

Grant Resources Guide

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This document was developed as a resource by Tri-County Health Department as part of our Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) Initiative.

Tri-County Health Department is the largest local health department in Colorado, serving 29 jurisdictions with a total population of 1.3 million. It is our mission to protect, promote and improve the health, environment and quality of life for the residents of Adams, Arapahoe and Douglas Counties.



**Communities Putting
Prevention to Work**
Making healthy living easier.

Purpose: This grant resource guide lists possible funding opportunities for projects and programs for governmental entities (municipalities, counties, parks and recreation, and special districts) within the Tri-County Health Department (TCHD) jurisdiction. Many of these grants allow governmental entities to partner with nonprofit agencies and community-based organizations.

We have organized the information about the grant opportunities into two areas:

- **Federal Transportation Funding Opportunities Allocated Through the Denver Regional Council of Governments**
- **State and Private Foundation Grant Opportunities**

Additionally, we have listed funding categories for each grant to help you identify specific topics. TCHD Built Environment staff would be happy to assist you in the development of any grant application.

Grant and Funding Categories:

- Capital Improvements
- Infrastructure
- Public Health
- Environment and Conservation
- Disparate Communities
- Program Support and Administration
- Education and Advocacy

The information provided herein was updated in November of 2011. To receive the most current and accurate information about grant eligibility, deadlines and requirements, you should contact the grant organization directly.

Federal Transportation Funding Opportunities Allocated Through the Denver Regional Council of Governments:

The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization that is responsible for developing the Regional Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which determines how Federal transportation dollars are allocated through the Denver metro area. DRCOG provides assistance on the following federal transportation funding opportunities:

Congestion Mitigation /Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ)

Category: **Infrastructure/ Capital Improvements**

Purpose: Reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality

Surface Transportation Program (STP-M)

Category: **Infrastructure/ Capital Improvements**

Purpose: Fund mainly roadway projects

Transportation Enhancements (STP-TE)

Category: **Infrastructure/ Capital Improvements**

Purpose: Fund mainly bicycle and pedestrian projects

Please contact DRCOG for more information.

Contact Info: Phone: 303-455-1000 Email: drcog@drcog.org Web: <http://drcog.org>

State and Private Foundations Grant Opportunities:

Bikes Belong

<http://www.bikesbelong.org/>

Category: **Infrastructure / Education and Advocacy**

Purpose: “Based in Boulder, Colorado Bikes Belong has a goal of placing more people on bicycles on a routine basis.

Since 1999, Bikes Belong has awarded 215 grants to municipalities and grassroots groups in 46 states and the District of Columbia, investing \$1.7 million in community bicycling project and leveraging close to \$650 million in federal, state, and private funding (Bikes Belong).”

| Application Deadlines | Length of Grant | Matching Funds | Maximum Award |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| February 29, 2012 | Inquire with agency | Inquire with agency | \$10,000 |
| June 29, 2012 | Inquire with agency | Inquire with agency | \$10,000 |

Grant Types: Bike paths, rail trails, mountain bike trails, bike parks, BMX facilities, large-scale bicycle advocacy initiatives

Eligibility: The Bikes Belong Grants Program has two application categories:

- Facility
- Advocacy

“For the facility category, Bikes Belong will accept applications from nonprofit organizations whose missions are bicycle and/or trail specific. We will also accept applications from public agencies and departments at the national, state, regional, and local levels; however we encourage these municipalities to align with a local bicycle advocacy group that will help develop and advance the project or program.

For the advocacy category, Bikes Belong will only fund organizations whose primary mission is bicycle advocacy (Bikes Belong).”

Contact Info: phone: 303-449-4893 email: mail@bikesbelong.org

Boettcher Foundation

www.boettcherfoundation.org

Category: **Capital Improvements**

Purpose: Provides funds to assist, encourage, and promote the residents of Colorado through capital improvement projects. The foundation focuses on arts, culture, education, and healthcare.

Eligibility: Nonprofit and governmental entities

Grant Types: Building construction and remodeling

Contact Info: phone: 800-323-9640 email: info@BoettcherFoundation.org

Additional Information: **They currently are not taking formal grant applications, but are interested in hearing about your potential capital improvement projects.**

Caring for Colorado

<http://caringforcolorado.org/>

Category: **Education and Advocacy / Public Health**

Purpose: The Caring for Colorado Foundation was created to achieve a vision that ensures the people of Colorado are the healthiest in the nation. It is our intention that grants will result in measurable and visible improvements in the health of individuals and communities (Caring for Colorado).

| Application Deadline | Length of Grant | Matching Funds | Maximum Award |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| March 9, 2012 | Inquire with agency | Inquire with agency | Varies, depends on application |

