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How to Use this Guide

This guide is primarily designed for businesses and nonprofits located within San Juan County and the Town of Silverton, Colorado. This Grant Digest is in alphabetical order in each section and will be updated monthly with up to date information/application timelines. For Grant-writing assistance or requests for a Letter of Support, please reach out to Sarah Moore, Grant & Sustainability Coordinator with San Juan Development Association at smoore@sanjuandevlopment.com.

Non-Federal Funding and Technical Assistance Opportunities

[Amazon Small Business Grants](#)

Small Business Grants are exclusively for Amazon Business small business customers that make less than or equal to 1 million dollars in annual revenue. In 2023, Amazon Business will award over \$250,000 in monetary grants in addition to other prizes to a total of 15 recipients, including one grand prize recipient, four finalists, and ten semi-finalists. Starting June 15, Amazon Business customers will have a chance to vote for their favorite entrepreneur to win the grand prize.

Application Timeline: 2024 application has not been announced yet at this time.

[America's Top Small Business Grant](#)

America's Top Small Business Awards (formerly Dream Big Awards) will honor the achievements of small businesses and highlight their contributions to America's economic growth. The 2023 America's Top Small Business Awards are presented by Enova, with supporting sponsors Dell Technologies, Experian Employer Services, Iron Mountain, T-Mobile for Business, and Walmart Business.

Application Timeline: 2024 application has not been announced yet at this time.

[Bizee Entrepreneur Grants](#)

- **Young Entrepreneur Scholarship Grant**

One young scholar with entrepreneurial spirit will receive \$2,500 to continue their education.

- **Fresh Start Business Grant**

Whether you're starting over or starting from scratch, Bizee wants to be there to help your business succeed. One adult entrepreneur will receive \$2,500 to put toward business startup costs and will also receive free formation services from Bizee.

Application Timeline: 2024 application has not been announced yet at this time.

[CEDS Finance Small Business Grant](#)

CEDS Finance in partnership with the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT), has made funding available to be distributed as grants to underserved small businesses in Colorado. The objective of this program is to address capital accessibility disparities for startup and existing small businesses, aiming to promote economic development in the State with an emphasis on equity, diversity, and inclusion. Grants of \$5,000 will be awarded to underserved small businesses based on the eligibility criteria, with a priority on low-income status. Applications will then be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis until all grant funds are disbursed.

Application Timeline: application portal will open on Wednesday, May 1st 2024 at 10:00 AM. Submit a complete application with documents before May 3, 2024 5:00 PM.

[Fast Break for Small Business Grant w/ the Accion Opportunity Fund](#)

Accion Opportunity Fund, [LegalZoom](#), the NBA, WNBA, and NBA G-League have joined forces to provide entrepreneurs across the country with grants and LegalZoom services to support their small businesses.

Administered by nonprofit Accion Opportunity Fund, the program aims to assist business owners with the tools and resources they need to start and grow their businesses – the perfect play.

-150 small businesses will receive \$10,000 grants and a LegalZoom product of their choosing, valued up to \$500

-3,000 emerging entrepreneurs who haven't yet launched their intended business will receive a LegalZoom product of their choosing, valued at up to \$500

Application Timeline: Applications open February 15 and close September 13, 2024

[Fedex Small Business Grant Program](#)

The FedEx Small Business Grants Program started in 2012 (formerly, the FedEx Small Business Grant Contest) to award U.S.-based small businesses with grants and prizes to enhance their businesses.

Application Timeline: Next round of applicants has not been announced. Applications must be received by 12pm ET (Noon) on April 1, 2024. Grant recipients will be announced May 16, 2024.

[Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Program](#)

The Goldman Sachs program is an intensive multi-week business education program with like-minded small business owners and offers one-on-one business advice while learning valuable skills to help you grow your business. At the end of the program, you will have the change to apply for a \$10,000 grant provided by Goldman Sachs. You must take part in the program first.

Application Timeline: Rolling application, application is open for submission.

[Hello Alice- Small Business Growth Fund](#)

Small Business Growth Fund is back for the third and final round of 2023! In partnership with the Global Entrepreneurship Network (GEN) and with funding from Etsy and Progressive, the Small Business Growth Fund provides small business owners the capital they need to make their next move. Recipients will receive \$5,000-\$25,000 grants to help accelerate their growth and achieve their goals.

Application Timeline: Application currently closed. NOFO has yet to be announced.

