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The American Rescue Plan Act: How Municipalities can Access State Funding

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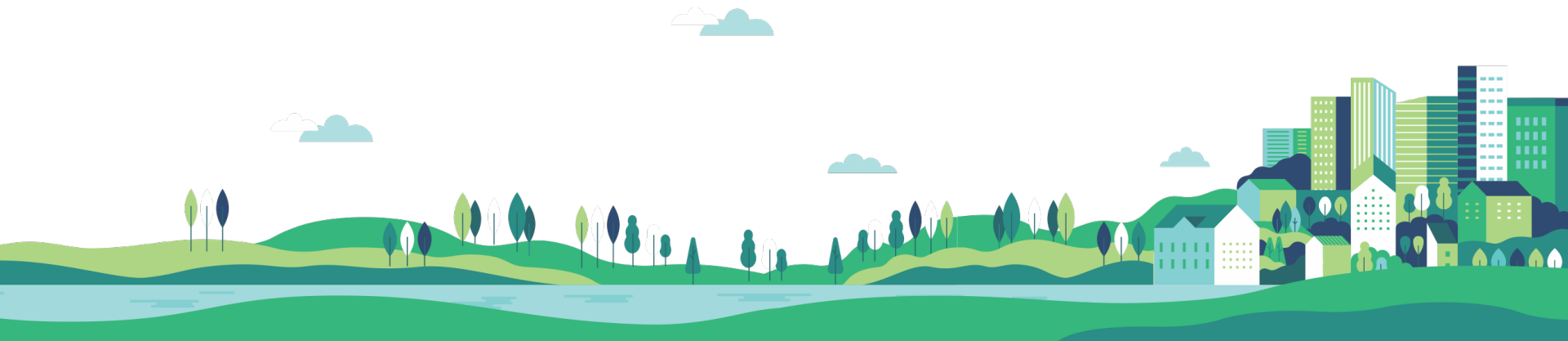
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Affordable Housing Transformational Taskforce (Created by HB21-1329)

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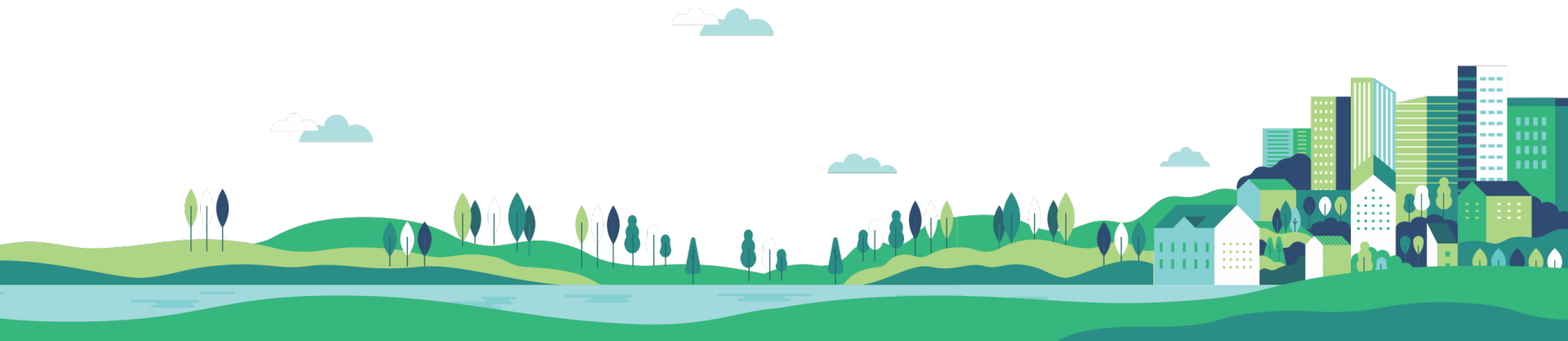
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Affordable Housing



Innovative Affordable Housing Strategies Incentive Program **Department of Local Affairs** <https://cdola.colorado.gov/1271>

[HB21-1271](#) creates three new programs and allocates over \$30 million for the purpose of offering grant money and other forms of state assistance to local governments to promote innovative solutions to the development of affordable housing across the state.

