

Region 9 Economic Development

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Our staff is working with federal, state, and local governments to provide a comprehensive list of business funding and resources. This working document will be updated daily.

Census 2020

- Your response to the Census helps direct billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities for schools, roads, disasters, and other public services.
- It's quick and easy. Please take 10 minutes to respond online at <https://my2020census.gov/> OR by phone. **English is 1.844.330.2020** and **Spanish is 1.844.468.2020**. The numbers for other languages can be found at <https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond/responding-by-phone.html>
- It's safe, secure, and confidential. Your information and privacy are protected.

Advocacy

What the Federal Government Needs to Do to Enable Small Businesses to Survive the Coronavirus <<https://is-tracking-link-api-prod.appspot.com/api/v1/click/6351704468226048/5599633892442112>>
Tell Congress to keep small businesses solvent through the crisis. Local First message: Small businesses need grants and subsidies, as well as low-cost loans. We urge you to contact your members of Congress, add your organization to our statement, and help us promote this.

Business Resources

Colorado Department of Labor & Employment (CDLE)

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/information-and-resources-coronavirus>

[Emergency Paid Leave Rule](#) - This rule is meant to limit the spread of highly contagious disease and enables workers in at-risk occupations to access testing.

[Unemployment Insurance](#) - During layoffs, all employees are encouraged to apply for unemployment insurance. Those who are job-attached (meaning workers will be expected to return after a separation of up to 16 weeks) should file as "job-attached."

[Work-Share Program](#) may allow certain employees who have had reduced hours to claim partial unemployment benefits.

[Layoff/Separations](#) Layoff assistance is available to employers through the Workforce Center.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)

Leading the State's multi-agency crisis response. We encourage you and all of your partners to stay informed with reliable, up-to-date information through CDPHE's website:

colorado.gov/cdphe/2019-novel-coronavirus and the [Center for Disease Control](https://www.cdc.gov).

- [FEMA: Guidance for COVID-19 preparedness](#)
- [CDC: Getting your household ready for COVID-19](#)
- COVID-19 Hotline: Call 303-389-1687 or 1-877-462-2911
- Email COHELP@RMPDC.org.
- State public health web page: colorado.gov/cdphe/2019-novel-coronavirus
- Facebook (facebook.com/CDPHE) and Twitter ([@CDPHE](https://twitter.com/CDPHE))
- CDC web page cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov

Colorado Procurement Technical Assistance Center (CO-PTAC)

Inevitably, Colorado small businesses will face delays and difficulties in contract execution. The CO-PTAC remains open with counselors and subject matter experts available to support and advise Colorado businesses on how to respond and continue servicing their government customers. We are offering teleconferencing and video alternatives to in-office meetings for our clients around the state. Contact our office at 719-667-3845 or visit our webpage at www.coloradoptac.org for support.

State of Colorado COVID-19 Volunteer Response

We are looking for volunteers to help at-risk individuals across our state get through the COVID-19 crisis. <https://covrn.com/>

Southwest Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

Counseling Services, Business advice, SBA application assistance.

Local Office <https://sbdcfortlewis.org/>

State Office <https://www.coloradosbdc.org/>

State Programs Available www.coloradosbdc.org/covid

Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT)

Colorado Small Business Navigator & COVID-19 Small Business Hotline

The Small Business Navigator is the first point of contact for new and existing business owners

with questions about federal, state and local licensing requirements. The navigator also provides referrals to a variety of state and federal assistance programs and local small business training. In addition, the navigator maintains a comprehensive database of federal, state and local regulatory and permitting requirements. SMALL BUSINESS COVID-19 DISASTER RESPONSE HOTLINE: 303-860-5881

<https://choosecolorado.com/covid19/> The direct link to all small business resources is being currently coordinated and continuously updated by the Pikes Peak SBDC (pikespeaksbdc.org/what-we-do/programs/disaster-relief/)

Downtown Colorado, Inc (DCI)

- **Weekly Commercial District + COVID calls.** DCI will convene weekly calls for commercial districts to discuss responses and resources to identify the items we can do right now as the crisis is unfolding. DCI is writing up the conversation and will begin recording the webinars for your convenience. Sign up for the next call! http://downtowncoloradoinc.org/Event_List
- **COVID Response Resources.** DCI will house a COVID response page on our website that shares resources and links to community resources for easy access. <http://downtowncoloradoinc.org/COVID-19-Resources>
- **State-wide Business Survey.** DCI is partnering with National Research Center and POLCO to distribute and analyze a state-wide survey of businesses to understand their needs and establish a response network. DCI has reached out to state-wide partners and welcomes input. Contact us! vista@downtowncoloradoinc.org
- **Regional Council.** DCI maintains a Regional Council of representatives around the state who are in place to share and collect information specific to each region. We will host calls through this group with our members and other interested communities to ensure that we are planning for and communicating the needs of each region appropriately.
- **2020 IN THE GAME.** DCI will revise our Colorado Challenge Community Summit on April 14th to be a virtual event geared toward developing multi-faceted approaches for our national, state-wide, and local responses to this type of pandemic. We will look at our demographics and sales tax trends, and impacts of Coronavirus, and flesh out an action plan for housing, workforce, and small business support. RSVP to attend!
- If you weren't on the Commercial District + Covid 19 Call last week, listen to the recording of the **Thursday, March 19 call** and review the summary on our DCI Blog. https://zoom.us/rec/play/tMYqJLqq_D83H9KU4wSDCqVxW42-evisgSAd_PA0yh2zBXcENwCkNLQXausZy7SHn4jM6dhmLOkRsjSQ?continueMode=true
<http://downtowncoloradoinc.org/DCI-Blog>

