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Colorado Municipal League What's New at DOLA

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Department of Local Affairs (DOLA)


Our Mission:
To strengthen Colorado's local communities.




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



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 gov't to transition to renewable energy sources



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.



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) : \$780,000 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



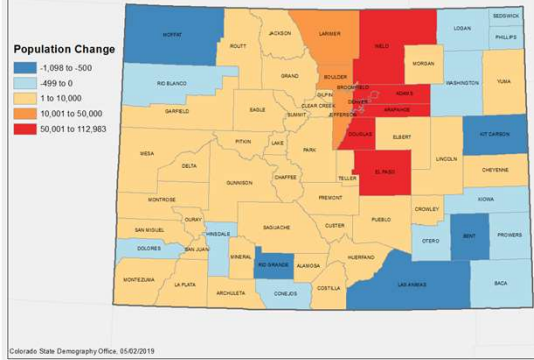
Community Development Team

- 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):
 - \$144,000 in mini-grants, scholarships
 - \$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.

Colorado: Total Population Change 2010 - 2018



Colorado State Demography Office, 6/6/2019

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/

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