’ adaptation to climate change.* **Deadline March 11.**

WaterSMART Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects. Bureau of Reclamation. Federal (IIJA).

Project-based funding. Eligible entities States, Indian Tribes, municipalities, irrigation districts, water districts, wastewater districts. *Essential for addressing water shortages by transforming unusable water sources into reliable, drought-resistant supplies. With a focus on sustainability and flexibility, Title XVI projects improve urban and irrigation water efficiency, diversify water supplies, and provide clean water for growing communities.* **Deadline April 7.**

Emergency Drought Relief for Tribes. Bureau of Reclamation. Federal (IRA).

Eligible entities Tribes. *Provides funding to federally recognized Tribes in the Western U.S. to implement drought relief projects that address immediate water-related challenges. Eligible activities include improving water delivery systems, reducing reliance on declining water sources, and increasing drought resilience. The grant aims to support Tribes in mitigating the impacts of drought on their communities and water resources.* **Deadline April 7.**

WaterSMART Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects. Bureau of Reclamation. Federal (IIJA).

Project-based funding. Eligible entities review NOFO, rank levels of applicants and co-applicants. *This program focuses on restoring and protecting aquatic ecosystems. By leveraging Federal and non-Federal funding, the AERP collaborates with States, Tribes, and local entities to study, design, and construct projects that improve fisheries, wildlife, and aquatic habitats, promoting environmental health and community resilience.* **Deadline April 15.**

WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I. Bureau of Reclamation.

Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities local governments, Tribes, special districts, nonprofits. *Provides funding to support the formation and development of watershed groups to address local water management challenges. Grants can be used for activities such as developing bylaws, conducting outreach, and creating a mission statement to enhance collaboration and promote sustainable water use. The program focuses on reducing conflicts, improving water reliability, and fostering stakeholder partnerships in the Western U.S.* **Deadline May 20.**

Colorado Water Plan Grants. Colorado Water Conservation Board. State. Project-based funding.

Eligible entities local governments, special districts, enterprises. *Water plan funding categories include projects in: water storage and supply; conservation and land use; engagement and innovation activities; agricultural; and watershed health and recreation. a statewide program looking to encourage new ways of approaching “old” problems, preference is given to innovative projects and solutions. Infrastructure replacement or maintenance projects without additional benefits are better suited for the CWCB Loan Program or the Water Supply Reserve Fund (WSRF).* **Deadline July 1.**

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 2 Deadline July 15.**

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, 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.*