DOLA's Division of Local Government (DLG), Community Development Office (CDO) will administer two of the new programs, the Affordable Housing Development Incentives Grant Program and the Planning Grant Program. DOLA's Division of Housing (DOH) will administer the Affordable Housing Guided Toolkit and Local Officials Guide Program (Affordable Housing Toolkit Program).

Application Deadline: Ongoing. Due to the nature of stimulus funding, all three programs must spend funds by June 30, 2024.

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Emergency Rental Assistance **Department of Local Affairs** <https://cdola.colorado.gov/rental-mortgage-assistance>

Over \$600 million to tenants who have been unable to pay rent due to financial hardship caused by COVID-19. The Colorado Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) can help cover rent as far back as April 2020. Help can include past due, current, and two additional months of rent up to a maximum of 15 months of assistance.

Application Deadline: Ongoing.

Contact: CALL OR TEXT 1-888-480-0066

Home Ownership Assistance Fund **Department of Local Affairs** <https://cdola.colorado.gov/rental-mortgage-assistance>

[The Homeownership Assistance Fund \(HAF\)](#) through HR1319: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) is providing Colorado \$175,080,858 to address homeownership needs throughout Colorado. The purpose of the Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) is to prevent mortgage delinquencies and defaults, foreclosures, loss of utilities or home energy services, and displacement of homeowners experiencing financial hardship after January 21, 2020. Funds from the HAF may be used for assistance with mortgage payments, homeowner's insurance, utility payments, and other specified purposes. The law prioritizes funds for homeowners who have experienced the greatest hardships, leveraging local and national income indicators to maximize the impact.

DOLA is waiting for approval of HAF Plan.

Contact: Your DOLA Regional Manager or Housing Development Specialist

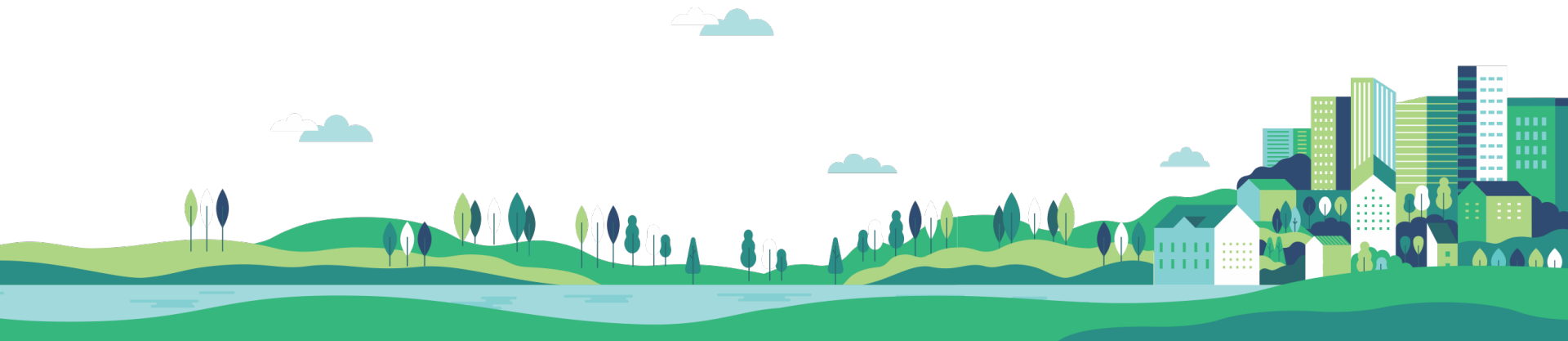
Development Grants for Using Vacant Buildings **Department of Local Affairs <https://cdola.colorado.gov/housing-development-grant-funds-hdg>**

Allocates \$30 million from the affordable housing and home ownership cash fund to the housing development grant fund for the funding of rental assistance and tenancy support programs related to the rental, acquisition, or renovation of underutilized hotels, underutilized motels, and other underutilized properties, and the awarding of grants and loans for the rental, acquisition, or renovation of underutilized hotels, underutilized motels, and other underutilized properties. The act also transfers \$15 million from the general fund to the affordable housing and home ownership cash fund.

