Affordable Housing Funding: New Dates, Locations, and Webpage for 2019 Statewide Outreach and Engagement

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs Division of Housing (DOH), Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA), and Housing Colorado have added two new events to the series of outreach and engagement forums taking place across Colorado in 2019.

Participants have the opportunity to hear from DOH, CHFA, and Housing Colorado on policies, programs, and recent housing-related legislation, engage in facilitated discussions about different sectors of the affordable housing continuum, and offer input on regional housing needs and priorities.

The information collected through stakeholder outreach and engagement forums, together with housing and population data, evidence-based best practices, and economic analyses, will inform the allocations of state funds to affordable housing programs and projects that meet the needs of local communities. Resources distributed at previous outreach and engagement forums in Grand Junction (June 27) and Pueblo (July 11), including regional community housing profiles, affordable housing case studies, and DOH’s Affordable Housing Guide for Local Officials, are now available on the DOH website (bit.ly/30ZEQpQ).

More than 200 individuals have already participated in outreach and engagement forums in Grand Junction and Pueblo and 300 more are registered to join upcoming conversations in Durango, Bent County, Denver, Fort Collins, and Summit County. Your input is essential. If you have not already provided input, stakeholder input is also being collected via a survey (available at bit.ly/2Yom9OW) closing on Oct. 18.

If you would like more information, please contact CML Legislative and Policy Advocate Meghan Dollar (mdollar@cml.org).

Bent County (New Event)
Wednesday, Aug. 7, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Bent County Community Center
1214 Ambassador Thompson Blvd.
Las Animas, CO 81054
Registration and agenda are available at bit.ly/2YkrVto.

Denver (New expanded location)
Thursday, Aug. 22, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Staenberg-Loup Jewish Community Center
350 S Dahlia St, Denver, CO 80246
Registration and agenda are available at bit.ly/32SrRRC.

Fort Collins (New expanded location)
Thursday, Aug. 29, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Fort Collins Senior Center
1200 Raintree Dr, Fort Collins, CO 80526
Registration and agenda are available at bit.ly/2Gr90u4.

Summit County (New Event)
Monday, Sept. 23, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Summit County Senior Center
83 Nancy’s Place, CR 1014 Frisco, CO 80443
Registration and agenda are available at bit.ly/2YypkUJ.

CML Releases New Municipal Courts Publication

Municipal courts are an integral part of municipal government and help municipalities ensure a good quality of life in their communities. Municipal Courts, a brand new publication by CML, provides an overview of municipal courts and the best practices for their operation, as well as suggestions on evaluating a municipal court. The goal is to empower elected officials to be more informed about their municipal courts and provide them the necessary tools for successful outcomes.

This publication was developed with the guidance of the CML Municipal Court Best Practices Subcommittee, made up of judges, attorneys, managers, and a court administrator. CML would like to thank Bob Frick, Longmont judge; Corinne Magid, former Northglenn and Golden municipal judge; Greg Clifton, former CML executive board member; Heather Brooks, Alamosa city manager; Jason Meyers, Woodland Park city attorney; Erich Schwiesow, Alamosa city attorney; and Tamara Wolfe, Englewood court administrator. Their expertise was imperative to the success of this publication.

While the publication should not be taken as legal advice, we believe you will find it to be a valuable resource.

One copy of the publication was sent to all member municipalities. Additional printed copies of Municipal Courts may be ordered from CML at www.cml.org. The publication may also be downloaded in PDF format.

CML continues to produce reference guides and best practices publications addressing key issues facing Colorado municipalities. For a complete list of CML publications, visit www.cml.org.
For Sale
The Mt. Crested Butte Police Department has for sale a 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe 4WD, 142,500 miles, white, new battery, working light bar with controls, working radar — front/rear antennas, wired and antenna for VHF radio, full cage, locking gun rack for two long guns, good condition. This vehicle is being offered at a discount from market price to any law enforcement agency that may benefit from the purchase. Any offer considered. Photos available. Contact Marge at 970-349-6516 or m.trautman@mtcbpd.us.

For Free
The Town of Hudson’s Marshal’s Office is offering at no cost to any law enforcement agency three surplus vehicles: a 2010 Chevy Impala with emergency equipment; a 2011 Chevy Impala with emergency equipment; and a 2010 Dodge Charger. For details, contact Chief Michael Maudlin at 303-536-9311.

To Place an Ad ...
Contact Christine Taniguchi, CML communications coordinator, by email at ctaniguchi@cml.org.

