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## CAST members elect 2021 board



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executive director

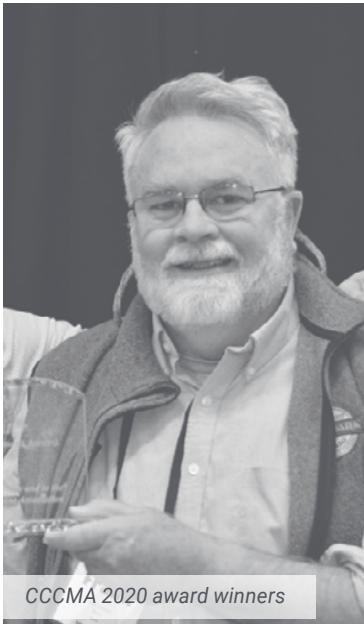
Recently, members of the Colorado Association of Ski Towns (CAST) elected the association's board members for 2021. They are:

- Todd Brown, mayor pro tem, Telluride

- Rick Holman, manager, Breckenridge
- Nancy Kerry, manager, Frisco
- Dara MacDonald, manager, Crested Butte
- Sarah Smith Hymes, mayor, Avon

CML maintains a very close relationship with CAST and the specific issues facing ski towns. The new board will meet in the coming weeks to select a president, vice president and secretary/treasurer.

## Colorado City & County Management Association awards now open



CCCMA 2020 award winners



The Colorado City and County Management Association (CCCMA) is ready to celebrate the best of 2020!

Review the criteria at [bit.ly/3nvAFgh](https://bit.ly/3nvAFgh) and start the preparations for the nominations, due on Thursday, Jan. 28.

Categories are:

- Manager of the Year
- Assistant of the Year
- Trailblazer (moving the needle on diversity)
- Lifetime Achievement

We know this has been an extraordinary year, share how your colleagues in the managers' office have risen to the challenge!

Google Nomination Form: [bit.ly/2XJ25ox](https://bit.ly/2XJ25ox).

Contact Denise Taylor, executive director, Colorado City and County Management Association at 303-918-6771 with any questions.

## Congratulations

CML congratulates Allison Wright, who celebrated her work anniversary in January.



**Allison Wright**

finance and  
administration manager  
15 years

## In memory



**Bart Mendenhall**

The Colorado legal community lost a gifted attorney on Dec. 17, 2020. Harry Barton "Bart" Mendenhall II of Rocky Ford was 74 and sadly passed away from COVID-19. Bart was a lifelong resident of

Rocky Ford and served for many years as Rocky Ford city attorney, as well as general counsel for the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District and the Arkansas Valley Super Ditch Company. He was also a Rocky Ford city council member from 1977 to 1997 and involved in countless other organizations. CML extends condolences to Bart's family members and numerous friends and colleagues.



**Dora Pearcey**

CML learned recently that the Town of Eads longtime clerk, Dora Pearcey, passed away on Dec. 27, 2020 with her family at her side.

She was 89. Dora served as clerk from 1979 until her retirement in 1996. She remained very active in the community for years after her retirement and had been living since 2014 near her family at an assisted living facility in Windsor. The CML family sends our condolences to Dora's family.

## CML Legislative Workshop



This popular and timely workshop is being held virtually this year. It is your opportunity to discuss the key municipal issues before the General Assembly, CML's legislative program, and what you can do to influence the legislative process.

Date: **Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021**

Time: 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

For more information and to register visit [bit.ly/3snFBaL](https://bit.ly/3snFBaL). The cost of the workshop is \$49 for CML and associate members and \$99 for non-members.



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## Save the date

Unless otherwise noted, all webinars take place from noon to 1 p.m.

### January 13 - CML Legislative Kickoff

The CML Advocacy Team will discuss upcoming legislative issues for the 2021 Legislative Session. For more information and to register, visit [bit.ly/3ozqetq](http://bit.ly/3ozqetq).

### January 20 - Promoting Colorado with Care

This presentation will include the Colorado Tourism Office's fall campaign, their new school-cation program, and their dual focus for winter: using campaign resources 1) to drive recovery in the most afflicted parts of our state and 2) to share important safety messages (winter backcountry safety and anti-super spreader). The safety messages aim to reduce the impact on Colorado search and rescue operations and rural public health resources. For more information and to register, visit [bit.ly/3siNxtx](http://bit.ly/3siNxtx).