Application Deadline: Ongoing.

Contact: Your Regional Housing Development Specialist

Agriculture



Drought Resiliency Program ***Department of Agriculture***

Senate Bill 21-234 appropriated \$3 million in state stimulus funding for the various agriculture resiliency programs. Of that funding, the Department of Agriculture has dedicated \$1.5 million of this funding to the Drought Resiliency Program. Funding will be directed to projects that address drought and that have widespread, long-term impact.

Eligible Entities: tribes; municipalities, enterprises, counties, and other state agencies; special Districts, including conservancy, conservation and irrigation districts; federal agencies that apply with a state entity; private Incorporated entities, including mutual ditch companies, homeowners associations, and corporations; private individuals, partnerships and sole proprietors; and Non-Governmental Organizations.

*Application Deadline: **September 30, 2021***

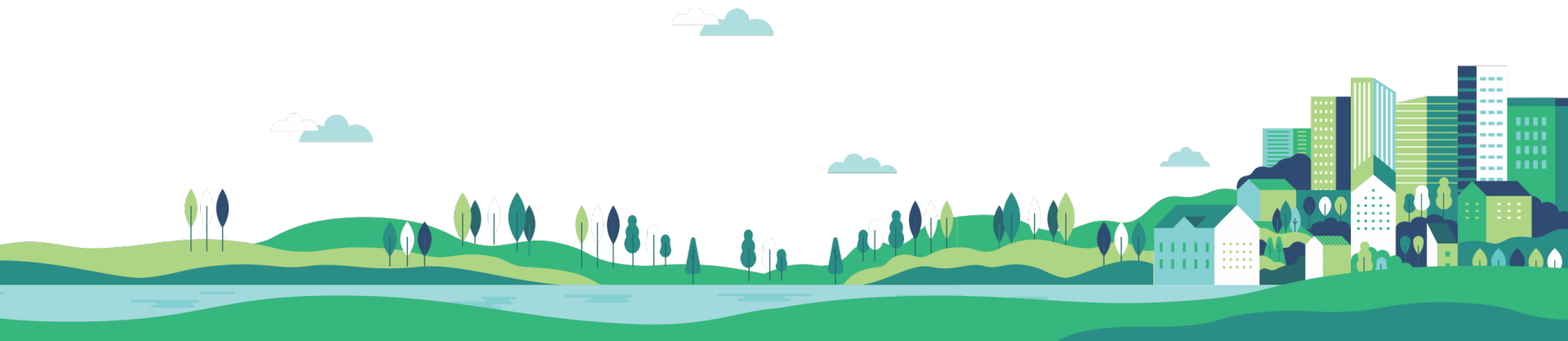
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Additional Programs through CDA

- Colorado Proud, funded through Senate Bill 21-203
- Agriculture Efficiency Programs, funding through Senate Bill 21-235
- Agriculture Revolving Loan Program, direct assistance to farmers and ranchers

<https://ag.colorado.gov/colorado-comeback-agricultural-stimulus>

Downtown and Community Revitalization



Colorado Community Revitalization Grant ***Office of Economic Development and International Trade*** <https://oedit.colorado.gov/colorado-community-revitalization-grant>

This program, enacted in [Senate Bill 21-252](#), provides gap funding for projects in creative districts, historic districts, main streets or neighborhood commercial centers. It will support creative projects that combine creative industry workforce housing, commercial spaces, performance space, community gathering spaces, child care centers, and retail partnerships for the purpose of economic recovery and diversification by supporting creative sector entrepreneurs, artisans, and community non-profit organizations.

