FINANCIAL & ON-GOING RECOVERY RESOURCES

State and Federal resources



FUNDING & PROGRAMS OPEN NOW

CLIMBER Loan Fund

• The Colorado Loans for Increasing Mainstreet Business and Economic Recovery (CLIMBER) fund provides \$250 million to small businesses with working capital loans between \$30,000 and \$500,000. Below-market interest rates and a 1-year deferred payment option make the program a secure recovery option for small businesses

Colorado Revolving Loan Fund

• This fund provides loans that help small to medium-sized Colorado businesses negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. These loans range from \$5,000 to \$750,000. The loans are intended to provide startup and working capital that will help create and retain jobs across Colorado.

Meeting and Events Incentive

• This program provides \$10 million for a 10% cash rebate against eligible hard costs for hosting meetings and events in Colorado that take place on or after July 1, 2021 and on or before December 31, 2022.



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Colorado Arts Relief Grant (Round 2)

- The <u>Colorado Arts Relief Grant</u> provides \$15.5 million in a second round of funding to support arts, cultural and entertainment artists, crew members, and organizations affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- This program provided \$7.5 million in early 2021 in its first round of funding.

Arts in Society Grants

- Arts in Society applications are due September 14, 2021 and the application can be found on the <u>Arts in Society website</u>.
- Arts in Society is a collaborative grant-making program that fosters cross-sector work through the arts by supporting the integration of arts and culture into multiple disciplines critical to the health and well-being of Coloradans.
- Administered by RedLine Contemporary Art Center provides grants ranging in size from \$5,000-\$35,000 to individuals and organizations who seek to implement projects that utilize the arts as an integral element in promoting social justice and community welfare.



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Energize Colorado GAP Fund

- The GAP fund did receive an additional infusion of cash, however they are not currently accepting new applications
 - It is my understanding the focus is on providing awards to previous applicants
- Energize Colorado is also beginning to focus on the child care and early childhood industry.
 Technical resources and mentorship program for <u>child care providers</u> are available through Energize

Startup Colorado

Resources and peer-to-peer networking for rural entrepreneurs

Colorado Credit Reserve

• Helps businesses gain access to bank loans. Aids lenders in making loans through a loan loss reserve account. Borrower pays a 1% fee on principal and the program matches

Colorado Microloans

 Microloans for start-ups and entrepreneurial businesses. Emphasis on rural areas. Loans from \$5,000-\$50,000



UPCOMING RESOURCES

September 2021

- Small Business Accelerated Growth Program
 - This program, also known as Economic Gardening, will provide \$1.35 million for technical development support to businesses with 19 or fewer employees.

Fall 2021

- Disproportionately Impacted Business Grant
 - This program provides \$1.7 million for grants to small businesses that have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

By End of 2021

- Colorado Startup Loan Program
 - This program provides \$40 million to small businesses seeking capital to start, restart, or restructure a business. Loans and small grants will be made available through a host of lenders that work in communities throughout the state. OEDIT will work with community partners to reach underserved entrepreneurs and small businesses owners.
- Disproportionately Impacted Business Startup and Growth Loans
 - This program provides \$1 million for loans to small businesses that have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Disproportionately Impacted Business Technical Assistance
 - This program provides \$900,000 to support technical assistance for businesses that have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Colorado Cannabis (Marijuana) Entrepreneur Program
 - This program provides \$4 million in funding for grants and loans as well as technical assistance for entrepreneurs in the cannabis space.

In 2022

In late 2021 and 2022 OEDIT and partners will be launching a series of programs and resources meant to catalyze and incent the transition of businesses to employee
ownership