### January 27 - Streetlight Municipalization

Dave Zelenok, HR Green; Ken Fellman, attorney-Kissinger and Fellman; and Paul Vesel, RealTerm Energy are presenting on Streetlight Municipalization.

Topics include:

- Legal aspects
- Municipalization, privatization, and operations
- Engineering and technical issues
- Smart cities and emerging technologies
- Costs, benefits, alternatives and how cities can proceed.

For more information and to register, visit [bit.ly/38xcVE2](http://bit.ly/38xcVE2).

### February 2 - Census Webinar

U.S. Census Bureau will present information regarding the 2020 Census. For more information and to register, visit [bit.ly/3bw0M4e](http://bit.ly/3bw0M4e).

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For more information on webinars, visit [cml.org](http://cml.org) > Networking & Events. If you are interested in a training topic, contact Courtney Forehand, CML training and marketing specialist, at [cforehand@cml.org](mailto:cforehand@cml.org).



## Department of Local Affairs positioned to allocate \$67.1M for pandemic relief, veterans' assistance, affordable housing in Colorado



The Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Division of Housing (DOH) has received \$59 million in state COVID-19 housing relief, \$1.74 million in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Vouchers (HUD-VASH) and awarded \$6.41 million through the Colorado State Housing Board (SHB) for affordable housing in November and December.

Earlier this month, the Colorado legislature passed, and Gov. Jared Polis signed SB 20B-002, which allocated \$54 million for pandemic housing assistance programs previously created or expanded by federal Coronavirus Relief Funds. They include the Property Owner Preservation (POP) program, Emergency Housing Assistance Program (EHAP), youth homelessness programs, Left Behind Workers program, and Housing Counseling Assistance Program managed through Colorado Housing Connects. Another \$5 million is for direct assistance to households that do not qualify for other state and federal resources.

"Federal housing assistance passed by Congress for pandemic relief will complement

the special legislation passed by our state," said DOLA Housing Director Alison George. "Together, these resources will support our programs currently serving thousands of Coloradans, a number that is increasing each week."

Additionally in December, DOH received 200 HUD-VASH vouchers totaling \$1.74 million per year to provide more Colorado veterans with immediate access to permanent housing.

DOH awarded the Housing Authority of the City and County of Denver (DHA) \$900,000 to assist with the construction of Thrive, the second phase in the Sun Valley Redevelopment that includes 105 units of between three-and five-bedroom homes for families with incomes between 20% and 80% of the area median income (AMI). Thirty of those are market-rate units. DOH also awarded DHA \$700,000 for the GreenHaus portion of the Sun Valley Redevelopment, which includes another 79 affordable units.

The division granted The Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Government \$300,000 for continuation of their home improvement program (UMUT HIP) in Towaoc, for renovation of between 10

and 18 homes with numerous health and safety problems.

DOH awarded BCR Management, Inc. a \$3 million loan for construction of the 208-unit Draper Commons development in Colorado Springs. New studios, one- and two-bedroom apartments will be available to families and seniors with incomes at or below 30% to 70% of the AMI. The project's intergenerational approach will help address the housing shortage for seniors living on low and fixed incomes.

The division awarded the City of Lone

Tree, on behalf of Koelbel & Co, a \$615,000 grant for the acquisition of RidgeGate Station Affordable Apartments, a new five-story apartment building that will consist of 67 units for families with incomes up to 80% of the AMI.

DOH granted Delta County Housing Authority \$99,500 to rehabilitate three single-family rental properties to keep these affordable housing opportunities available for low-to-moderate income families in Delta County.

In November, DOH awarded Montezuma County \$800,000 for Calkins Commons in Cortez, a rehabilitation project of 12 units and new construction of 15 units aimed at serving families with incomes between 20% and 80% of the AMI.

"We are serving a wider range of Coloradans with housing support than ever before in our state's history," George added. "We are currently adding staff and improving infrastructure to make sure we meet needs effectively."

## Research corner: Employment recovery in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic

An article in the December 2020 *Monthly Labor Review*, published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, reviews economic research on recent pandemic-related job losses in the United States in order to understand the prospects for employment recovery. To read the full analysis, please visit [bit.ly/3nrv99S](https://bit.ly/3nrv99S).

### Unprecedented job losses



**22 million**  
jobs lost from February to April 2020

More than twice as many jobs were lost between March and April 2020 as were lost during the entire 2007-09 period of the Great Recession.



