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## Final Action on 2018 Legislative Agenda Slated for October 13



*By John (Chip) Taylor*

The final votes to approve the 2018 CCI Legislative Agenda will take place at CCI on October 13, along with ratification of the 2018 Policy Statement. These votes come on the heels of the work done by CCI's steering committees last Friday, when members reviewed 24 legislative proposals submitted by members and forwarded 15 for further consideration by the CCI legislative committee. The current list is available on the CCI website [here](#).

The process for finalizing CCI's legislative agenda is similar to the legislative process in each house of the General Assembly. After a proposal is submitted, it is reviewed by a subject-based (steering) committee and may be revised or amended before it is approved for further consideration. That is what took place on Friday. On October 13, two more reviews will take place. The first review, by CCI's Legislative Committee is very similar to Committee of the Whole at the legislature, with further opportunity for revision or amendment of the proposals. The CCI Legislative Committee has the added task of selecting legislative proposals considering their importance to county commissioners statewide, their likelihood of success, and the accumulated time and effort that will be required to shepherd the entire agenda through. If the proposals are technical in nature and unlikely to garner opposition, it is easier to pursue a larger number. On the other hand, proposals that are significant policy changes, that attract motivated opponents or that impact state funding are more time-intensive and use more of CCI's "political capital" – county commissioners' goodwill and influence with members of the General Assembly. One of the challenges that will face the legislative committee this year is selecting priorities from among a strong slate of county issues, many of which fall into the latter category.

The Legislative Committee will also review and recommend the 2018 Policy Statement that provides the broad policies and priorities embraced by CCI's membership and guides the staff's approach to bills until formal steering committee action. A general membership meeting takes place immediately following the Legislative Committee. This is the final approval and typically is a ratification of the Legislative Committee's recommendations for the legislative agenda and policy statement.

We will also have a special meeting of the Justice and Public Safety steering committee on October 13 to review the legislative proposals coming from the interim committee on courthouse funding and jail overcrowding. The interim committee was requested by CCI last session and we are hoping to provide early feedback to legislators on the bills they are proposing as interim committee bills. While final action would not be taken until a bill is actually introduced, this early review will help us ensure that the bills will be helpful for counties and not have unintended consequences.

I know this is the first time through for many new commissioners but, regardless of whether you are a freshman or a veteran, if you have questions please don't hesitate to give me a call!

*John (Chip) Taylor is CCI's Executive Director.*

## CCI MEETINGS:

### Noted Economist Rich Wobbekind Set to Speak at Winter Conference



Richard L. “Rich” Wobbekind, the Executive Director of the Business Research Division and Senior Associate Dean for Academic Programs at the University of Colorado Boulder, will be one of the featured speakers at the CCI Foundation Winter Conference on **November 27-29, 2017** at the Hotel Elegante in Colorado Springs, El Paso County. Wobbekind will speak on “What’s Ahead for Colorado’s Economy” during a general session on **Tuesday, November 28** at 10:30 am. Wobbekind joined the faculty at the Leeds School of Business in 1985 and has served as Associate Dean since 2000. As Executive Director of the Business Research Division, his responsibilities include developing an annual consensus forecast of the Colorado economy and performing various economic impact assessments of the Colorado economy. Wobbekind also produces the quarterly Leeds Business Confidence Index for Colorado. To register for the conference, go the home page of the CCI web site at [www.ccionline.org](http://www.ccionline.org).

### Winter Conference Workshop Outlines Capital Financing Strategies



Consistent with the “Funding Your County’s Future” theme, one of the highlight workshops at the CCI Foundation Winter Conference is “Capital Financing Options for Small- to Medium-Size Counties” on **Tuesday, November 28, 2017** at the Hotel Elegante in Colorado Springs, El Paso County. The session will cover such topics as the financing tools in state statutes, improvement districts, federal programs, various private funding sources, and voter-approval requirements. The featured speakers are Alan Matlosz of the George K. Baum & Company , an investment banking firm specializing in local government financing; Sunny Bryant, county manager, Fremont County, who will speak on her county’s jail-financing initiative; and Jason Kelly, Alamosa County Attorney, who will share insights from his county’s successful sales tax election. The workshop will be moderated by Rio Grande commissioner Karla Shriver.

