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LEADING OFF:

Excitement Is Building for the CCI Winter Conference in El Paso County



This year's CCI Foundation Winter Conference promises to be one of the most important in years. Coming on the heels of today's elections, the **November 26-28** event in El Paso County will be chock full of informational sessions that will help county leaders navigate changing and challenging times. The program is expected to include an address from the Governor-elect plus a general session devoted to election impacts. Political insiders Joey Bunch and Mary Kay Hogan will be on hand to talk about the elections, including individual races, the balance of power in General Assembly, and how key ballot issues fared with voters.

There will also be timely educational programs on maximizing local revenue sources, protecting property from wildfires, understanding the impacts of Colorado's changing demographics, and meeting the challenges of affordable health care.

CCI will honor its President – Teller County Commissioner Dave Paul – as well as former Executive Director John (Chip) Taylor, who resigned his position in October to become the Deputy Director of CTSI. At the Tuesday evening (November 27) dinner, CCI will present its major honors – Commissioner of the Year and Distinguished Service Awards – and also special recognition to other deserving individuals within the association.

It's not too late to register online at www.ccionline.org or to reserve your room at the special conference rate at the host hotel – the Hotel Eleganté in Colorado Springs.

For a list of conference sponsors, see the eCounty Lines item below.

CCI NEWS:

Honnen Equipment, Abba Technologies Are Latest Winter Conference Sponsors



Honnen Equipment and Abba Technologies are the latest sponsors for the CCI Foundation Winter Conference set for **November 26-28, 2018** at the Hotel Eleganté in Colorado Springs (El Paso County). Honnen is the authorized John Deere dealer for Colorado, providing sales, rentals, parts, and service on heavy and compact equipment. Among its wide-ranging services, Abba Technologies helps its customers focus on hardening their IT environments to reduce or eliminate any potential vulnerabilities.

These two companies join a sponsor lineup that already includes Platinum Sponsors Anadarko and Wagner Equipment, host of the President's Reception on Monday evening, November 26; County Technical Services, Inc. (CTSI), Gold Sponsor and host of the Tuesday morning, November 27 breakfast for all delegates; and Deloitte Services, a Gold Sponsor of the conference nametags/lanyards.

Silver Sponsors are Xcel Energy, CPS HR Consulting, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, and the Statewide Internet Portal Authority (SIPA).

Bronze sponsors to date are ACE/Eaton Metals, American Fidelity, BNSF Railway, Bohannon Huston, CCOERA, Colorado Oil and Gas Association, CSU Office of Engagement, DLR Group, Dustrol, 4 Rivers Equipment, Iconergy, Motorola Solutions, NatCore Healthcare, Northwoods, Purple Wave Auction, Snap-Tite Culvert Lining, RMMI Digital Document Solutions, the Special District Association of Colorado, United Power, and Vavirnek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP.

Updated Version of CCI's County Commissioners Handbook Available

Are you wondering what types of business counties can license? Or what authority commissioners have to control pests? These and many other topics are covered in CCI's County Commissioners Handbook. The Handbook is the "go to" resource for counties and it has recently been updated! Members can access copies of the handbook by signing onto CCI's website (call us if you've forgotten your username and password) and then click on [County Commissioners Handbook](#).

CCI Brainstorming Session on Gallagher Will Be Held Friday

CCI members are invited to a meeting on **Friday (November 9, 2018)** to discuss Gallagher and brainstorm potential paths forward. The meeting will be held at CCI's headquarters on the 6th floor from 9 am to Noon. Senator Court and Representative Rankin are expected to join participants at the first part of the meeting. Discussion will also take place on the measures local governments are likely to see during the 2019 legislative session and any other ideas or potential paths forward. If you wish to join by conference call, dial 1.916.235.1420 and when prompted for your participant code, enter 465624#.

CCI New Commissioners Orientation Kicks Off at Winter Conference



The CCI New Commissioner Orientation for 2018-2019 is designed exclusively for participation by Colorado county commissioners elected this fall and is based on the chapters in the CCI-developed County Commissioner Handbook. Part I is presented at the CCI Foundation Winter Conference on **November 26, 2018** in Colorado Springs; Part II is presented **January 9-11, 2019** at the CCI headquarters in Denver (this is the only part that requires a registration fee); and Part III is presented at the CCI Foundation Summer Conference on **June 4, 2019** in Keystone. CCI welcomes three sponsors, who are Associate Members of the CCI Foundation: Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), and Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association. A tentative schedule of topics and speakers is attached to this *eCounty Lines*, along with a form for to register new commissioners for Part II.

