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## Department of Local Affairs provides \$23M in federal emergency rental assistance, affordable housing in July for Colorado



Lazy K property will also include the West Gunnison Community Park, built with a Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant received in early 2020. Lazy K will develop an early childhood education center in a later phase of the project.

Metro West Housing Solutions was awarded \$800,000 to assist with the construction of the second phase of Lamar Station Crossing in Lakewood. Phase II consists of adding 65 units made up of studios, and one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments for people with incomes between 20–80% of the AMI. Thirteen of the units are reserved for those in the two lowest AMIs.

Up to \$19.65 million in federal CARES Act funding for emergency rental assistance is now available to property owners on behalf of their tenants through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs Division of Housing. In addition, the division awarded \$3.27 million through the Colorado State Housing Board for affordable housing in July.

Applications are now open for landlords to apply for the Property Owner Preservation program on behalf of their residents impacted by COVID-19, which resides alongside the Emergency Housing Assistance Program for renters on the DOH website [bit.ly/31H3KfE](https://bit.ly/31H3KfE).

DOH awarded Bright Future Foundation \$660,000 to support the construction of Brighthouse Emergency Shelter in Gypsum. The trauma-informed housing design will have space to shelter up to 22 individuals. Seven units will have kitchenettes and one will accommodate larger families. This project will also have a communal kitchen, common area and on-site counseling space.

The division granted the City of Gunnison \$1.2 million to develop 4.3 acres of the 15-acre Lazy K property into a combination of single-family homes, duplexes and townhomes for families with incomes 80 to 120% of the area median income (AMI), with two homes at market rate. The

The Housing Authority of the City and County of Denver was granted \$585,000 to assist with new construction of the 53-unit Shoshone development in the Highlands neighborhood of Denver. The three-story building of one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments will be available to people between 20 and 80% of the AMI.

The State Housing Board and DOLA's Division of Housing continue to support the creation of affordable housing that is accessible, safe and secure for all Coloradoans. For complete information on Housing Board grant approvals, visit [bit.ly/3kwbkSY](https://bit.ly/3kwbkSY).

## Congratulations

CML congratulates Heather Stauffer and Sarah Werner who celebrated their work anniversary in July.



**Heather Stauffer**

CML legislative and policy advocate  
1 year



**Sarah Werner**

CML engagement and communications manager  
1 year

## Knowledge Now looks at changes to employment law

The Colorado General Assembly passed several employment-related bills during the 2020 legislative session that affect municipal operations statewide. A recently-released CML *Knowledge Now* details four of these bills, including the civil liability tied to the bills: paid sick leave, unemployment insurance, whistleblower protection, and race trait hairstyle anti-discrimination. The publication was sent to all recipients of this CML

*Newsletter*, and is also available at [cml.org](http://cml.org), under Publications & News > Knowledge Now, along with more white papers on a variety of topics.

To see the other enacted legislation that affects municipalities, please see our *Colorado Laws Enacted Affecting Municipalities* publication available on our website.

## In memory



### CML is saddened to report the passing of former Greeley City Manager Pete Morrell

Pete Morrell was city manager from 1972–1986 and is fondly remembered by

friends and colleagues in Greeley, around the state, and at CML. He was 85.

"Pete was a tremendous guy and wonderful. He loved being involved with CML and interacting with other city managers. He leaves a tremendous legacy of progress in Greeley," stated Sam Mamet, retired CML executive director.

"We knew Morrell well," said Ken Bueche, CML's executive director from 1974–2005. "Bernice loved dancing with him at CML functions!"



### Former Woodland Park Mayor Neil Levy passed away peacefully in the early morning of Aug. 1

Neil Levy was an active member of the

Woodland Park Chamber of Commerce from 2005 until 2013. In 2014, he became mayor of Woodland Park and held the position proudly until April 2020.

During former Mayor Levy's tenure, many public improvements were accomplished, including the construction and opening of the Woodland Aquatic Center — the cornerstone of all his achievements. He was also a regional leader, serving from 2014–2020 on the Board of Directors of Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments. Locally, he spent 43 years in the restaurant business, owning two landmark restaurants — the Peppertree and Swiss Chalet — until his death. Levy was also a tremendous advocate for public education and the youth in Woodland Park. He held several coaching positions and served as

head baseball coach at Woodland Park High School until 2019.

"Few people loved Woodland Park and the Pikes Peak region more and demonstrated it through their words and actions than this amazing father, husband, friend, entrepreneur, and public servant," said Darrin Tangeman, Woodland Park's city manager. "Levy undoubtedly leaves an indelible legacy behind in Woodland Park through his kind and inspiring leadership that touched every aspect of our community's government, education, nonprofits, and businesses. Anyone that ever had the pleasure to know Levy will always have a positive and uplifting memory of his service and true commitment to always make our community better than he found it."

Sam Mamet, retired CML executive director, said, "He was a wonderful mayor, city leader, and true friend. May Levy's memory be a blessing. He leaves this world a better place."

Former Mayor Neil Levy is survived by his wife Paula; sons Max; Sam, and Lou; all residing in Woodland Park; mother Elaine (Levy) Bleiweis; sisters Debra Martinelli, and Karen Hudson (Tommy).