Grant Types A) Assure accessible, affordable and available health services
B) Reduce barriers to maximizing health, especially among underserved populations
C) Address the health continuum from prevention and health promotion, to direct care, to impacting the root causes of health problems

Eligibility: Nonprofit and governmental entities

Contact Info: phone: 720-524-0770 email: sfaust@caringforcolorado.org

Colorado Garden Show, Inc.

www.gardeningcolorado.com

Category: **Capital Improvements / Program Support and Administration**

Purpose: In the past 20 years, organizations throughout Colorado have received grants totaling over \$3,000,000 from Colorado Garden Show, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to furthering the horticultural industry. Helping cities and organizations plant trees, support improvements in many communities throughout the state, support the work of garden clubs, and help to underwrite the publication of educational brochures. (Colorado Garden Show, Inc.).

| Application Deadline | Length of Grant | Matching Funds | Maximum Award |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| August 30, 2012 | Inquire with agency | Inquire with agency | \$25,000 |

Eligibility: Nonprofit, private sector, and governmental entities

Grant Types: Landscape improvements, open space, and general operating

Past Grants

Awarded: Lyons Garden Club, Lyons, CO (\$3,000.00); South Suburban Parks & Recreation, Centennial, CO (\$10,000.00); Pine Grove Elementary School, Parker, CO (\$1,000.00); City of Brighton Xeriscape Demonstration Garden

Contact Info: phone: 303-932-8100 email: info@gardeningcolorado.com

Colorado Health Foundation

www.coloradohealth.org

Category: **Public Health / Disparate Communities**

Purpose: Improve healthy living policies and projects and improve access to healthier food choices and recreational exercise.

| Application Deadlines | Length of Grant | Matching Funds | Maximum Award |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| February 15, 2012 | Inquire with agency | Inquire with agency | Varies on application |
| June 15, 2012 | Inquire with agency | Inquire with agency | Varies on application |
| October 15, 2012 | Inquire with agency | Inquire with agency | Varies on application |

Eligibility: Nonprofit and governmental entities

Grant Types: Healthy living, health coverage, and health care

Past Grants

Awarded: Healthy Schools Partnerships, Commerce City, CO (\$1,256,000.00); Promoting Colorado Association of School Executives, Healthy Schools to School Administrators, Englewood, CO (\$446,952.00)

Contact Info: phone: 303-953-3600

Fishing is Fun in Colorado (FIF): Colorado Department of Natural Resources

<http://wildlife.state.co.us/Fishing/ResourcesTips/FishingIsFunProgram/>

Category: **Capital Improvements / Education and Advocacy / Environment and Conservation**

Purpose: The Fishing Is Fun Program has proven to be an important and effective initiative to enhance Colorado's angling resources. This unique program brings together local communities, the Division of Wildlife, and federal Sport Fish Restoration Program funds in support of projects to open up new waters to fishing or to enhance existing ones. More than \$18 million has been awarded through the Fishing Is Fun Program to 270 projects in nearly every county in the state

(Colorado Department of Natural Resources).

| Application Deadline | Length of Grant | Matching Funds | Maximum Award |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| March, 2012 Check website for specific deadline date | Inquire with agency | 25% of project costs | Inquire with agency |

Eligibility: Governmental entities

Grant Types: Site development, habitat, access to streams and lakes

Past Grants

Awarded: City of Longmont, McCall Lake improvements (\$26,000) City of Highlands Ranch, Spring Gulch improvements (\$58,000); City of Denver, habitat improvements on the South Platte in South Platte Park (\$80,500)

Contact info: email: jim.guthrie@state.co.us

Great Outdoors Colorado: GOCO

www.goco.org

Category: **Capital Improvements / Education and Advocacy / Environment and Conservation**

Purpose: Great Outdoors Colorado dedicates a portion of state lottery proceeds to projects that preserve, protect, and enhance Colorado's wildlife, parks, rivers, trails, and open spaces. Since it began awarding grants in 1994, GOCO has awarded nearly \$690 million for more than 3,000 projects throughout the state (Great Outdoors Colorado).

| Application Deadlines | Length of Grant | Matching Funds | Maximum Award |
|--|-----------------|--|---------------|
| Spring deadline: March 2, 2012 Fall deadline: August 31, 2012 | 24 months | 25% match from other sources, GOCO requires at least 12.5% to be in cash. The rest of the match may be in-kind donations | \$75,000 |

Eligibility: Nonprofit and governmental entities

Grant Types: Open space land conservation, trail development, recreation, and habitat conservation

Past Grants

Awarded: Thornton Trail Winds Park & Open Space Skate Park, Thornton, CO (\$200,000);
Westminster Hills Open Space, Westminster, CO (\$771,000)

Contact Info: phone: 303.226.4500 email: info@goco.org

Laura Jane Musser Fund

<http://www.musserfund.org/>

Category: **Environment and Conservation / Program Support and Administration**

Purpose: Promote public use of open space that improves a community's quality of life and public health, while also ensuring the protection of healthy, viable and sustainable ecosystems by protecting or restoring habitat for a diversity of plant and animal species.