NEWS & INFORMATION:

Deadline Extended for Gray and Black Market Marijuana Enforcement Grants



The Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) has extended the deadline for its Gray and Black Market Marijuana Enforcement Grant program (GBMJ) to **November 30, 2018**. These grants were created at the request of CCI and the Colorado Municipal League (CML) to help local law enforcement with the costs of investigation and prosecution of illegal grow operations. Guidelines and a grant application form are attached to this edition of *eCounty Lines*. If you have any questions, please email DOLA Program Manager [Tara Tubb](#) or call her at 303.864.7756.

Grants Training Workshop Set for December 6-7 in Denver



The Denver Regional Council of Governments and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grants workshop on **December 6-7, 2018** in Denver. The training is for grant seekers across all disciplines. Participants will learn how to find grants and write winning grant proposals. To register, click [here](#).

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED:

Special Highway Committee Off-System Bridge Grants

In coordination with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), the Special Highway Committee is now accepting applications for off-system bridge rehabilitation and replacement projects. A notice was sent out recently to all counties and **applications are due to CCI by 5 pm on Friday, November 23, 2018**. There is approximately \$2.4 million available for municipal and county bridge projects between 2019 and 2021. Priority will be given to bridge projects that have been deemed scour critical or have the lowest sufficiency ratings. Application materials can be found on the CCI website and by clicking [here](#). For more information, please email [Eric Bergman](#) at CCI or call him at 303.861.4076.

\$32 Million for Transit Capital Projects Available from CDOT

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Division of Transit and Rail is releasing a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for its annual Consolidated Call for Capital Projects (CCCCP). The NOFA will announce the availability of over \$32 million in federal and state funds for transit capital projects. Application

deadline will be **December 5, 2018**. For more information (and to view the NOFA), go to CDOT's [website](#). If you have questions you can also email [Tom Mauser](#) at CDOT or call him at 303.547.5972.

APPOINTMENT OPPORTUNITY:

Commissioner Needed for Homeland Security and All-Hazards Senior Advisory Committee

CCI is accepting applications for appointment to the state Homeland Security and All-Hazards Senior Advisory Committee (HSAC). The 21-member committee was created in 2012 and CCI has one member on the committee. The committee's mission is to assist the state in becoming better able to prevent, protect, mitigate, respond and recover from threats and hazards posing risk to Colorado. The committee meets once a month. If you are interested, please email a letter indicating your interest and qualifications to CCI Interim Executive Director [Kristin Dunn](#) by **Friday, November 16, 2018**.

NACo NEWS:

High Performance Leadership Academy Reopens Enrollment in January

Enrollment will re-open in January 2019 for the NACo High Performance Leadership Academy, a world-class, 12-week, online leadership development program that was launched in September 2018. To date, 177 individuals representing 103 counties have participated in the program, which was developed in collaboration with the Professional Development Academy. To register, click [here](#).

Registration Now Open for the NACo Legislative Conference in March

The National Association of Counties (NACo) has opened registration for its 2019 Legislative Conference set for **March 2-6** at the Washington Hilton in Washington, DC. The conference brings together over 1,500 elected and appointed county officials to focus on policy issues that impact counties and their constituents. Attendees engage in relevant and timely policy and educational sessions, interact with federal officials, and participate in congressional briefings and meetings. The featured speaker is Steve Case, co-founder of AOL, and Chairman/CEO of Revolution. CCI members attending the event should plan to participate in the Colorado Caucus (date and time to be determined) and meetings with Colorado's two U.S. Senators and House members. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

NOVEMBER CALENDAR:

November 7: Colorado School of Mines Summit in Golden

The Colorado School of Mines is presenting its 2018 Mines Summit: Beyond Closure – Repurposing Mine Lands on **Wednesday, November 7, 2018** from 8 am to 4 pm at the Fossil Trace Golf Club in Golden. The event is designed for non-governmental organizations, industry, communities, government, and other stakeholders to discuss best practices and potential opportunities in navigating the complex environmental, political and social aspects of repurposing mine lands beyond closure. To register, click [here](#). For more information or question, email [Priscilla Nelson](#) at the School of Mines.