[Hello Alice- American Dream Awards](#)

The **American Dream Awards** shine a spotlight on small businesses that epitomize the modern American Dream through their innovative solutions, outstanding community contributions, and commitment to sustainable business practices. These prestigious awards are available to all

for-profit businesses operating in the United States. If you become a recipient, you'll receive a package that comprises \$1,000 in funding, access to a small business accelerator, media coverage, and various other perks! Feel free to apply for one or more of the categories listed below that align with your business's strengths and values.

See categories below*

Big Dreamer Award: Launch, fund, grow! These inspiring small businesses are navigating the early stages of their journey with impressive leadership and the drive to clear hurdles, land opportunities, and achieve milestones at just three-years-old or less.

Community Hero Award: Creating jobs. Contributing to the success of their communities. Building something meaningful. These small businesses open doors and break down barriers to improve the world around them.

Inclusive Excellence Award: Every business needs a mission and values (and happy employees!) to help them reach their destination. These honorees have truly unlocked the magic of their guiding principles, creating a productive work environment and inclusive culture where core values thrive.

Innovator Award: Honoring small businesses whose breakthrough innovation took their industry by storm and continues to shake things up. These are the game changers to watch! Celebrating novel technologies to disrupt traditional marketplaces.

Legacy Builder Award: Building a legacy! These businesses have successfully transitioned from a family-owned structure to a broader ownership model, all while preserving and upholding the original brand ethos. We are cheering businesses that have skillfully managed this transition, maintaining the unique values and identity that made them stand out as family-owned enterprises.

Application Timeline: April 30th 2024 at 4pm.

[Lenovo Small Business Grants](#)

Small business grant with Goodie Nation. Since 2021 **Lenovo** Evolve Small has provided financial grants to more than 90 small business owners across North America.

Application Timeline: 2024 application has not been announced yet at this time.

[Main Street Backing Small Businesses Grant](#)

500 small business grants of \$10,000 will be awarded to eligible businesses in the U.S. and U.S. territories. Out of 500 recipients selected for \$10,000 grants, a limited subset of 25

recipients will be awarded \$30,000 Enhancement Grants, which will allow those business owners the opportunity to create transformative change within their business and in their community (for example, by giving back, partnering with community members, addressing cultural, environmental and/or access needs in their community, opening a new location and/or adding staffing). Recipients of the \$10,000 grant will be required to submit a final grant report using a template provided. In addition to questions regarding the completed project, the report will include prompts on how the business would use the \$30,000 Enhancement Grant. Enhancement Grant project proposals can be related to the \$10,000 grant proposal or they may constitute a separate project.

Application Timeline: Application Period closed on April 7th once 5,000 applications were submitted. Next NOFO has not been announced. Winners will be notified mid-June of 2024.

[Nase Growth Grants Program](#)

Since 2006, the NASE has awarded nearly \$1,000,000 to members just like you through the Growth Grants program by providing small business grants. Grants can be used for marketing, advertising, hiring employees, expanding facilities and other specific business needs.

Application Timeline: 2024 application has not been announced yet at this time.

[Southwest Community Fund w/ First Southwest Bank](#)

First Southwest Community Fund, in partnership with the Colorado Startup Loan Fund, is offering small business grants of up to \$15,000 for underserved small businesses (with 10 or fewer employees), located in rural Colorado. Grants can be used for:

- General operating expenses
- Technical Assistance (including help with financials, business planning, human resources, legal consulting and more)
- Down payment assistance

Application Timeline: 2024 application has not been announced yet at this time.

[UPS Store Small Biz Challenge](#)

Contestants will compete to win a trip to Miami, Florida, a share of the total prize pool of \$35,000 to grow their small business, and a feature in Inc. magazine.

Application Timeline: Phase 1 for applicants now closed for 2024. Waiting for the next Phase 1 announcement.

[Venmo Small Business Grant](#)

20 small business will receive a \$10k grant, mentorship from industry leaders, plus the opportunity to be featured on Venmo's social media pages.

Application Timeline: 2024 application has not been announced yet at this time.

[Verizon Wireless Small Business Digital Ready](#)

Small businesses can unlock the application for this round of grant funding by first registering on the Verizon Small Business Digital Ready portal and completing at least two of the following, in any combination: courses, coaching or community events. Small businesses that complete the application, and are registered in a local zip code, will be eligible for consideration to receive a \$10,000 grant.