United Way

One Fair Wage: This organization typically advocates for the end of the sub-minimum wage for tipped workers, but right now it's raising funds to give cash assistance to tipped workers and service workers affected by COVID-19. The goal is to give \$213 (a play on the \$2.13 federal minimum wage for tipped workers) to each worker who needs it. Go [here](#) to donate or request help.

United States Bartenders Guild Bartender Emergency Assistance Program: The USBG is [taking donations](#) to help bartenders experiencing financial difficulties due to the coronavirus outbreak. These grants are paid directly to recipients who have shown immediate need. (Note that you do not need to be a member of the USBG to apply for a grant.) Jameson Irish Whiskey pledged \$500,000, and others are following suit. If you need help, [apply here](#).

Restaurant Workers' Community Foundation: In response to massive coronavirus-related closures and downturns in revenue, this restaurant-centric organization set up a COVID-19 Crisis Relief Fund to benefit both restaurant owners and workers. [Click here to donate to the fund](#), which provides zero-interest loans to businesses and funds for individual workers experiencing economic hardship. [For help, go here](#).

[Private relief funds for workers](#)

[Colorado COVID-19 Relief Fund](#)

Additional Resources

- Colorado Tourism Office - www.colorado.com
- Department of Local Affairs - www.colorado.gov/dola
- Colorado Resiliency Office - www.coresiliency.com
- Office of Economic Development & International Trade - www.choosecolorado.com
- Colorado Department of Public Safety - www.colorado.gov/publicsafety
- Colorado Creative Industries - <http://coloradocreativeindustries.org/resources-to-support-the-arts-during-coronavirus/>
- Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies - <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora/covid-19-updates-licensees-and-consumers>
- Manufacturer's Edge - <https://www.manufacturersedge.com/covid-19-updates-and-resources-for-manufacturers/>
- Colorado Office of Film, Television and Media - <https://www.coloradofilm.org/whats-new/community-support-during-covid-19/>

County Level Resources

Dolores

- Dolores County Development Corporation (DCDC)
Gus Westerman Gus.Westerman@colostate.edu
- Coordinating business information -Kendra Cook Manager@dovecreekchamber.com

- Dolores County updates can be found on the Dove Creek Chamber Facebook page and DCTV Daily News FB or live.

San Juan

- San Juan Development Association (SJDA)
Melanie Russek sanjuancoordinator@scan.org

La Plata

- La Plata County Economic Development Alliance
Michael French info@yeslpc.com
- Posting updates weekly at <https://yeslpc.com/>
- City of Durango- www.DurangoGov.org/emergency for the latest City updates on COVID-19. To receive City news releases as soon as they are released, sign up for City of Durango News Flash email notifications at www.DurangoGov.org/notifyme.
Alex Rugoff (alex.rugoff@durangogov.org) and (tony.vicari@durangogov.org) to be liaisons to your organization on behalf of the City.

Archuleta

- Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC)
Mary Jo Coulehan Director@pagosachamber.com
- Created new Business Updates FB Group. Businesses can post their offers, menus, specials, etc. We have over 135 members since the launch Wednesday afternoon.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/205716304012528>
- Instituted Weekly COVID-19 special Updates to be sent out on Wednesdays. Has new government regulations, reminders and links for businesses assistance and health department and other resources, etc.
- Central call center for general questions, central point to send people with needs to the appropriate organization, central location for food security needs 970-422-7084.

Montezuma County

- Cortez Chamber Rocky Moss info@cortezchamber.com
- Dolores Chamber Susan Lisar info@doloreschamber.com
- Montezuma Chambers created Montezuma County Business Coalition FB page as a central point for all Montezuma based business support information.
https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=643651596411942&set=gm.805965969899941&type=1&av=284245593941&eav=Afbo_Z_PRigBJ7kKzefOdWKjvI9ANwGSLIk5OtmjAfnoZcZ7VtCilfKrToVzJ5LTZYE&theater

Colorado Nonprofit Association

Facebook and LinkedIn groups encouraging nonprofits to share their thinking, ask questions, tell how they are adjusting. There is lots of flow of one-way information and they want to add a community dialogue channel. Join one of these groups for virtual support and ideas from your colleagues across Colorado

[Colorado Nonprofit COVID-19 Facebook Group](#) | [Colorado Nonprofit COVID-19 LinkedIn Group](#)
<https://www.coloradononprofits.org/news/covid-19-coronavirus-resources-colorado-nonprofits>

Community Foundation of SWCO

Taking donations for employees - food, emergency funds, etc. -

<https://www.swcommunityfoundation.org/cerf/>

SW Colorado Disaster Assistance (SWCODA)

<https://swcoda.org/> or call 211 for local business resources and Community Emergency Relief Fund (CERF) <https://www.coloradogives.org/cerf> is accepting donations for businesses.