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New Commissioner Orientation 2018-2019

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The CCI New Commissioner Orientation is designed exclusively for participation by newly-elected Colorado county commissioners and is based on the chapters in the CCI-developed County Commissioner Handbook. Part I is presented at the CCI Foundation Winter Conference on November 26, 2018 in Colorado Springs; Part II is presented January 9-11, 2019 at the CCI headquarters in Denver; and Part III is presented at the CCI Foundation Summer Conference on June 4, 2019 in Keystone.

To keep the registration fee at just \$75 per participant, CCI welcomes three sponsors, who are Associate Members of the CCI Foundation. Special thanks to:



Part I – November 26, 2018

Hotel Eleganté, Colorado Springs

2 pm – 4:30 pm

Welcome, Overview, Participant Self-Introductions, Sponsor Introductions

CCI and Counties 101

(Chapters 1 & 2, County Commissioner Handbook)

Speakers: CCI Legislative Staff

National Association of Counties (NACo) – Roles & Resources

Speaker: Linda Langston, NACo Strategic Relations

Communications and Public Relations for Counties

(Chapter 6, County Commissioner Handbook)

Speaker: Wendy Manitta Holmes, APR, Public Affairs Director, Douglas County

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Part II – January 9-11, 2019
CCI Headquarters, Denver

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

1:30 pm – 2 pm

Welcome, Overview, Participant Self-Introductions, Sponsor Introductions

2 pm – 3 pm

CCI and Counties 101

(refresher from Part I)

(Chapter 1, County Commissioner Handbook)

Speakers: CCI Legislative Staff

4 pm – 5 pm

County Social, Human, and Health Services

(Chapter 4, County Commissioner Handbook)

Speakers: Julie Krow, Human Services Director, El Paso County; Tracy Alesemo, Director, Colorado Association of Public Health Officials (CALPHO), Anne-Marie Braga, MSSW, Director of Local Public Health Partnerships, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE)

5 pm – 6 pm

New Commissioner Networking Reception

Thursday, January 10, 2019

7:30 am – 8 am

Breakfast and Networking

8:15 am – 9:15 am

County Land Use

(Chapter 3, County Commissioner Handbook)

Speaker: Lance Ingalls, County Attorney, Douglas County

Thursday, January 10, 2019 (continued)

9:15 am – 9:30 am

Sponsor Presentation: Anadarko

Coffee Break

9:30 am – 10:30 am

County Finances and Budgeting

(Chapter 5, County Commissioner Handbook)

Speakers: Linda Hoffmann, County Manager, Larimer County; Keith Montag, County Manager, Clear Creek County

10:30 am – 10:45 am

Sponsor Presentation: Great Outdoors Colorado

Coffee Break

10:45 am – 11:45 am

County Administration

(Chapter 2, County Commissioner Handbook)

Speakers: Ray Gonzales, County Manager, Adams County; Connie Hunt, County Administrator, Ouray County

Noon – 1 pm

Lunch and Networking

1:15 pm – 2:15 pm

Ethics, CORA, Open Meetings

(Chapter 7, County Commissioner Handbook)

Speaker: Jennifer Hoffman, Assistant City and County Manager, City and County of Broomfield

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm

Sponsor Presentation: Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association

Coffee Break

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

County Roads and Bridges

(Chapter 8, County Commissioner Handbook)

Speaker: Provided by the Colorado Association of Road Supervisors and Engineers (CARSE)

Friday, January 11, 2019

7:30 am – 8 am

Breakfast and Networking

Sponsor Recognition

8:15 am to 9:30 am

Parliamentary Procedures Training

Speaker: Trent Bushner, Yuma County Commissioner

9:45 am – 10:45 am

CCI Legislative Overview/Lobbying Training

Speakers: Gini Pingenot, Eric Bergman, Brandy DeLange, Allison Daley of the CCI Legislative Staff; and Tony Lombard and Bill Clayton of Lombard Clayton (legislative consultants to CCI)

11 am

Legislative Conference Call

11:45 am

Grab-and-Go Lunch

Part III – June 4, 2019

CCI Foundation Summer Conference, Keystone

New Commissioner “Refresher” Course

Sponsor Recognition

Q&A on First-Term Challenges

Optional (if needed to address changes/issues): County Elections (Chapter 7, County Commissioner Handbook)

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CCI New Commissioner Orientation

Part II - January 9-11, 2019

Commissioner Name _____

County _____ Email _____

Mailing Address: City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Office Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____

Conference Registration Information

The registration fee for the New Commissioner Orientation is \$75.00 per commissioner-elect. It does not include lodging expenses.