$6 Million Available in Grant Funding for Census Outreach
The Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Census Outreach Grant program will provide grants to local governments, intergovernmental agencies, councils of government, housing authorities, school districts, nonprofit organizations, and the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes to support the accurate counting of the population of the state for the 2020 census. Funds made available through this program are to conduct 2020 census outreach, education, and promotion to focus on hard-to-count communities in the state. Hard-to-count, for the purposes of this grant program, means communities and populations that have been historically undercounted by previous decennial censuses including, but not limited to, children under five years of age, racial and ethnic minorities, communities of color, American Indians and Alaska Natives, people with disabilities, people with low incomes, immigrants, people who speak and understand limited amounts of English, people living in rural areas of the state, people in the state without sufficient Internet access, adults 65 years or over and people who are transient or homeless.

The Census Outreach Grant Committee announced the Notice of Funds Available and the opening of the grant application on July 22. All applications must be completed by Sept. 15 through the e-grants portal at dola.colorado.gov/grants_portal/.

Visit www.colorado.gov/pacific/dola/census-2020-outreach-grant-program for updates to the grant program, or for more information, contact Matt Freeman, Census program administrator, at matt.freeman@state.co.us or 303-864-7705.

Research Corner: ICMA Releases 2018 Municipal Form of Government Survey Results
ICMA’s Municipal Form of Government survey has been conducted nine times since 1974 and is the most comprehensive resource available on the structure of local government in the United States.

The 2018 edition of ICMA’s Municipal Form of Government Survey was distributed by mail to the clerks of almost 13,000 municipal governments and had a 32.2% response rate.

Highlights from the survey include:
• Among survey respondents, the council-manager form of government remains the most popular form of government for medium to large local governments. The mayor-council form of government is the most popular form of government among responding municipalities with fewer than 5,000 residents.
• Three in four responding local governments have a chief appointed official (CAO), including more than half of mayor-council local governments.
• Much like in Colorado, the majority (69.9%) of municipal general elections are nonpartisan, with no political affiliation listed for council candidates.
• The vast majority (83.3%) of chief elected official positions (mayor or council president) are part-time, and 92.1% of respondents indicated that their councilmember positions are part-time. Just over 85% of municipalities pay their elected officials through salary, per diem, or other methods.
• Among respondents, nearly three-quarters of council members in the U.S. were male (note that the survey was administered prior to the 2018 elections).
• More than two in five council members in the U.S. are over the age of 60.
• Council members are most commonly retirees. When not retired, they come from a variety of occupations, the most common being business executives or managers.

To view the report in its entirety, please visit icma.org/2018-municipal-form-of-government-survey.
Colorado Municipal Clerk of the Year and Other Award Nominations Sought

Every year, the Colorado Municipal Clerks Association (CMCA) honors and recognizes the contributions of individuals who have made a notable impact on their municipality or on the organization. We are seeking nominations for awards to be presented at the CMCA Annual Fall Conference hosted by the City of Durango, Oct. 15–18. Visit durangogov.org/cmca to fill out the nomination form. Please note that it is not necessary to create an account to submit the nomination form.

CMCA is seeking nominations for:
- CMCA Clerk of the Year
- Outstanding Contribution to a Municipality by a Clerk or Deputy Clerk
- Outstanding Contribution to CMCA by a Clerk or Deputy Clerk
- Outstanding Contribution to CMCA by a Person Other Than a Clerk (i.e., CML, State or Local Agencies, etc.)

For more information contact Chris Vicari, Durango deputy city clerk and Colorado Municipal Clerks Association awards committee chair, at 970-375-5011 or chris.vicari@durangogov.org.

CML District Meetings

Join CML for an evening of conversation and connections in your region!

Each fall, CML staff members hit the road for a series of regional meetings throughout the state, hosted by a city or town from each district. These meetings begin at 4 p.m. with a business meeting where you will hear about CML’s policy process and be able to provide your input as we prepare for the 2020 legislative session. You will also be invited to share what is happening in your municipality.

The connection continues after the business meeting, with a social hour and dinner arranged by the district’s host municipality. (There is a nominal fee to attend these meetings to cover the dinner costs.)

RSVPs are required. For more information and to RSVP, visit www.cml.org/outreach.