Funding amounts are based on:

- total project cost
- other sources of secured permanent funding
- gap amount needed for the project

Application Deadline: First Funding Round, October 1, 2021 (all funds must be expended by December 1, 2022)

Contact: Sara Henderson, sarah.harrison@state.co.us

Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) ***Department of Local Affairs***

<https://cdola.colorado.gov/funding-programs/rural-economic-development-initiative>

Goal of the program is to help rural communities comprehensively diversify their local economy and improve economic resiliency.

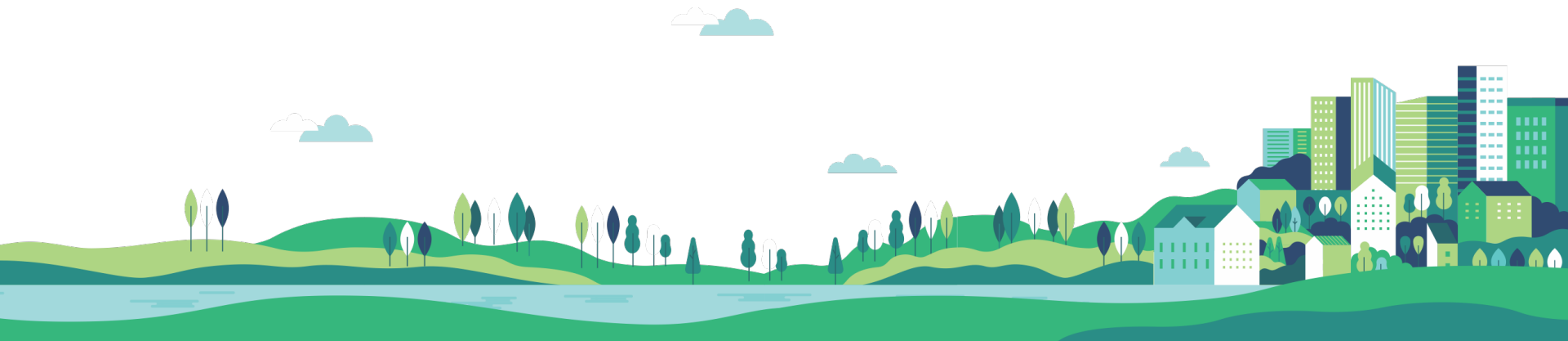
Open to projects in counties with less than 50,000 people, and from communities with fewer than 25,000 people. Projects should fall into one or more of the following categories:

- **Job creation and retention** - Both through direct and indirect means.
- **Capacity building** - Under special circumstances DOLA will consider funding local economic development capacity. Staff must be tied to a specific outcome, project, and timeline, which contributes to goals of job creation, business attraction/retention, and economic resilience.
- **Economic resilience** - Economic resilience is the ability of a community's economy and systems that support the economy to withstand disruption and thrive in the face of change.
- **Supports entrepreneurial ecosystems** - Entrepreneurial ecosystems provide trainings, networking opportunities, and infrastructure to support local entrepreneurs.

Application Deadline: October 1, 2021

Contact: [DOLA Regional Manager](#)

Economy and Business



Colorado Just Transition and Rural Economic Diversification *Department of Labor and Employment*

House Bill 21-1290 dedicated \$15 million of state stimulus funding to the Just Transition Office and the newly created Coal Transition Worker Assistance Program. The bill allocated funded for the department to implement the [Colorado Just Transition Action Plan](#).

The Office of Just Transition's main goal is to Identify or estimate the timing and location of facility closures and job layoffs in coal-related industries and make recommendations for how to most effectively respond to these economic dislocations. The influx in funding to this program will help to support coal transition communities.

Application Deadline: Ongoing

Contact: Wade Buchanan, via [form submission](#)

Rural Jump-Start Program ***Office of Economic Development and International Trade***

The Rural Jump-Start Program helps economically distressed communities attract new businesses and jobs. Counties, municipalities, and higher education institutions work together to apply for this program.