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# Colorado announces five new co-responder programs that pair law enforcement with behavioral health professionals



The Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) has funded five new co-responder programs that pair law enforcement with behavioral health specialists. The new partnerships expand on a model that is successfully decreasing arrests among individuals experiencing behavioral health crises and connecting them to services.

Colorado's co-responder programs pair law enforcement and behavioral health

specialists to respond to mental health and substance use calls and conduct an immediate behavioral health assessment. The new partnerships — hosted in Arvada, Boulder County, Summit County, Eagle County and Westminster — bring the statewide total to 26 programs, serving 23 counties, and 57 communities. More than 55 law enforcement agencies across the state participate in co-responder programs.

The programs support officers in de-escalating situations and connecting those in crisis to appropriate treatment and services. Between July 2019 and May 2020, co-responder teams responded to 10,491 calls, 98% of which did not result in arrest, according to OBH data.

Despite state budget cuts this fiscal year to co-responder funding from SB 19-008, OBH expects to increase overall investment in co-responder programs this fiscal year through CARES Act funding from HB 20-1411 and other federal dollars. OBH is still finalizing the fiscal year 2020–2021 budget for OBH-funded co-responder programs.

"Implementing a behavioral health co-responder program has been a force multiplier for my agency," said Rick D. Brandt, chief of police for Evans. "Not only are we now able to immediately connect individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis with services that can help them, we have lessened the burden on the criminal justice system and local hospital emergency departments. Officers get back in service quicker when a co-responder is present to offer assistance and services."

## The Main Thing



The Main Thing is a collection of resources addressing reopening the economy compiled by Colorado Main Street, a program of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, to highlight innovations, give a thumbs-up to local practitioners, and encourage the spread of positive news.

Accompanying how-to guides are meant to provide a deeper dive into launching a few of these innovations in your community. These ideas highlight a positive and fun spin on the rules and boost a sense of community while maintaining a "safety first" perspective.

Both can be found at [bit.ly/31ECcaH](https://bit.ly/31ECcaH).

## Grant writing assistance related to substance abuse available for local governments



The Colorado Consortium is re-launching the Grant Writing Assistance Program for a second round. If your municipality needs assistance in applying for grants related to substance use services, we encourage you

to look into the Colorado Consortium's Grant Writing Assistance Program.

Through this program, local government and non-profit organizations can receive free

professional support with their grant writing efforts. For each grant that your municipality seeks assistance with, submit a Grant Writing Assistance Form. The consortium's team of professional grant writers are eager to help qualified organizations interpret, write, and review each of their eligible grant applications. If you applied for grant writing assistance in the first round, you are still eligible to reapply for this second round.

If you do not currently have a grant you need assistance with but would like to stay informed about grant opportunities, email [pm@corxconsortium.org](mailto:pm@corxconsortium.org) to be added to the Consortium's email list.

This program currently runs through Dec. 30, and all applications for grant writing assistance must be received by Dec. 11. This service can help build capacity and support at the local level in

these unique times.

For more information or any questions, email [pm@corxconsortium.org](mailto:pm@corxconsortium.org).



### 2020 Small Communities Workshop - Online Presentation Series

Save the dates - Aug. 13 to Sept. 24

Aug. 13 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. — Strategic Community Development - One Valley Prosperity Project: Creating Community and Jurisdictional Collaboration. And, Historic Splendid Valley Project with the City of Brighton

Aug. 20 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. — Economic Development/Community Financial First Aid

Aug. 27 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — Resiliency and Recovery Road Map

Sept. 3 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. — Addressing Affordable Housing Needs in Rural Communities

Sept. 10 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. — Demography/Rural Workforce Development

Sept. 17 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. — Land Use Strategies to Help Ensure a Secure Water Future

Sept. 24 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. — Lessons Learned In Small Communities during the COVID Crisis

FOR MORE INFORMATION, [BIT.LY/30T8FLG](https://bit.ly/30T8FLG)



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## OMNIA PARTNERS COVID-19 RESOURCES

In this time of uncertainty, we know procurement teams are working tirelessly to address their school and public agency needs but are hindered by their availability to procure the necessary products and services, including personal protective equipment.

OMNIA Partners, a cooperative purchasing organization that provides government and educational institutions access to a large portfolio of competitively solicited contracts from industry-leading suppliers, has assembled a task force to address your evolving needs during this time. This task force is working with the executive teams of our supplier partners to assist in the deployment of their COVID-19 plans.