Application Timeline: Application period closes April 8th, 2024.

Federal Funding and Technical Assistance Opportunities

[USDA Rural Business Development Grant](#)

This program is designed to provide technical assistance and training for small rural businesses. Projects must benefit rural areas of 50,000 or fewer. Business Programs provide financial backing and technical assistance to stimulate business creation and growth. The programs work through partnerships with public and private community based organizations and financial institutions to provide financial assistance, business development, and technical assistance to rural businesses. These programs help to provide capital, equipment, space, job training, and entrepreneurial skills that can help to start and/or grow a business. Business Programs also support the creation and preservation of quality jobs in rural areas. For agricultural producers.

To promote sustainable economic development and facilitate the development of small and emerging private business, industry, and related employment for improving the economy in rural communities.

Application Timeline: Application closed February 28th, 2024.

[USDA Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program](#)

Provides loans and grants to Microenterprise Development Organizations (MDOs) to:

- To help microenterprises startup and growth through a Rural Microloan Revolving Fund.
- Provide training and technical assistance to microloan borrowers and micro entrepreneurs.

The following are eligible to be a Microenterprise Development Organization:

- Nonprofits.
- Federally-recognized tribes.
- Institutions of higher education.

The following are eligible to apply for a loan from the MDO as an ultimate recipient:

- Businesses located in an eligible area with 10 or fewer full-time employees.

Eligible areas:

- Rural areas outside a city or town with a population of fewer than 50,000 residents. Urbanized areas near a city of 50,000 or more may not be eligible.
- The borrower’s headquarters may be based within a larger city so long as the project service area is located in an eligible rural area.
- The lender may be located anywhere.

Application Timeline: Application closes June 30th, 2024.

[USDA Small Food Business Recovery and Resilience Grant](#)

The Community Food Access program strives to increase access to and lower prices for healthy food in low income, low access areas of the state by supporting small food retailers and small family farms.

Application Timeline: This application closed March 11th, 2024.

[U.S Small Business Association](#)

Head to the Small Business Association to receive a wide range of technical assistance support, ranging from small business support, business loans, and federal technical assistance.

Application Timeline: This is a year round offering.

Minority Business Grants

[Boundless Futures Grant](#)

Boundless Futures Foundation empowers, embraces, and elevates female entrepreneurs through grants to new businesses and to like minded nonprofits. Boundless Futures Foundation’s grants to businesses are awarded directly to female entrepreneurs who put social impact front and center in their business products or practices. We look at a society’s biggest issues and believe in the power of entrepreneurs to provide solutions by going above and beyond “business as usual” to create impact through profit and purpose — to solve a problem, improve on the status quo, or give back in an intentional way.

Grant-eligible entrepreneurs demonstrate clear and consistent commitment to creating positive change through businesses with ambitious and effective social reach. These businesses address issues related to:

- Poverty & Hunger
- Sustainability & the Environment
- Strong Communities

Past grantees illustrate the kinds of powerful businesses and visionary entrepreneurs Boundless Futures Foundation supports. Grants are also awarded to mission-aligned nonprofits that provide women with skills and resources to start and sustain businesses through entrepreneurship-focused programs or services.

All prospective applicants are encouraged to confirm eligibility before beginning the grant application process.

Application Timeline: Quarter 2 opens April 1st, 2024 and will end June 16th, 2024.

[Cadence Cash Equal Access Fund](#)

Cadence Cash understands the vital role enterprises play, from creating new jobs to developing innovative products, increasing tax revenue, and enhancing accessibility to goods and services. This is why Cadence offers a \$5,000 grant every quarter to help these businesses continue their remarkable work.

Application Timeline: Application due April 30th, 2024. Winners announced in June, 2024.

[Enthuse Foundation](#)

The Enthuse Foundation offers a series of financial grants to assist entrepreneurs with critical business needs. Grants include funds for childcare, health or business insurance, business tools and digital marketing.

Application Timeline: To be announced in 2025.

[Giving Joy Grant](#)

Up to 500 dollars for businesses owned by Women 18 yrs and up. You can use the grant to start a new business, or expand your existing business. You can also use the grant to start or expand a nonprofit, non-governmental organization (NGO), charity, or propose a specific activity or project you would like to implement.