## IMPORTANT NEWS FOR COUNTIES:

### GOCO Awards \$9.1 Million in Grants for Trails, Safe Access

Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) has awarded \$9.1 million in grants, including monies that will fund five trail construction projects to close critical gaps on the Western Slope and I-70 corridor and create safer access for Coloradans to the outdoors. More than 80 percent of Colorado residents recreate on trails so closing gaps and increasing connectivity have long been a GOCO priority. Among those receiving grants are Clear Creek County for the Peaks to Plains Trail Clear Creek Greenway Canyon Segment Phase 2 project, and Lake County for a survey of critical biological resources. For a complete list of the Connect Initiative and Conservation Excellence grant recipients, go to “Latest News” on the home page at [www.goco.org](http://www.goco.org).

## Colorado Climate Plan Open for Public Comment Until November 3

As part of Governor Hickenlooper's executive order "Supporting Colorado's Clean Energy Transition," the Department of Natural Resources, in collaboration with other state agencies, has updated the Colorado Climate Plan. The plan is available by clicking [here](#) and is open for public comments between now and 5 pm MDT **November 3, 2017**. Comments should be submitted, in writing, to [Taryn.Finnessey@state.co.us](mailto:Taryn.Finnessey@state.co.us). In addition, there will be a stakeholder engagement meeting on **October 18, 2017** at Colorado Parks and Wildlife in the Hunter Education Building located at 6060 Broadway in Denver. State agency staff will be on hand to discuss the plan and answer questions. RSVP to [Ben.Wade@state.co.us](mailto:Ben.Wade@state.co.us) by 5 pm MDT on **October 16, 2017**.

## Recycling Resources Economic Opportunity Program Offers Mini-Grants

The Recycling Resources Economic Opportunity (RREO) Grant Program exists to fund projects that lead to new opportunities to divert waste from landfills and create jobs. As funding opportunities for infrastructure development through the RREO Grant Program have grown more complex over time, a need arose to offer "mini-grants" through a simplified application process for small-scale projects. Proposals from public and government agencies will be accepted between now and **October 31, 2017** from applicants who have a need for equipment, supplies, and/or informational and outreach materials that will be used to support a new or existing recycling, organics, reuse, or waste reduction program. A total of \$400,000 is available for this funding opportunity. The maximum amount of funds an applicant can request is \$25,000. The minimum amount that can be requested is \$3,000. It is anticipated that awardees will have approval to make purchases per their project budget on **January 2, 2018**. Grantees must spend their full grant award by **June 30, 2018**. For a grant application, click [here](#).

## Health Disparities Grants Aimed at Reducing Chronic Disease in Colorado



The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Office of Health Equity (OHE) has announced the release of the Health Disparities Grant Program (HDGP) for fiscal year 2019-2021 to fund initiatives that reduce chronic disease in Colorado through prevention, early detection, and treatment of cancer and cardiovascular and pulmonary diseases to under-represented populations. In its Request for Application (RFA), HDGP is seeking applications from agencies with existing multisector partnerships to work on systems and policy changes focused on upstream determinants of health. The deadline for application submission is **November 29, 2017** by 5 pm (MST). For details of the funding opportunity and application materials, click [here](#).

## Rocky Mountain PBS Will Air Program on Veterans in Colorado October 19

In August, CCI was contacted by Rocky Mountain PBS for information on how much counties pay their veteran services officers. CCI does not have this information and has since learned that Rocky Mountain PBS will be emailing county veteran service officers directly for this information. Rocky Mountain PBS' program on veteran services will focus on the level of federal, state and county funding that is dedicated to helping Colorado's veterans. The program will look specifically at 1) the needs of aging Vietnam vets and their access to care in rural areas; 2) the use of medical marijuana as a treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder; and 3) the needs of female veterans and how their health needs will be met. The program is titled "Insight with John Ferrugia: Serving Those Who Served" and will air on **Thursday, October 19, 2017** at 7 pm on RMPBS.

## Courthouse Facility Grant Applications Are Due October 13

The **application** for Underfunded Courthouse Facility Grants is posted and the list of eligible counties for these grants is attached to *eCounty Lines*. Grants can be used for master planning services, matching or leveraging additional grant funds, or to address emergency needs due to the imminent closure of a courthouse.