When a community is a designated rural jump-start zone, new businesses can receive incentive payments and tax relief including credits, exemptions, and refunds from:

- state income tax
- state sales and use tax
- county and municipal personal property taxes

Employees of new businesses receive a grant for starting a new business and a tax credit for 100% of state income taxes on their wages for work in the rural jump-start zone. The Rural Jump-Start Program began in January 2016 and will accept applications through December 31, 2025.

Application Deadline: Rolling

Contact: Andrea Blankenship, andrea.blankenship@state.co.us

Rural Technical Assistance Program

Office of Economic Development <https://oedit.colorado.gov/rural-technical-assistance-program>

The Rural Technical Assistance Program provides free technical assistance, consulting, and funding opportunities to help rural communities, including municipalities, create economic development strategies. The goal of the program is to provide, education, project development, and implementation assistance to communities that may not have the administrative capacity to focus on economic development. The program will also help communities create metrics for success that align with your community's goals in order to provide accountability and verifiable impact.

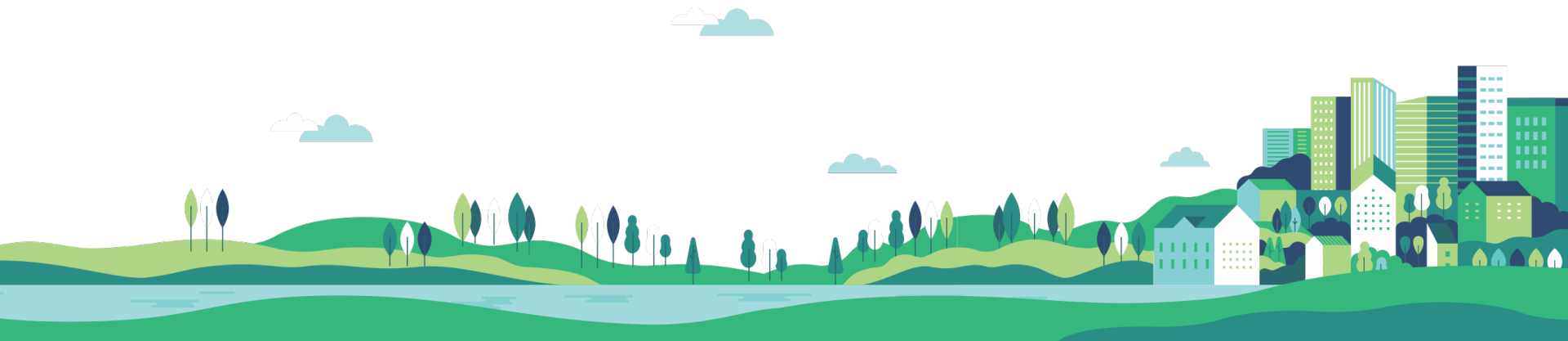
The program's three phases are:

- Phase 1: Education
- Phase 2: Technical Outreach
- Phase 3: Implementation

Application Deadline: Rolling

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Energy



Renewable and Clean Energy Initiative ***Department of Local Affairs***

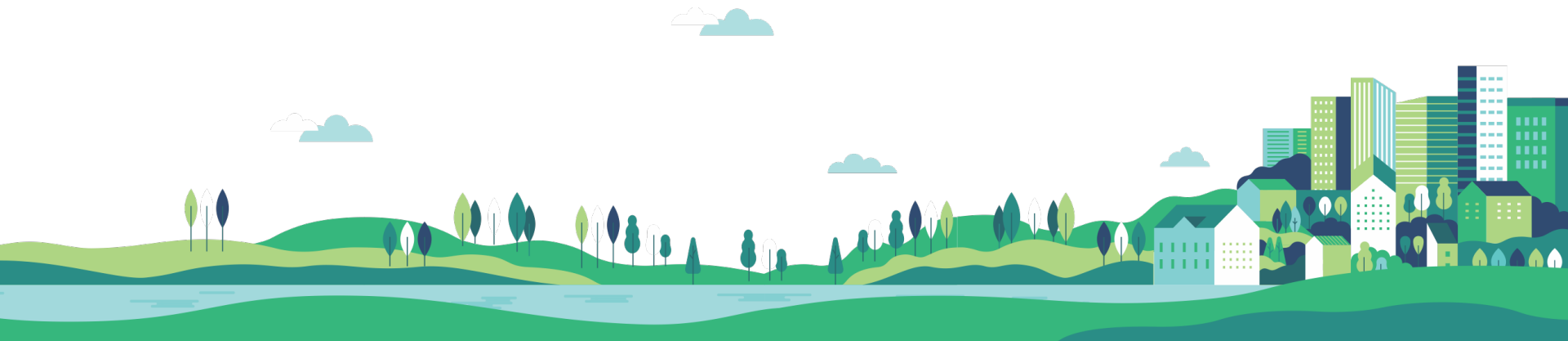
\$5 million in funding is available through House Bill 21-1253 to local government proposed projects to support the development and construction of renewable and clean energy infrastructure in all areas of the state, with a focus on communities where renewable and clean energy infrastructure is sparse.