- Each delegate must register with this form; registrations are not accepted by telephone.
- CCI does not accept credit cards
- The registration fee includes admittance to all sessions, January 9 reception, January 10 breakfast and lunch, January 11 breakfast and lunch, and conference materials
- Delegates are on their own for January 9 and January 10 dinners
- CCI does not offer a one-day registration.

If you have special needs or require special accommodations to fully participate, please contact Kristin Dunn, CCI, prior to the meeting at 303-861-4076 or kdunn@ccionline.org.

Please return your completed form with payment to:

CCI
800 Grant Street, Suite 500
Denver, CO 80203

Please contact your county in regard to payment for registration and lodging expenses.
You may contact Kristin Dunn, CCI, at kdunn@ccionline.org or 303.861.4076
with any questions.



GRAY & BLACK MARKET MARIJUANA ENFORCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY/APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Program Purpose:

To provide financial assistance grants annually to local law enforcement agencies and district attorneys through the local governments for the investigation and prosecution costs associated with unlicensed marijuana cultivation or distribution operations.

By filling out the online portal application, Colorado County and Municipality applicants are opting into the grant program. Grant amounts will be determined by population figures.

The grant program has four (4) funding priorities:

- 1.) Rural areas;
- 2.) Large scale operations;
- 3.) Organized crime operations; or
- 4.) Operations that divert marijuana outside of Colorado.

In accordance with statute, CRS 24-32-119, rural areas will receive priority funding. To achieve this, rural area population figures will be weighted heavier. Rural areas are defined in C.R.S. 24-32-119 as:

- a) a county with a population of less than 200,000 people, according to the most recently available population statistics of the United States Bureau of the Census; or
- b) a municipality with a population of less than 30,000 people according to the most recent available statistics of the United States Bureau of the Census, that is located 10 miles or more from a municipality with a population of more than 50,000 people.

DOLA will confirm applicants meet the “rural area” definition at the time of submittal.

Total Funding Available:

\$6,000,000 annually (*including program operations*)

Application Timeline - EXTENDED:

- September 1, 2018: Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) distributed and application posted through on-line grants portal
- ~~October 31, 2018: Applications due~~
- November 30, 2018 Extended application due date!

Contact:

Gray & Black Market Marijuana Enforcement Grant Program:

<https://www.colorado.gov/dola/marijuana-grant-programs>

or

Directly to the grants portal application: https://dola.colorado.gov/grants_portal/

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Online Application Process:

The grant application process is available electronically. All applications must be submitted using the online grants portal to be considered for an award. Please allow yourself plenty of time to become familiar with the new system. Local governments will need to create an account, log into the system, and complete each section of the application for electronic submittal. You will be able to save and close a completed page of your online application and return to complete at a later time.

Important Details:

- In order to receive a grant, local governments apply annually. Those that do apply must agree to:
 - Spend funds on statutory priorities,
 - Cooperate with district attorneys to cover prosecution expenses as defined in statute,
 - Report annually on how funds were spent, modeling the Conservation Trust Fund (CTF) program method of spending monitoring, and
 - Acknowledge potential TABOR implications.
- This is a financial assistance grant for investigations and/or prosecution expenses of unlicensed marijuana cultivation or distribution operations. Some examples may include:
 - Personnel / overtime
 - Contractual services
 - Equipment and supplies
 - Travel
 - Pre-trial incarceration expenses
 - Medical expenses related to injury or exposer during a marijuana investigation
 - Purchase of information (informants) or evidence (contraband)
- To ensure you develop a complete application please read:
 - C.R.S. 24-32-119

Application Overview:

A. Applicant/Contact Information

1. Local Government name (All applicants must be county or municipal local governments).
2. Chief Elected Official/Principal Representative.
3. Designated contact person/Responsible Administrator for the application

B. Applicant Affirmations

C. Board Approval/Tabor

1. Official board action: Every application must provide the date the city/town/county board, council or trustees authorized the submittal of the grant application.
2. TABOR: The funds for the Gray & Black Market Enforcement Grant program are state funds and may be subject to TABOR. Local jurisdictions are responsible for their own TABOR compliance. Please consult with legal counsel regarding TABOR limits for the local government applicant(s) **before** submitting an application.