Applications are due **October 13, 2017** and grants will be awarded in December. The **application** process for Courthouse Security Grants opened earlier this month and applications are due **October 28, 2017**. These grants are available to all counties and can be used to provide security staffing and equipment.

For questions, contact Marty Galvin, Office of the State Court Administrator, at 720.625.5853 or [marty.galvin@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:marty.galvin@judicial.state.co.us).

## Marijuana Impact, Enforcement Grant Applications Close October 20

The Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) has funds available through the Marijuana Impact Grant Program and the Gray & Black Market Marijuana Enforcement Grant Program. Information on the programs is attached to *eCounty Lines*. The application is electronic only and the deadline for submission is **October 20, 2017**.

If you have questions, contact Tamra Norton, financial assistance manager at DOLA, at 303.864.7734 or [tamra.norton@state.co.us](mailto:tamra.norton@state.co.us).

## CDPHE Invites County Feedback on Rulemaking Processes

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) invites elected officials and representatives of local governments to continue providing meaningful and timely input into the development of CDPHE rules. CDPHE has a long history of reaching out to local government during the stakeholder and rulemaking processes and would like to refresh its contact lists in order to continue the practice. CDPHE seeks input on the Board of Health, the Water Quality Control Commission, the Solid and Hazardous Waste Commission, the Air Quality Control Commission, and the Water and Wastewater Facility Operators Certification Board. Anyone interested in being notified about upcoming rulemaking efforts by CDPHE and these boards and commissions should click [here](#) and submit the form by **October 31, 2017**.

For questions, email [cdphe\\_rulemaking@state.co.us](mailto:cdphe_rulemaking@state.co.us).

## INVOLVEMENT/EDUCATION/NETWORKING:

### October 19: SAPGA's 'Conversations on Aging' Tour Comes to Pueblo

As part of its continuing effort to prepare the state for the nearly 68 percent increase of people more than 65 years old by 2030, Colorado's Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging (SAPGA) is presenting a series of meetings across the state to gather input from local residents responding to, and building on, SAPGA's action plan that was released last November. The meetings, entitled "Conversations on Aging," are open to the public, with a special invitation extended to older adults, caregivers, service providers, elected officials and advocates who work with seniors. Upcoming meetings include Pueblo (October 19) and Fort Morgan (October 25). To attend the Pueblo event, click [here](#). For Fort Morgan, click [here](#). The Planning Group seeks opinions, suggestions and guidance on issues facing our aging public that it can use to support local initiatives that improve the lives of seniors in the area. Various members of the Planning Group (including Pitkin County Commissioner Steve Child) make up of a cross-discipline collection of experts designed to address the broad range of issues that are presented around the state's fast-growing aging population, will be attending the meetings.

For more information, email [Gene Rose](#), or call him at 303.221.4345.

## October 26: Webinar Helps Counties Reduce Risks of Climate Change



DOLA and CCI are co-sponsors of a webinar entitled “Climate Planning in Colorado” set for **October 26, 2017** from Noon to 1 pm. Details and a link to the session will be provided soon. The webinar will focus on how counties and communities can reduce their risk and vulnerability to the impacts of climate change through effective climate planning. The session will highlight tips and strategies for developing an integrated local climate plan, including how to engage with planners and elected officials, assessing vulnerability and risk, key data and resources to use, and establishing baseline data and metrics. Presenters include Logan Sand, Recovery and Resilience Planner (DOLA); Taryn Finnessey (CWCB), Senior Climate Change Specialist; Katy Bigner, Environmental Planner; and Lindsay Ex, Climate Program Manager, of Fort Collins.

For more information, contact Logan Sand at 303.864.7705 or [logan.sand@state.co.us](mailto:logan.sand@state.co.us).

## November 1-3: National Cybersecurity Symposium in Colorado Springs

The National Cybersecurity Center in Colorado Springs will present a three-day symposium on cyber safety at the Broadmoor Hotel on **November 1-3, 2017**. Topics include: clear and present cyber dangers, cyber innovations, how governments can protect themselves, state vs. federal defense strategies, and ways to manage risk. Local government scholarships are available.