The program will focus on projects that will help reach Colorado's 2040 100% renewable energy goal and will help fund infrastructure implementation projects in the renewable and clean energy field.

Application Deadline: Rolling

Contact: [DOLA Regional Manager](#)

Transportation



Revitalizing Main Streets ***Colorado Department of Transportation***

<https://www.codot.gov/programs/revitalizingmainstreets>

Funding for Small Multimodal & Economic Resiliency Projects Still Available. \$150,000 per project to support infrastructure projects providing improved spaces for mobility, community activities, and economic development in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, including:

- Encouraging active, multimodal transportation, including better access and safety for pedestrians, cyclists and scooters.
- Promoting public health and safety by encouraging social distancing and/or providing publicly available personal protective equipment (PPE) and sanitation stations
- Improving equity and public space access for low-income and disadvantaged users
- Expanding economic opportunity and development in a regionally-equitable way

Application Deadline: Rolling, until funds exhausted

Contact: Nathan Lindquist, nathan.lindquist@state.co.us

Charge Ahead Colorado Colorado Energy Office

<https://energyoffice.colorado.gov/zero-emission-vehicles/charge-ahead-colorado>

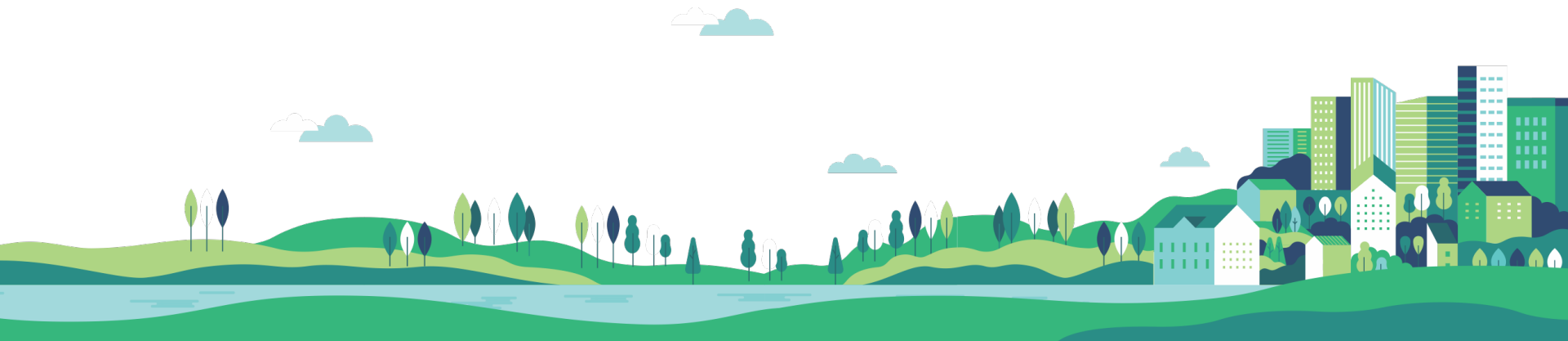
The Colorado Energy Office (CEO) and Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) jointly administer the Charge Ahead Colorado electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure grant program. Grants are available for electric vehicles and community-based Level 2 and Level 3 charging stations. Program objectives include improving air quality, encouraging deployment of EVs across the state, and supporting implementation of the [Colorado Electric Vehicle Plan 2020](#).

