What's New at DOLA

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Our Mission:
To strengthen Colorado’s local communities.

Department of Local Affairs (DOLA)

Sub-Cabinet Working Groups for DOLA

1. Rural Development
   • Work with OEDIT to create rural development roadmap
2. Healthcare
   • Lowering costs healthcare through stabilization of housing in communities statewide
3. Climate & Energy
   • Incentivize local govt’ to transition to renewable energy sources

What's New at DOLA

• Rural Broadband - $5M a year for five years
• Energy Set-aside - $12M
• Census 2020 Outreach Grant Program: $6M - legislative **

** Local governments, intergovernmental agencies, councils of government, housing authorities, school districts, nonprofits, Ute Indian Tribe and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

New Funding for Affordable Housing Development

• HB19-1322 and HB19-1245 add $77 million per year for housing development grants and loans by July 2021
• Triples DOLA’s funds available for acquisition, rehab and new construction of affordable units
• Will support the creation of 3,500 to 6,500 new affordable units in addition to 3,200 per year created with existing funds
• New funds can also be used for rental assistance (vouchers)
Addressing Rural Housing Needs

- HB19-1322 added new uses to address rural housing needs:
  - Development of for-sale homes in non-urban areas for households earning up to 120% AMI
  - Down payment assistance for households up to 100% AMI
  - Home rehabilitation programs
  - Land acquisition and infrastructure costs for housing
  - DOH will also increase regional staffing and deploy consultants to provide rural technical assistance

Addressing Highest Need Housing

- The new bills also specify uses for Coloradans with the greatest barriers to accessing affordable housing
  - At least $16M for housing affordable to extremely low income families and individuals, including seniors
  - Rental assistance for homeless families with children, homeless or disabled veterans, family unification, and survivors of domestic violence
  - Housing & Tenancy Services vouchers for individuals with substance use disorders transitioning from a treatment program or institution

Division of Local Government

Provides strategic expertise, advocacy and funding to strengthen Colorado.

- Colorado Resilience Office
- Demography
- Financial Assistance
- Community Development
- Field Team
- Local Government Services

Disaster Recovery and Resilience

- Disaster Recovery Funds - $325M Federal DR Spent
  - Colorado Resiliency Office - Fully Funded and Statewide
  - Recent Successes: Hinsdale, Huerfano and Costilla counties

Colorado Local Governments

3,977 Active Local Governments

- 62 Counties
- 2 City & Counties
- 270 Municipalities
- 178 School Districts
- 254 Fire Districts
- 270 Water, Sanitation or Water & Sanitation Districts
- 56 Libraries
- 1,799 Metropolitan Districts
- 60 Other District Types

Financial Assistance

- Approximately 20 Programs
- $250M available annually
- EIAF: $60M Primary Program (three cycles of $20M)
- Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) : $578,000 annually

If you have a particular project in mind contact your Regional Manager!
Field Team

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• Many members are at this conference; reach out to team if you have questions.

New Regional Manager:  
Tara Marshall, Southeastern

Programs:
• UTA Program
• Best and Brightest Program

Community Development Team

• Partnering with CML and many other organizations to form a Water and Land Use Planning Alliance
• Continue to support communities to integrate hazards planning with planning for development
• Colorado Main Street Program (2018):
  o $144,000 in mini-grants, scholarships
  o $336,000 in consultant services

State Demography Office

• Draft 2018 County and Municipal estimates were released for review early June. Comments due by the end of June. Website: https://demography.dola.colorado.gov/

• Check out new population, age, and economic web maps on the website.

• The Colorado Demographic Profile application has been updated and provides:
  ✓ Summary of community trends with charts, text, and data.

Census 2020

• Important, Easy, Safe! - 11 Questions, 10 mins.
• Census will be: Online, Phone, Mail, or In Person
• Our Ask:
  ✓ Become familiar with Census 2020 & encourage friends and family
  ✓ Let us know about meetings or groups who would be interested in learning more
  ✓ Let us know about concerns or questions.

Colorado 2020 Website  
demography.dola.colorado.gov/census_2020/