- Sept. 4 – District 4, Woodland Park
- Sept. 4 – District 3, Brighton
- Sept. 5 – District 13, Westcliff/Silver Cliff
- Sept. 11 – District 11, Parachute
- Sept. 12 – District 12, Snowmass Village
- Sept. 18 – Districts 7/14, La Veta
- Sept. 19 – District 6, Rocky Ford
- Sept. 19 – District 1, Fleming
- Sept. 24 – District 8, San Luis
- Sept. 25 – District 9, Cortez
- Sept. 26 – District 10, Montrose
- Oct. 1 – District 5, Cheyenne Wells
- Oct. 3 – District 2, Windsor

Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act: 2019 Update

As of July 1, vaping has been prohibited indoors in most public places in Colorado. The new law aligns smoking and vaping by adding vaping to the Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act. This 2006 law already prohibited smoking indoors in most public places.

The updated law also requires those smoking or vaping to stand at least 25 feet away from the main entrance. This is an increase from the previous setback of 15 feet, unless local governments have codified a lesser perimeter as of Jan. 1, 2019. Local governments and businesses can also choose to do more, such as:
- Make dining patios, rear entrances or other outdoor settings smoke-free.
- Increase the setback distance to the entrance.

Studies show that e-cigarettes produce potentially toxic chemicals that are not safe to breathe. The most common place Coloradans report breathing secondhand smoke is entering a building.

Course Notebook

Taxes

The Colorado Senior Lobby will host a “Death and Taxes: Understanding at Least One of Them” seminar on Aug. 12 in Denver. The seminar will cover topics such as Gallagher (1982), TABOR (1992), Senior Property Tax Exemption (2000), Amendment 23 (2000) Referendum C (2005), and Proposition CC (2019). For more information or to register, visit www.coloradoseniorlobby.org.

Energy

The Eighth Annual Market Transformation Conference, Aug. 21–23, in Denver, offers a broad range of topics for those involved in the guaranteed energy savings performance contracting community through panel discussions, facilitated workshops, and a number of networking opportunities. Visit conference.energyservicescoalition.org to learn more and register.

Small Communities

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs will host its annual Small Communities Workshop on Aug. 28, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Limon. Presentations will focus on a collaborative approach to community strategic planning, long-term resiliency and disaster recovery, water and wastewater planning and funding coordination, housing legislation and funding, and Census 2020. For more information and to register, visit bit.ly/32rcxF.

CMCA Conference

Attend the Colorado Municipal Clerks Association Annual Conference on Oct. 16–18, in Durango. For more information and to register, visit bit.ly/2Y3ntHC.

Mayors’ Summit

Save the date for the annual CML Mayors’ Summit, Nov. 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. More details, including registration and agenda information, will be available soon.

NLC City Summit

The National League of Cities (NLC) City Summit, Nov. 20–23, in San Antonio, is where local leaders convene and collaborate on solutions to the common challenges facing America’s cities and towns. The conference offers tangible and new best practices for government officials to improve their conditions back home. For more information and to register, visit citysummit.nlc.org.
OEDIT Launches Remote Rural Work Program to Expand Workforce Dispersion across Colorado

By Jill McGranahan, OEDIT communications manager; and Grace Houser, OEDIT intern

Colorado’s economic strength and resilience shape today’s success and tomorrow’s possibility. Colorado boasts the nation’s number one economy and sustaining that prosperity depends on collective engagement. One of Gov. Polis’s core priorities is ensuring that Colorado’s rural communities are active participants in Colorado’s sustained prosperity. The new Remote Rural Work Program incentivizes job creation that stretches beyond the confines of Colorado’s urban centers. The Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) has launched this new program that targets location-neutral jobs and rewards job placement in locations outside of Colorado’s traditional urban corridors. By linking these flexible-location jobs with rural communities that seek economic partners, OEDIT spreads economic prosperity throughout our state, while leveraging rural Colorado’s exceptional quality of life in the talent attraction process.

The expanse of Colorado’s vibrant communities need not create geographic barriers between employees and opportunities. All of Colorado offers true opportunity and the Remote Rural Work Program unlocks that opportunity by engaging economic development stakeholders throughout the state and connecting job creation projects with Colorado’s rural communities that seek employment. The program succeeds by leveraging existing economic development tools that incentivize employers to hire on-site employees in urban areas as well as remote employees in rural areas.

The Remote Rural Work Program supports companies that allow employees to work in a rural location at least three days a week, making them eligible for a Strategic Fund cash incentive in addition to applying for Job Growth Incentive Tax Credits (JGITC). The Strategic Fund incentive can be layered with the JGITC, creating optimal support for the eligible companies.

