

GRAND COUNTY: GRANT OPPORTUNITIES MATRIX

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Federal Funding and Programs



**Federal Funder/
Program**

Description

<p>Department of Homeland Security, FEMA – Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)</p> <p>Due: Spring</p> <p>Match Required</p> <p>Award: Not Listed</p>	<p>The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program makes federal funds available for hazard mitigation activities. It does so with a recognition of the growing hazards associated with climate change, and of the need for natural hazard risk mitigation activities that promote climate adaptation and resilience with respect to those hazards. These include both acute extreme weather events and chronic stressors which have been observed and are expected to increase in intensity and frequency in the future. The BRIC program's guiding principles include supporting communities through capability and capacity-building; encouraging and enabling innovation, including multi-hazard resilience or nature-based solutions; promoting partnerships; enabling large, systems-based projects; maintaining flexibility; and providing consistency.</p>
<p>Department of Interior (DOI) – Slip-On Tanker Units</p> <p>Due: In two phases – Statement of Interest are due on March 21, 2024 – Application Packages are due on June 4, 2024</p> <p>No Match Required</p> <p>Award: \$10,000-\$200,000</p>	<p>The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), enacted in November 2021, is bringing much-needed support to communities across the country to increase the resilience of lands facing the threat of wildland fires and to better support federal wildland firefighters. The BIL provides funding and authorizes the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) to develop and implement a pilot program to provide local governments with financial assistance to acquire slip-on tanker units to establish fleets of vehicles that can be quickly converted to be operated as fire engines.</p>
<p>U.S. Department of Transportation – Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)</p> <p>Due: Spring</p> <p>Match Required</p>	<p>Planning and Demonstration Grants provide Federal funds to develop, complete, or supplement a comprehensive safety action plan. The goal of an Action Plan is to develop a holistic, well-defined strategy to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries in a locality, Tribe, or region. Planning and Demonstration Grants also fund supplemental planning and/or demonstration activities that inform the development of a new or existing Action Plan. The Department encourages including demonstration activities in an application.</p>

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<p>Department of the Interior (DOI) – WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I</p> <p>Due: Early Fall</p> <p>No Match Required</p> <p>Award: \$10,000 - \$300,000</p>	<p>The objective of this NOFO is to invite states, Indian Tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, local governmental entities, non-profit organizations, Existing Watershed Groups, and local and special districts (e.g., irrigation and water districts, conservation districts, natural resource districts) to submit proposals for Phase I activities to develop a watershed group, complete watershed restoration planning activities, and design watershed management projects.</p>
<p>Department of Transportation (DOT) The Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program</p> <p>Due: Spring</p>	<p>Provides grants for projects to improve and expand the surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas to increase connectivity, improve the safety and reliability of the movement of people and freight, and generate regional economic growth and improve quality of life.</p>
<p>Office of Economic Development & International Trade (OEDIT) – Community Development Block Grant Planning and Feasibility Studies Grant</p> <p>Due: Rolling</p> <p>Match Required</p> <p>Award: \$75,000</p>	<p>The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Planning and Feasibility Study Grant helps Colorado communities plan economic development projects that create or retain permanent jobs. The project needs to create or retain at least one full-time equivalent job per \$20,000 funded. Generally, the project needs to fill at least 51% of the jobs it creates or retains with low-to moderate-income people. This program may award up to \$75,000 in grants per year. Your grant request needs to have a funding ratio of 1-to-1 non-State funding to State funding. For example, if you request a grant of \$20,000, you need to find \$20,000 in cash from other sources. You will need to have the match in place when you apply for the grant.</p>