Environmental Initiative Grant Program

| Application Deadline | Length of Grant | Matching Funds | Maximum Award |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| March, 2012 Check website for specific deadline date | Inquire with agency | Inquire with agency | Varies on application |

Rural Initiative Grant Program

- The applicant community must have a population of 10,000 or fewer and must be able to demonstrate the rural characteristics of their location.

| Application Deadline | Length of Grant | Matching Funds | Maximum Award |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|--|
| November, 2012 Check website for specific deadline date | Inquire with agency | Inquire with agency | Up to \$5,000 for Planning Funds Up to \$25,000 for Implementation Funds; Projects will be eligible for either planning or implementation funds, not both. |

Eligibility: Nonprofit and governmental entities

Grant Types: Project and program support

Focus Areas: Neighborhood development, environment, and conservation

Past Grants

Awarded: Colorado Working Landscapes (\$35,000); Central City Opera (\$7,500); Crestone Performances, Inc. (\$4,000)

Contact Info: phone: 612-825-2024 email: ljmusserfund@earthlink.net

Rose Community Foundation

<http://rcfdenver.org/index.htm>

Category: Capital Improvements / Education and Advocacy / Public Health

Purpose: Rose Community Foundation awards grants to organizations, projects and initiatives that support our mission and program priorities in the areas of Aging, Child and Family Development, Education, Health and Jewish Life.

“In all of our grant making, we strive to support projects that reflect Rose Community Foundation’s core values: social justice and nondiscrimination; strengthening the nonprofit sector; and supporting innovative approaches to community issues (Rose Community Foundation).”

| Application Deadline | Length of Grant | Matching Funds | Maximum Award |
|---|---|----------------------|------------------|
| No deadline; applications are considered as they are received | Typically less than three years, most grants are 1 year | 25% of project costs | No maximum award |

Grant Types: Older population:

- Increase mobility to the older population through improved access to transportation services; support economic and social needs of older population.

Education:

- Projects and efforts that support the development, recruitment, and/or retention of educators to ensure that teaching in low-income, high-minority schools is of the highest quality.

Eligibility: Nonprofit and governmental entities

Contact Info: phone: 303.398.7400 email: staff@rcfdenver.org

Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

<http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/>

Category: **Infrastructure / Education and Advocacy**

Purpose: The national SRTS program was established in 2005 to enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school; to make walking and bicycling to school safe and more appealing; and to facilitate the planning, development and implementation of projects that will improve safety, and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of schools (National Center for Safe Routes to School).

Grant Types: The program includes two funding tracks, one focused on infrastructure and the other on education. The program is federally funded and managed through the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). To learn more about the application process please see: <http://www.coloradodot.info/programs/bikeped/safe-routes>

Possible infrastructure projects:

- Installing Bicycle Parking Facilities
- Street Striping (bicycle lanes & crosswalks)
- Developing Off-Street Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities
- Installing Signs
- Installing or Improving Sidewalks
- Increasing Connections between locations

Possible non-infrastructure (educational) projects:

- Teaching Pedestrian and Bicycle Education to Teachers
- Implementing a Public Awareness Campaign
- Completing a Bicycle and Pedestrian Audit
- Teaching Traffic Safety to Students and Parents (Bike Rodeo)
- Creating a Crossing Guard Program
- Developing a Walking and Bicycling School Bus Program

Infrastructure Application

| Application Deadline | Length of Grant | Matching Funds | Maximum Award Infrastructure |
|---|---------------------------------------|----------------|---|
| Posted: August 1, 2012 Due: December 7, 2012 | Two years from date of contract start | No | \$250,000 maximum award and a minimum request of \$50,000 |

Non-Infrastructure Application

| Application Deadline | Length of Grant | Matching Funds | Maximum Award Non-Infrastructure |
|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Posted: August 1, 2012 Due: December 7, 2012 | Two years from date of contract start | No | No maximum award amount and a minimum request of \$3,500 |

Eligibility: Any political subdivision of the state (school district, city, county, state entity, tribal entity) may apply. Nonprofits may also apply by partnering with a state subdivision. The state subdivision must agree to be the contracting authority.

Contact Info: Phone: 303-757-9088 Email: SRTS@dot.state.co.us