“Colorado’s economy is the best in the nation and our economic prosperity shouldn’t be constrained by geography or resources,” said OEDIT Executive Director Betsy Markey. “The Remote Rural Work Program is designed to encourage economic growth throughout the state by connecting location-neutral jobs with all of Colorado.”

The Remote Rural Work Program works with rural and urban economic development organizations to encourage new and expanded businesses to participate in the program for applicable new hires. The initiative benefits the rural communities that realize needed job creation and the companies that become eligible for Strategic Fund Incentives in addition to the core Job Growth Income Tax Credit. Earned incentives are paid at the end of the Remote Rural Work Program’s five-year term. Awarded incentives are based on the number of new permanent rural jobs held for at least one year, averaged over the five-year term.

“This new tool creates a competitive advantage nationally for the metro region by encouraging a truly statewide workforce for companies moving here, and for our homegrown companies to stay and grow,” said J. J. Ament, CEO of the Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation. “By giving employers vision to more rural locations and the skilled workers living there, we can better assure that all of Colorado is benefiting from our economic success.

This is a win-win for rural Colorado and the Metro Denver region — and most importantly, for companies looking to find great talent anywhere in Colorado.”

“We are extremely excited about this new program here in Sterling,” said Trae Miller, executive director of the Logan County Economic Development Corporation. “This opens new possibilities for us to work more closely with the state and our metro area ED partners for rural access to high-paying jobs. This program can also give companies a new way to attract talent by offering options to live different lifestyles. Places like Sterling that have coworking facilities and vast high-speed broadband networks, coupled with affordable housing, are in a great position to leverage the Remote Rural Work Program.”

To kick-start the launch of the program, the Economic Development Commission voted to allocate $200,000 from the Strategic Fund for program marketing and recruiting. Eligible expenses include travel, marketing collateral, and other costs rural communities incur while collaborating with urban economic developers. Reimbursement awards are available annually. The Colorado Department of Local Affairs also committed an additional $100,000 to assist rural communities in marketing and recruiting efforts.

Contact oedit.info@state.co.us for more information. The Remote Rural Work Program launched on July 1 and will be re-evaluated after a one-year period.
Advocacy, information, and training to build strong cities and towns

2019 CML Annual Seminar on Municipal Law

Registration is open! The 2019 CML Annual Seminar on Municipal Law takes place Sept. 27–28 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Greeley at Lincoln Park. This seminar provides expert Colorado-specific information that is directly relevant to the daily practice of municipal attorneys in the state, as well as opportunities to network with peers. To register, visit www.cml.org.

Agenda

Friday, Sept. 27

9:00–10:30  Annual Survey of Municipal Law
Presented by your CML legal staff, and highlighting the League’s busy amicus docket from the past year

10:45–noon  Case Study: The New Lakewood Residential Growth Cap
The latest chapter in the saga of “ballot box growth management” in Colorado, a retrospective on a similar measure in Golden, and a look-ahead to potential future ballot measures

Noon–1:15  Luncheon Speakers: Opioid Class Action Litigation
An update on national opioid litigation involving Colorado municipalities and counties

1:30–2:45  Sexual Harassment Investigations
A primer on best practices for conducting internal investigations of sexual harassment complaints, up to and including complaints against elected officials

3:00–4:15  Municipal Courts and Criminal Justice Reform
A municipal prosecutor’s perspective on the wave of new statutory mandates and restrictions on municipal court operations

Saturday, Sept. 28

8:30–9:30  Regulatory Takings Refresher
Topics will include: new exposure to takings claims in federal courts; takings liability associated with regulation of extractive industries; moratoria and “temporary takings”

9:30–10:30  Extreme Risk Protection Orders
A deep dive on this complex and controversial new law, including a discussion of the municipal attorney’s role in petitioning for protection orders

10:45–noon  Dealing Ethically with Conflicting Client Demands
Juggling, prioritizing, and reconciling the myriad demands placed upon your time and attention as a municipal attorney

2019 Seminar Sponsorship Opportunities

There are two sponsorship levels available: the Supreme Sponsorship at $1,250 and the Amicus Sponsorship at $750. Both include registration(s) to attend the Seminar. For questions or information about sponsorship, email CML Communications Coordinator Christine Taniguchi at ctaniguchi@cml.org.

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Congratulations to Monique Grant for celebrating a CML work anniversary in August.

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