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<p>Department of Transportation (DOT) – RAISE Grant</p> <p>Due: Winter</p> <p>Match Required</p> <p>Award: \$0 - \$25,000,000</p>	<p>These grants support planning or constructing surface transportation infrastructure projects that will improve safety; environmental sustainability; quality of life; mobility and community connectivity; economic competitiveness and opportunity including tourism; state of good repair; partnership and collaboration; and innovation.</p>
<p>Office of Economic Development & International Trade (OEDIT) – Tourism Marketing Matching Grant</p> <p>Application Period: July – September</p> <p>Match Required</p> <p>Award Max: \$40,000</p>	<p>The Tourism Marketing Matching Grant provides funding to support tourism marketing and promotional campaigns.</p> <p>The maximum grant amount is \$40,000 while the required match is 2:1. For every \$1 the qualifying grantee allocates to the proposed project; the Colorado Tourism Office will provide \$2 in matching funds. For example, if your total project budget is \$60,000, you can request a \$40,000 grant and you will need to provide the remaining \$20,000 as a cash match.</p> <p>Grant goals are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • build a robust tourism economy and advance the state’s competitive position through promotion and support for industry partners across the state. • strengthen the tourism industry and our state through support for responsible travel and destination stewardship campaigns. • maximize the economic return on public and private investments in Colorado by leveraging funds to optimize marketing impact
<p>U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) – Planning and Local Technical Assistance Program</p> <p>Due: Rolling</p>	<p>Through its Planning and Local Technical Assistance programs, EDA assists eligible recipients in developing economic development plans and studies designed to build capacity and guide the economic prosperity and resiliency of an area or region. As part of this program, EDA supports Partnership Planning investments to facilitate the development, implementation, revision, or replacement of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS), which articulate and prioritize the strategic economic goals of recipients’ respective regions.</p>

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<p>U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) – Disaster Recovery</p> <p>Due: Rolling</p>	<p>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 resilience.</p>
<p>U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Opportunities – Disaster Assistance</p> <p>Due: Rolling</p>	<p>SBA provides low-interest disaster loans to help businesses and homeowners recover from declared disasters.</p> <p>Who can apply for an SBA disaster loan?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Businesses of all sizes • Homeowners • Renters • Private nonprofit organizations <p>You must be located in a declared disaster area and meet other eligibility criteria depending on the type of loan.</p> <p>How to use an SBA disaster loan?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Losses not covered by insurance or funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for both personal and business. • Business operating expenses that could have been met had the disaster not occurred.
<p>Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) - Wildlife Crossing Program</p> <p>Due: TBD</p>	<p>Provides grants to support projects that seek to reduce the number of wildlife-vehicle collisions, and in doing so, improve habitat connectivity for terrestrial and aquatic species.</p>

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<p>Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) (Senate)</p> <p>Due: Interest Form Spring</p>	<p>Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper will have a joint application process for FY25 CDS projects. Applicants can complete one application form which both offices will receive. Each Senator will then review project requests and submit them to the Appropriations Committee individually. Ahead of the official application, the Senators are sharing an optional interest form for projects to submit their interest in applying for federal funding through CDS.</p>
<p>Department of Local Affairs – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)</p> <p>Due: Winter</p>	<p>The Department of Local Affairs 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. 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.</p> <p>Entities eligible to apply for grants are limited to units of local governments, including counties.</p>
<p>Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) - PROTECT Discretionary Grant</p> <p>Due: Summer</p>	<p>Provides grants for activities that enable communities to address vulnerabilities to current and future weather events, natural disasters, and changing conditions, including sea level rise, and plan transportation improvements and emergency response strategies to address those vulnerabilities</p>



State and Local Funding and Programs

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Description

**Department of Local Affairs
(DOLA) – Rural Economic
Development Initiative (REDI)**

Due: Spring

Match Required

Max Award: \$150,000

The Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) program is designed to help rural communities comprehensively diversify their local economy and create a more resilient Colorado. The most successful applications to this program are those from counties with less than 50,000 people, and from communities with fewer than 25,000 people. Projects that will be funded include plans, construction, programs, and capacity building. All applications must create and retain jobs, either directly or indirectly. Projects should fall into one or more of the following categories:

- **Job creation and retention - Both through direct and indirect means.**
- **Capacity building - Under special circumstances, the Department of Local Affairs will consider funding local economic development capacity. Staff must be tied to a specific outcome, project, and timeline, which contributes to goals of job creation, business attraction/retention, and economic resilience.**
- **Economic resilience - Economic resilience is the ability of a community's economy and systems that support the economy to withstand disruption and thrive in the face of change.**
- **Supports entrepreneurial ecosystems - Entrepreneurial ecosystems provide training, networking opportunities, and infrastructure to support local entrepreneurs.**

All projects should be identified as a priority for the community within a comprehensive and holistic approach.