Startup Colorado

Collecting real-time updates and pushing out those updates on our social channels so please follow those at https://linktr.ee/startupcolorado?mc_cid=6f011f4793&mc_eid=990d65de42

Funding Opportunities

Region 9 EDD

(Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, San Juan and Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Indian Tribes)

Region 9 waived all April interest and deferred principal payments for our loan clients.

Region 9 Disaster Assistance Loan Program is offering loans up to \$10,000 to help cover payroll, rent, and utilities on a 3 month draw period. 0% interest if paid within 6 months. 1% interest if paid for 6-12 months and converting to prime interest rate after 1 year amortized on a 24-48 month term. Flexible collateral and a \$100-\$150 **First review April 10th**. All loans are subject to approval and availability of funds.

jenny@scan.org or brian@scan.org

San Juan Development Association (SJDA) (San Juan County Only)

Emergency Business Loans up to \$2,000

- *No interest loans available for businesses forced to close or limit services
- *Up to \$2,000 for emergency needs such as rent or utilities
- *Interest free if paid back in 6 months
- *\$100 fee paid at time of loan or 6 month date
- *Priority given to businesses with a plan to reopen

For an application email sanjuancoordinator@scan.org or call Melanie Russek 970 769 3486

All loans are subject to underwriting criteria, availability of funds and must be reviewed by SJDA Loan Committee. **First review occurs April 10th, 2020.**

Small Business Administration Disaster Assistance

Low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to small businesses. For additional information, please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service. Call 1-800-659-1955 (TTY: 1-800-877-8339) or e-mail disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or the SBA hotline SBA inquiries: 303-860-5881. Application materials can be found at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Information/PaperForms>

ELIGIBLE ENTITIES:

- Applicants must meet the SBA requirements of a small business (500 employees or fewer)
- Businesses directly affected by COVID-19
- Businesses that offer services directly related to the businesses in the declaration
- Other businesses indirectly related the industry that are likely to be harmed by losses in their community (Example: Manufacturer of widgets may be eligible as well as the wholesaler and retailer of the product)

INELIGIBLE ENTITIES:

- Agricultural Enterprises: If the primary activity of the business (including its affiliates) is as defined in Section 18(b)(1) of the Small Business Act, neither the business nor its affiliates are eligible for EIDL assistance.
- Religious Organizations
- Charitable Organizations
- Gambling Concerns (Ex: Concerns that derive more than 1/3 of their annual gross revenue from legal gambling activities)
- Casinos & Racetracks (Ex: Businesses whose purpose for being is gambling (e.g., casinos, racetracks, poker parlors, etc.) are not eligible for EIDL assistance regardless of 1/3 criteria above.
- Cannabis Industry

Facebook

\$100M in cash grants they'll be providing to small businesses

- <https://www.facebook.com/business/boost/grants>

USDA

Working with current Business and Industry loan clients to modify loans to interest only, deferment of principal and/or interest payments, re-amortization or rescheduling payments, and changes of interest rates.

For assistance with Rural Utilities, please contact:

- Electric Program: Christopher McLean, christopher.mclean@usda.gov, 202-407-2986
- Telecommunications Program: Laurel Leverrier, laurel.leverrier@usda.gov, 202-495-9142
- Water and Environmental Programs: Edna Primrose, edna.primrose@usda.gov, 202-494-5610

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

- USDA extended the application deadline for the Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) program to no later than April 15, 2020. Contact the Rural Development office for the deadline in your state. USDA announced the extension in an Unnumbered Letter posted March 19, 2020.
- USDA extended the application deadline for the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) to April 15, 2020. For additional information, see page 16925 of the March 25, 2020, Federal Register.

Governor's Relief Fund

helpcoloradonow.org – more than \$300 million was pledged pre-launch, Philanthropy Colorado is serving on executive committee

Colorado Lending Source

Kiva Hub Partnership Loans offering 0% interest loans without fees for small business and entrepreneurs, up to \$15,000. Contact Rachel Sall rsall@coloradolendingsource.org or 303.657.0010

First Southwest Community Fund

(Dolores, La Plata, and Montezuma Counties only)

COVID-19 Emergency Loan Fund- \$5K-\$10K loans on a seven year term with 2.5% interest and no payments for 90-180 days. \$100 loan fee. Email Cass Walker at Cass.walkerfswcf.org

Additional funding opportunities are being developed and will be sent out daily.