Application Timeline: April 30th, 2024 with Fall award announcements

[iFundWomen](#)

iFundWomen offers a number of grant application partnerships with corporations and foundations across the globe. Check out their website here to see if any of these grant opportunities are right for your women owned business.

Application Timeline: Please see website for varied application due dates.

[Rainy Day Fund-\\$2500](#)

\$2500 grant application through Enthuse Marketing for women identifying entrepreneurs.

Application Timeline: Application now closed, winners will be announced in June of 2024.

Non-profit Grant Opportunities

[Adolph Coors Foundation](#)

The Foundation supports organizations that promote the western values of self-reliance, personal responsibility and integrity. We believe these values foster an environment where entrepreneurial spirits flourish, helping Coloradans reach their full potential. The Foundation places a high priority on programs that help youth to prosper, encourage economic opportunities for adults and advance public policies that reflect our nation's founding principles.

The Foundation's areas of interest include:

Youth and Youth Development , Adult Work-First and Self-Sufficiency, Entrepreneurship, Rural Colorado (requests by invitation only), Integrative Medicine, and Public Policy.

Application Timeline: Application opens May 1st, 2024 and will close at 11:59 pm on July 1st.

[Anschutz Family Foundation](#)

The Anschutz Family Foundation supports rural and urban Colorado nonprofit organizations that assist people to help themselves while nurturing and preserving their self-respect. We encourage endeavors that strengthen families and communities and advance individuals to become productive and responsible citizens. We have a special interest in self-sufficiency, community development, and programs aimed at the economically disadvantaged, children and youth, seniors, and people with disabilities.

Application Timeline: Begin accepting applications in mid-May, Application deadline July 1st at

5pm MST, Grant decisions will be made Mid-November.

[Ballentine Family Foundation](#)

The Ballantines established the Ballantine Family Fund in 1957 to award grants to any nonprofit they felt would enhance life in Southwest Colorado. Through their writing, activism, philanthropy, and dedication to the region, the Ballantines greatly advanced community issues in Southwest Colorado. Grant sizes are based on the size and need of the organization applying. Grants range in size from \$500 to \$5,000. An amount of about \$250,000 is awarded annually. The Ballantine Family fund grants requests for general operations as well as specific projects and programs.

Application Timeline: Next round of Applications due June 30th, 2024. Application will be reviewed in August.

[Boettcher Foundation](#)- Rural Catalyst Grant and the Community Connections Grant

- Rural Catalyst Grant

The Rural Catalyst Grant Program strengthens the internal capacity of organizations as they work to achieve goals outlined in Boettcher's Rural Leadership Collaborative meetings. Our Rural Leadership Collaborative meetings are quarterly gatherings where rural leaders come together to discuss strategies that advance their organizations, communities, and regions.

These capacity-building grants range from \$1,000-\$10,000 and are distributed to support the following types of projects:

- **Strategic planning:** Identifying elements of a blueprint that helps an organization accomplish its goals.
- **Convening:** Bringing people, ideas, and resources together to move forward an issue, topic, or opportunity.
- **Short-term staffing or contractors:** Supporting employees or expertise recruited for short-term employment contracts to meet limited, one-time support needs.
- **One-time operating costs:** Covering expenses related to the operation of the organization or program that are not recurring, such as tap fees, application fees, public outreach, or education material expenses.

Eligible Issue Areas: Current eligible areas include affordable rural housing, childcare, hiring and retaining a rural workforce, leadership pipeline and diversification, mental health, rural placemaking, and community-to-community collaboration.

Application Timeline: Grant Inquiry Form Submission due August 1st-August 30th, 2024. Notification of Funding, November 20th, 2024.

- Community Connections Grant

Invest in initiatives or infrastructure projects that strengthen the connections between individuals and organizations. We have three annual funding cycles in which we accept Community Connections inquiries through a Grant Inquiry Form. Grants awarded in this category are typically in the range of \$20,000 – \$75,000.

Application Timeline: Grant Inquiry Form Submission May 1st-May 31st, 2024, Invitation for Proposal or Declination June 28th, 2024, Notification of funding August 29th.

[Chick-Fil-A Inspiration Awards Grant](#)

True Inspiration Awards® grants range from \$30,000 to \$350,000, with a collective \$5 million awarded annually to non-profit organizations throughout the U.S. and Canada and Puerto Rico.

Application Timeline: Application due May 1st, 2024.