For a list of all speakers and topics and for registration information please go to [www.cybersymposium.org](http://www.cybersymposium.org).

## November 2-3: Grant Writing Workshop Focuses on Compliance

Grant Writing USA and the Denver Regional Council of Governments are hosting a grant writing workshops on **November 2-3, 2017**. The workshop focuses on grant administration and compliance requirements. Tuition is \$595 and includes all materials. Checks, cards, and purchase orders are welcome. Multi-enrollment discounts are also available.

To register, visit <http://GrantWritingUSA.com>.

## November 9: Clear Creek County Rural Housing Strategy Workshop

Downtown Colorado, Inc. (DCI) and Clear Creek County will hold a dialogue about rural housing on **November 9, 2017** from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm in Clear Creek County (*location to be determined*). Attendees will interact with experts in housing finance, programs, and development to foster dialogue on leveraging resources for rural housing.

Click [here](#) for more information.

## December 8: DCI-Sponsored Urban Renewal Board Member Training

Downtown Colorado, Inc. (DCI) has announced that it will present an all-day Urban Renewal Board Member Training class on **December 8, 2017** with the location to be announced. DCI is identifying new case studies that illustrate rural renewal and urban innovation. The training will highlight processes for implementing HB15-1348 (a law passed by the General Assembly in 2015 which grants counties, special districts and schools the ability to negotiate how much of their incremental property tax revenue they can commit to a redevelopment project) and the opportunities that new partnerships may hold as well as looking at the impacts of urban renewal in Colorado.

For more information, click [here](#).

## COUNTY NEWS:

### Counties Collaborate on Electronic Program That Saves Time, Money

County collaboration in Colorado is alive and well. Just look at the example set by Adams, El Paso and Pueblo counties in working together on an electronic program (developed by Arapahoe County) that human services departments will use to scan, store, and share applications and related documents for low-income residents who qualify for Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The three counties are sharing about \$850,000 in state and federal grants to implement the program that yields huge savings in time, money and paperwork. Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) officials say the system is likely to save taxpayers money by reducing personnel costs and assuring the county is in line with state and federal application processing goals, which, is not met, can result in fines. Arapahoe County began using the system in 2015 and estimates it has saved nearly \$1.5 million in temporary staffing and overtime costs, while dramatically reducing the time it takes for citizens to apply for programs.

### Las Animas Commissioners, Staff Receive Human Services Training



Last week, CCI staff visited with the Las Animas County Commissioners and staff (*pictured above*) to discuss their county's revenue limitations. One of the issues the commissioners raised was the increasing cost of providing human services to their residents. With this in mind, CCI staff along with staff from the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) worked together to offer a three-hour training to help Las Animas County drill down into their unique situation. That training covered a number of areas the county could consider to better leverage its limited resources, enhance its accounting and partner with others to help ensure qualified residents receive their benefits on a timely and accurate basis. CCI is grateful to the CDHS for their assistance and help.

## ASSOCIATE MEMBER PROFILE:

### Istonish Serves 42 Colorado Counties with Remote, Onsite IT Expertise



Istonish – a new Associate Member of the CCI Foundation at the Pioneer Level – provides remote and onsite IT infrastructure support services for 42 counties in Colorado. This support includes general office automation and hardware troubleshooting, security assessments, managed backup solutions as well as 24x7x365 help-desk monitoring and support. “Istonish believes that the best technology solutions stem from curiosity, collaboration and expertise,” says Carl Giboney, a program manager and Colorado county liaison for Istonish. (*continued*)

“That’s why with Istonish, you don’t simply get technicians – you get technology leaders.” Giboney (*pictured above*) has a long history of helping Colorado Department of Human Services county officers across the state meet their IT challenges. He builds and sustains relationships on the behalf of the State of Colorado and the Consortium and communicates and coordinates application change activity that is initiated from the State and the vendors who support county CDHS applications. In addition, Giboney is a member of the Colorado Cloud Consortium Program Management Office (PMO) to ensure that the role of the counties is represented in the planning and review activities of the State, the Colorado Cloud Consortium and Istonish. To learn more about Istonish’s capabilities visit us at [www.istonish.com](http://www.istonish.com).