State stimulus funding was dedicated to the program through Senate Bill 21-230

Application Deadline: October 18, 2021

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For CEO funding, Matt Mines matt.mines@state.co.us

Water



State Revolving Fund Loan Program
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
<https://cdphe.colorado.gov/state-revolving-fund-information>

The SRF finances the design and construction of Colorado water and water pollution control infrastructure. CDPHE administers the fund along with the Department of Local Affairs and the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority.

Application Deadline: November 5, 2021

Contact: Chris Sturm, 303-866-3441 x3236, chris.sturm@state.co.us

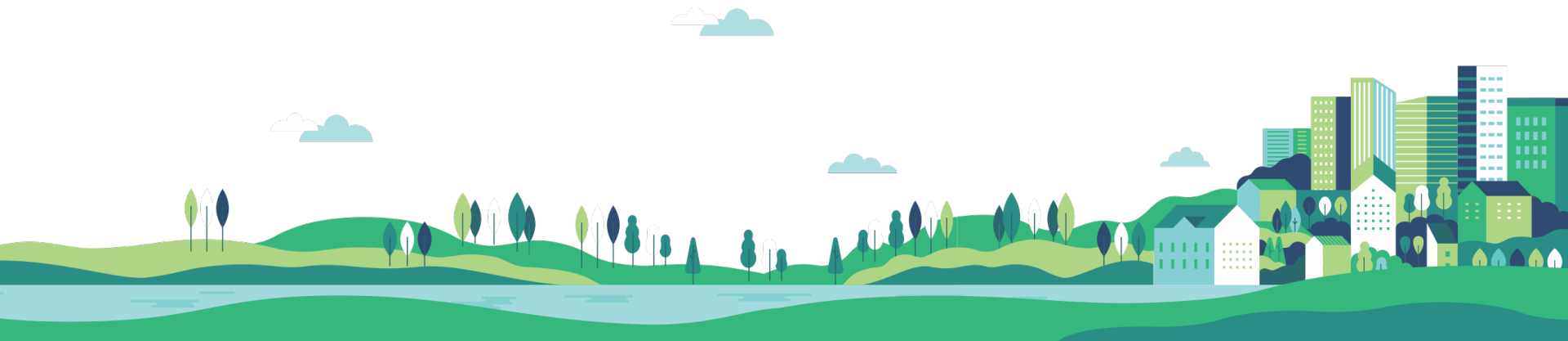
Colorado Watershed Restoration Grants **Department of Natural Resources** <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/colorado-watershed-restoration-grants>

This program, provides grants for watershed/stream restoration, flood mitigation, and stream management projects. Local governments, including municipalities, are eligible to apply for this program. Grant money may be used for planning and engineering studies, including implementation measures, to address technical needs for watershed restoration and flood mitigation projects throughout the state. Special consideration is reserved for planning and project efforts that integrate multi-objectives in restoration and flood mitigation.

Application Deadline: November 5, 2021

Contact: Chris Sturm, 303-866-3441 x3236, chris.sturm@state.co.us

Wildfire



Grants for Wildfire and Hazard Mitigation **Department of Natural Resources** <https://csfs.colostate.edu/funding-assistance>

In SB21-258 created the Hazard Mitigation Fund to assist local jurisdictions with obtaining matching funds required for certain federal hazard mitigation grants. The bill also creates the Wildfire Mitigation Capacity Development Fund which assists local governments in mitigation projects. Over \$17 million was allocated for the Wildfire Mitigation fund and \$3 million was allocated for the Hazard Mitigation Fund.

Application Deadline: November 5, 2021

Contact: Your Colorado State Forest Service Field Office

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