## OFFERINGS IN OUR PORTFOLIO



**CLEANING & DISINFECTING SERVICES:**  
Deep Cleaning Services  
Surface Disinfectant & Sanitizer Spray Service  
Laundered Apparel  
Turnkey Emergency Services



**PPE & FACILITY SOLUTIONS:**  
Masks, Gloves, Gowns & Kits  
Thermometers & Digital Scanners  
Plexiglass Barriers  
Air Filtration Systems  
Modular Buildings  
Elevator/Escalator Sanitization



**CLEANING & DISINFECTING PRODUCTS:**  
Surface Cleaners  
Exterior Antimicrobial Disinfectants  
Touch-free Sanitation (Interior & Exterior)  
Spray Nozzles & Pumps for Hand Sanitizer



**FOOD:**  
Self-Contained Lunch Packages  
Single-Serve Condiments  
ToGo Packaging  
Culinary Sanitation



**TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS:**  
Hardware/Software  
Audio/Visual  
Remote Learning/Working Solutions  
Educational Software  
Zero-Touch Devices  
Cloud Solutions



**FURNITURE:**  
Mobile Cubes & Walls  
Workspace Separation Screens  
Outdoor Classroom Solutions  
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Join us for CML's first

# Virtual Conference!

Aug. 25-27, 2020

This conference will have plenty of opportunities for interaction with your fellow municipalities, a virtual exhibit hall, and 22 valuable sessions, from a legislative update, cybersecurity, and race and equity discussions to affordable housing, economic sustainability, and law enforcement integrity, designed to help your municipality adjust to the new normal.

**Sessions run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Fees for the Virtual Conference are:

Municipal Members	Associate Members	Non-Members
\$99	\$129	\$199

Register at [cml.org/virtualconference](https://cml.org/virtualconference)

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION  
AUG. 18**



## 2020 CML FALL DISTRICT MEETINGS

**Join the CML staff for the annual Fall District Meetings.** These meetings are a great chance to learn more about CML's legislative agenda and connect with other municipalities within your district. All meetings begin at 4 p.m., followed by a social hour and dinner before concluding around 7:30 p.m. Visit [bit.ly/2BqknmJ](https://bit.ly/2BqknmJ) for more information and to register!

Sept. 9 - District 4 - Victor  
Sept. 15 - District 5 - Limon  
Sept. 16 - District 6 - La Junta  
Sept. 17 - District 7 & 14 - Trinidad  
Sept. 17 - District 13 - Rockvale  
Sept. 22 - District 8 - La Jara  
Sept. 23 - District 1 - Akron

Sept. 23 - District 10 - Gunnison  
Sept. 24 - District 9 - Virtual  
Sept. 29 - District 2 - Kersey  
Sept. 29 - District 12 - Virtual  
Sept. 30 - District 11 - Rangely  
Sept. 30 - District 3 - Virtual

Unless otherwise noted, CML is planning to hold these events in person, with appropriate social distancing measures. If an in-person event is not possible, we will make the decision with our partners in a timely manner and update the CML website and any attendees who have registered.

**CONNECT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY!**

## Research corner: CDPHE releases latest Healthy Kids Colorado Survey data

On Aug. 3, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment released the latest statewide and regional results from the bi-annual statewide Healthy Kids Colorado Survey (HKCS).

The 2019 HKCS results show when young people have access to protective factors – like trusted adults, clear family rules, and feeling safe and connected at school – they are less likely to experience poor mental health and engage in unhealthy behaviors. Ensuring that all youth have equitable access to protective factors can help them thrive.

### MENTAL HEALTH

More youth are experiencing depression, but the percentage of youth who have seriously considered suicide and attempted suicide has not changed. In 2019, **34.7%** of youth reported feeling so sad or hopeless, up from **31.4%** in 2017 and **29.5%** in 2015.

### TOBACCO USE/VAPING

In Colorado, the percent of youth who vape has not significantly changed since 2015, and cigarette use is declining. In 2019, **5.7%** of youth reported smoking cigarettes compared to **7.2%** in 2017. In 2019, **25.9%** of youth reported vaping compared to **27.0%** in 2017. The percent of youth who think vaping is risky rose **23.2%** between 2017 and 2019.

### MARIJUANA

Youth marijuana use has not significantly changed since legalization, but the way youth are using marijuana is changing. In 2019, **20.6%** of youth said they use marijuana compared to **19.4%** in 2017. More youth are now vaping marijuana—**10.6%** in 2019 compared to **5.1%** in 2015. Dabbing rose from **4.3%** in 2015 to **20.4%** in 2019.

### SEXUAL HEALTH

The percent of youth who have had sex has not significantly changed since 2015. In 2019, **24.6%** of youth said they were sexually active. Of those youth, **59.4%** used a condom the last time they had sex, **79.2%** used birth control, and **78.5%** said they didn't use drugs or alcohol before sex.

### HEALTHY EATING, ACTIVE LIVING (HEAL)

In Colorado, sugary beverage consumption by youth is decreasing. In 2019, **14.4%** of youth consumed more than one soda per day in the last week compared to **15.8%** in 2017. The percent of youth who are overweight or obese has not significantly changed since 2015.

### SUBSTANCE USE

Youth who report that they use **alcohol (29.6%)**, **marijuana (20.6%)**, or **vape (25.9%)** has not significantly changed since 2015. Cigarette use among youth has decreased from **7.2%** in 2017 to **5.7%** in 2019.

### PROTECTIVE FACTORS

Most youth in Colorado reported having a trusted adult to go to for help. In 2019, **72.7%** of youth report having a trusted adult to go to for help with a serious problem, **87.4%** of youth think their family has clear rules about alcohol and drug use, and **86.2%** of youth report feeling safe at school.



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