[Chinook Fund](#)

Chinook Fund seeds community-led, systemic change by mobilizing resources for and trusting in grassroots social justice organizations across Colorado. With 36 years of social impact, Chinook Fund has distributed \$4 million to over 390 organizations. Honoring our racial justice commitment, 90 percent of grantee groups were led by Black, Indigenous, and other communities of color. Grants range from \$4,000 to \$10,000 and are selected from community members in The Giving Project. The next application deadline is February 15, 2024.

Application Timeline: Spring 2024 Application Cycle has ended. Fall 2024 application cycle not announced yet.

[Coca-Cola Foundation](#)

The Coca-Cola Foundation is committed to supporting communities across the world. Our giving is guided by a firm set of priorities. Out of respect for the time and resources of all our stakeholders, we do not accept unsolicited proposals for grants.

Application Timeline: Unsolicited grant proposals will not be accepted at this time. All requests for community support in the form of grants, sponsorships or beverage products, for consideration by The Coca-Cola Company, The Coca-Cola Foundation or any of its affiliated regional foundations must be submitted through [this online application system](#). Our giving is guided by a firm set of priorities.

[Daniels Fund](#)

The Daniels Fund provides grants to support highly effective nonprofit organizations in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming through the Daniels Fund Grants Program. Programs or projects need to align with our donor's intent and fit within the Daniels Fund Grants Program's funding areas: Aging, Amateur Sports, Disabilities, Drug & Alcohol Addiction, Early Childhood Education, Homeless & Disadvantaged, K-12 Education Reform, and Youth Development.

Application Timeline: [Letter of Inquiry](#) must be submitted before submitting a grant proposal.

[El Pomar Foundation](#)

Headquartered in Colorado Springs, but makes grants all over the state – investing in organizations, people, and partnerships that help people live better lives. Since Spencer and Julie Penrose established El Pomar in 1937, El Pomar has made over 25,000 grants totaling more than \$600 million for the benefit of the people of Colorado.

Application Timeline: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis but should be submitted 8-10 weeks before the following quarterly review: **May 21st, 2024, July 26th 2024, September 27th 2024, December 13th 2024.**

[Gates Family Foundation](#)

Gates Family Foundation invests in capital projects across the state, in both rural and urban areas. They strive to be responsive to each community's unique needs and opportunities.

Gates Family Foundation (GFF) capital grants are generally limited to comprehensive capital campaigns, which are typically for building purchases, construction, expansion, renovation, and/or land acquisition. Only nonprofit organizations with capital projects that benefit Colorado and its residents are qualified to apply. When making funding decisions, GFF prioritize:

- Projects that address root problems with substantive solutions
- Projects with evidence of community involvement in setting project priorities
- Projects in rural and low-income areas across Colorado where there are fewer individuals and institutions providing support for capital projects
- Projects that serve individuals and communities of color who have faced historic inequities and lack of access to funding
- Projects with strong engagement and financial support from the organization's governing board

- Projects that reinforce the foundation’s strategic priorities in K-12 public education, natural resources, community development, and informed communities
- Projects that address climate change, and/or incorporate green building and sustainable development practices

Application Timeline: Annual deadlines are:

- **March 15** (for a mid-June decision)
- **September 1** (for a mid-December decision;
NOTE this is changed from previous deadline of Sept. 15)

Applicants must have at least 30% of their project budget raised prior to being considered.

[Laura Jane Musser Fund](#)

The Laura Jane Musser Fund assists public or not-for-profit entities to initiate or implement projects that enhance the ecological integrity of publicly owned open spaces, while encouraging compatible human activities. The Fund’s goal is to promote public use of open space that improves a community’s quality of life and public health, while also ensuring the protection of healthy, viable and sustainable ecosystems by protecting or restoring habitat for a diversity of plant and animal species.

Application Timeline: Application is closed for 2024.

[T-mobile Hometown Grant](#)

We’ll help fund projects that foster local connections, like technology upgrades, outdoor spaces, the arts, and community centers. T-Mobile awards up to \$50,000 for shovel-ready projects. Applicant’s proposal must include plans, budget, timeline, anticipated impact, and up to five letters of support. Elected officials, town managers/employees, tribal leaders, or nonprofit community leaders from small towns with a population less than 50,000 can apply.

Application Timeline: Applications will be open on a quarterly basis with the following schedule:

- Spring: Applications open January–March
- Summer: Applications open April–June
- Fall: Applications open July–September
- Winter: Applications open October–December