**23 million**  
unemployed people at the highest point in April 2020



**11 million**  
unemployed people in November 2020



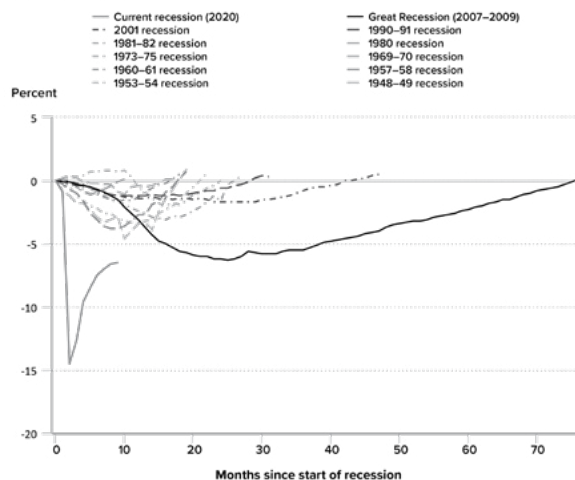
**79%**  
fraction of unemployed workers reporting being on temporary layoff in April 2020

**28%**  
previous high of unemployed workers on temporary layoff, in 1975



**5 years**  
time for the labor market to recover after the end of the Great Recession

Cumulative percentage change in current employment statistics in post-World War II recessions and subsequent recoveries



The largest employment losses by industry were in leisure and hospitality, especially in food services and drinking places; education and health services; professional and business services; retail trade; and arts, entertainment, and recreation.

**22%** decline of active business owners from February to April 2020—the largest drop on record.

**41%** decline in African-American business owners' employment

**36%** decline in immigrant business owners' employment

Elizabeth Weber Handwerker, Peter B. Meyer, Joseph Piacentini, Michael Schultz, and Leo Sveikauskas, "Employment recovery in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic," *Monthly Labor Review*, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, December 2020, at [bit.ly/3nrv99S](https://bit.ly/3nrv99S).

### Disruption of labor supply

Past recessions have disrupted employment almost entirely from the demand side. The **COVID-19 pandemic is unusual because it also disrupts labor supply**. Health concerns, family demands, and government policies all play roles in who can work and when.

**Closures of in-person schools and childcare facilities have the greatest impact on the labor supply of parents.**



**32%**  
of American workers have someone in their household who is younger than age 14.

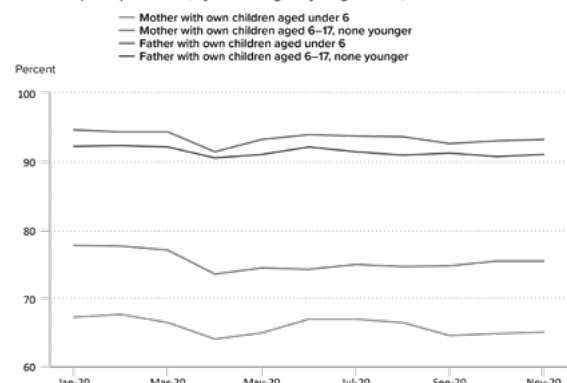


**2hrs/week**  
reduction in paid work hours for mothers of children aged 1-12 in April; fathers of similarly aged children did not reduce their paid hours

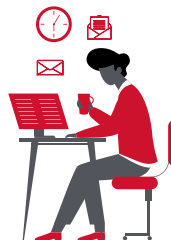
**21%**  
do not have a nonemployed adult in the household who might potentially serve as a caregiver.

**7 million**  
workers who did not work each week in May, June, and July 2020 because they had to provide care for children who were not in school or childcare

Labor force participation rate, by sex and age of youngest child, 2020



### A rise in telework



**37%**  
approximate number of U.S. jobs that can be performed from home, accounting for 46% of all U.S. wages

**1/6**  
of the workforce was doing remote-only work at the start of the pandemic. **One-third** of all U.S. workers shifted to remote-only work by April 2020.

**Government workers were more likely than private sector workers to telework.**

Those workers who could work from home tended to be

- more educated
- aged 25 or older
- married
- white
- working full time
- and were 3 times less likely to lose their jobs than those who could not.

**16.6%**  
estimated share of days that will be continue to be worked from home after the pandemic, rising from 5.5% in 2019



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