**Congressionally Directed
Spending (CDS) (Congress)**

Due: TBD

Congressman Joe Neguse will have an application for FY25 CDS projects. Ahead of the official application, an online form can be completed to submit their interest in applying for federal funding through CDS. This application is separate from senator CDS requests.

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Description

**Office of Economic Development
& International Trade – Colorado
Creates**

Due: Spring

Award: \$4,000 - \$10,000

Grant awards are flat amounts based on your organization’s cash operating revenue for your most recently completed fiscal year. All successful applicants in the same revenue range will receive the same amount of grant funds.

If your cash operating revenue in your most recently completed fiscal year was:	You request:
\$1 million or more	\$10,000
\$500,000 to \$999,999	\$8,500
\$250,000 to \$499,999	\$7,500
\$100,000 to \$249,999	\$6,500
\$25,000 to \$99,999	\$4,000

Your organization needs to:

- **be an arts-focused 501(c)(3) organization (see below) or an independent component of a program associated with a college, university, or unit of government (see below)**
- **hold your primary business location in Colorado.**
- **have supporting the arts as your organizational mission, including but not limited to visual, performing, literary, and media arts organizations**
- **have held public arts programs in Colorado for at least two years before the application deadline**
- **have a cash operating budget of at least \$25,000 for your last completed fiscal year.**
- **be registered in Good Standing with the Colorado Secretary of State and current with annual corporate reports and charitable solicitation registration.**
- **be current in reporting for other Colorado Creative Industries grants or programs.**
- **show collaboration, a mutual investment of funds or other resources to the activity, with other organizations**

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**Department of Local Affairs –
Community Development Block
Grant (CDBG)**

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**Department of Local Affairs
(DOLA) – Strong Communities**

Due: Fall

Match Required

Award: \$200,000

The Strong Communities Grant Program is intended to incentivize the adoption of transformational practices, programs, and policies that support sustainable development patterns and affordable housing into the future. This program will help communities align policies and regulations to focus on locating affordable housing in infill locations near jobs, transit, and everyday services; ensuring new neighborhoods have housing of all types, sizes, and price points and are connected by multimodal transportation options to the rest of the community.

The program creates two grant programs to support Colorado communities in achieving these goals:

- Planning grants will help communities align policies and regulations to locate affordable housing in infill locations near jobs, transit, and everyday services.
- Infrastructure grants will provide funding to local governments for infrastructure associated with the development of community benefit-driven infill affordable housing that meets critical housing needs as identified by the local government.

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**Office of Economic Development
& International Trade (OEDIT)
– Crisis Communications and
Recovery Toolkit**

Due: N/A

This toolkit offers a variety of crisis communications preparedness and recovery assets for communities and organizations impacted by natural disasters and tourism crisis situations. It is highly recommended that all organizations prepare and regularly update a crisis communications plan.

Important components of a crisis communications plan include:

- a crisis team with up-to-date contact information**
- a media spokesperson**
- checklists**
- communication resources**
- notification procedures**
- news and social media response**
- integration of emergency procedures**
- coordination with partners and up-to-date partner list**

For additional details regarding how these assets can be used, please contact the program manager, Hayes Norris hayes.norris@state.co.us

**Office of Economic Development
& International Trade (OEDIT) –
Tourism Management Grant**

**Application Period: December -
January**

Match Required

Award Max: \$20,000

- The Colorado Tourism Office’s Tourism Management Grant provides funding for tourism-related projects that develop, enhance, or manage visitor experience in Colorado.**
- The maximum grant amount is \$20,000 and the required match is 4:1. For every \$1 the qualifying grantee allocates to the proposed project; the Colorado Tourism Office will provide \$4 in matching funds.**