D. State Acceptance of Application



**GRAY & BLACK MARKET MARIJUANA ENFORCEMENT
GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Important Notes:

- **READ CAREFULLY:** this application differs from previous applications. You must read all instructions before submitting your request.
- This grant program is intended to provide financial assistance to local law enforcement agencies and district attorneys for the investigation and prosecution costs associated with unlicensed marijuana cultivation or distribution operations conducted in violation of state law.
- The program has shifted to providing grant funds **ANNUALLY** to all Colorado counties and municipalities that actively apply, or “opt-in”, to receive funds.
- Applications must be submitted through the DOLA online grants portal system.
- The specific amount of grant funds available for each participating local government will be determined by a DOLA formula that uses population figures. In accordance with statute, CRS 24-32-119, rural areas will receive priority funding. To achieve this, rural area population figures will be weighted heavier in the formula. Rural areas are defined in C.R.S. 24-32-119 as:
 - a) a county with a population of less than 200,000 people, according to the most recently available population statistics of the United States Bureau of the Census; or
 - b) a municipality with a population of less than 30,000 people according to the most recent available statistics of the United States Bureau of the Census, that is located 10 miles or more from a municipality with a population of more than 50,000 people.
- **DOLA will confirm which applicants meet the “rural area” definition at the time of application submittal.**

A. APPLICANT/CONTACT INFORMATION

1. Local government applying to receive funds _____

2. Principal Representative/Chief Elected Official:

Name: _____ Title: _____
Mailing Address: _____ Phone: _____
City/Zip: _____
E-Mail Address: _____

3. Designated Contact Person/Responsible Administrator (will receive all mailings) for the Application:

Name: _____ Title: _____
Mailing Address: _____ Phone: _____
City/Zip: _____
E-Mail Address: _____

B. APPLICANT AFFIRMATIONS/AGREEMENT WITH TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

For each statement below, please confirm your agreement with the terms and conditions associated with the grant funds, should they be awarded to your local government.

1. Grant funds can ONLY be used for costs associated with the investigation and prosecution (including large-scale operations, organized crime, and operations that divert marijuana outside of Colorado) of unlicensed marijuana cultivation or distribution operations conducted in violation of state law. Recipient counties and municipalities who spend any grant funds outside of this statutory intent understand that any such funds must be returned to the Department of Local Affairs and agree to do so within 30 days of identification of improper fund use.
 Confirm/Agree to comply
2. Recipient counties and municipalities must provide DOLA with quarterly itemized reports on how grant funds were spent in that quarter. The reporting form is available for download on the program website.
 - a. If a report is not received for any quarter, funds may be required to be returned to the Department of Local Affairs
 Confirm/Agree to comply
3. Recipient counties and municipalities will be randomly selected for detailed monitoring of grant fund expenditures. Supporting documentation for grant fund expenditures must be provided promptly to DOLA, if requested, to conduct necessary monitoring.
 Confirm/Agree to comply
4. Recipient counties agree to cooperate with and make grant funds available to District Attorneys for costs associated with prosecution of unlicensed marijuana cultivation or distribution operations conducted in violation of state law. Select one only.
 Counties - Confirm/Agree to comply
 Municipalities - N/A (DAs seek funding through counties only)
5. Recipient counties and municipalities acknowledge that, if NO grant funds are spent in any given state fiscal year, they will NOT receive grant funds in the following year. Due to appropriation limitations in statute, ANY grant funds not spent in a 2-year period must be returned to the Department of Local Affairs.
 Confirm/Agree to comply

C. BOARD APPROVAL/TABOR

1. Official Board Action:

Assurance of community priority.

Applications cannot be submitted unless approved by the city/town/county Board, Council or Trustees.

Date Official Board Action Authorizing this Application: _____

2. TABOR Compliance:

The grant funds for the Gray & Black Market Marijuana Enforcement Grant program are state funds.

Does the applicant have voter authorization to receive and expend state grant funds without regard to TABOR revenue limitations? Yes() If yes, explain: _____

No() If no, would receipt of these grant funds, if awarded, result in the local government exceeding revenue limitations, prompting a refund? Yes / No

Affirm local government Attorney has confirmed this TABOR statement.

D. STATE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION

The State, upon Acceptance of an Application submitted through the DOLA online grants portal system, agrees to provide financial assistance from the Gray & Black Market Marijuana Enforcement Grant program to the Applicant. The notification of award of financial assistance (Grant Award) indicates that Applicant has met all of the requirements to qualify for a portion of the Gray & Black Marijuana Enforcement Grant monies with such amount to be determined exclusively by the State and has affirmed and confirmed agreement with the stated terms and conditions associated with use of those grant funds.