#### **NACo NEWS:**

#### **Apply Now for the NACo Creative Counties Placemaking Challenge**



The National Association of Counties – in partnership with Americans for the Arts – has launched the Creative Counties Placemaking Challenge to train local leaders from rural and mid-sized counties on how to advance arts-based economic and community development to address local challenges. Counties with populations of less than 250,000 are encouraged to apply today at [www.naco.org/creativecounties](http://www.naco.org/creativecounties). Selected teams will have the opportunity to attend a 2 ½ day training in Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa and will receive technical assistance and mentoring. Applications are due **October 13, 2017**.

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COLORADO JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT UNDERFUNDED COURTHOUSE FACILITY COMMISSION	APPLICATIONS DUE:	
FISCAL YEAR 2018 GRANT APPLICATION	OCTOBER 13, 2017	

<b>UNDERFUNDED COURTHOUSE FACILITY FUND FISCAL YEAR 2018 GRANT CYCLE ELIGIBLE COUNTIES</b>	
Adams	Las Animas*
Alamosa	Lincoln*
Archuleta*	Logan
Baca*	Mesa
Bent*	Mineral
Chaffee	Moffat
Cheyenne	Montezuma
Conejos*	Montrose
Costilla*	Otero
Crowley*	Ouray
Custer*	Phillips*
Delta	Prowers*
Dolores*	Pueblo
Fremont	Rio Blanco
Gilpin	Rio Grande*
Hinsdale	Saguache*
Huerfano*	San Juan*
Jackson	Sedgwick*
Kiowa*	Washington
Kit Carson*	Yuma*
Lake	
*Indicates high priority county	



## **MARIJUANA IMPACT GRANT PROGRAM NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY/APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

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### **Program Purpose**

To award grants to eligible local governments who do not allow the sale of retail marijuana within their jurisdiction, but who are experiencing the impacts of retail marijuana from surrounding communities or any other illegal activity related to marijuana. The grant program has two key components:

1. To identify documented impacts to eligible local governments and determine grant dollars needed to reimburse for those impacts; and
2. To prioritize grant awards to applicants who intend to use the grant funds for one or more of the following purposes:
  - To pay for additional law enforcement activities related to retail marijuana, including costs associated with increased arrests, increased traffic violations, and prevention of out-of-state diversions and trafficking of marijuana;
  - To fund youth services, especially those that prevent the use of;
  - To mitigate other impacts that the cultivation, testing, sale, consumption, or regulation of retail marijuana or any other illegal activity related to marijuana has on services provided by an eligible local government.

### **Total Funding Available**

\$1,000,000 annually

### **Application Timeline**

- August 18, 2017: Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) distributed and application posted through on-line portal
- October 20, 2017: Applications due
- December 29, 2017: Awards letters sent

### **Contacts**

Marijuana Impact Grant Program:  
<https://www.colorado.gov/dola/marijuana-grant-programs>

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### **Grant Application Summary**

The August 2017 grant application process is available electronically. All applications must be submitted using the online system to be considered for an award. Please allow yourself plenty of time to become familiar with the system. Eligible 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 your application to complete at a later time.

## Online application details to help complete the online application

- This grant application is available to eligible Colorado counties and municipalities only as defined in C.R.S. 24-32-117(1)(c).
- **Grants will be made to eligible local governments for documented marijuana impacts:** Documented expenses, costs, and other impacts incurred as a result of legal activity related to the sale, transfer, cultivation, or processing of retail marijuana or any illegal activity related to marijuana. Activities may include but are not limited to:
  - Increased arrests and traffic violations
  - Illegal grow investigations
  - Traffic interdictions
  - Staff time
- **Funding priorities:** In awarding grants, the division shall give priority to an eligible local government that intends to use the money for one or more of the following purposes:
  - To pay for additional law enforcement activities related to retail marijuana, including costs associated with increased arrests, increased traffic violations, and prevention of out-of-state diversions and trafficking of marijuana;
  - To fund youth services, especially those that prevent the use of marijuana; and
  - To mitigate other impacts that the cultivation, testing, sale, consumption, or regulation of retail marijuana has on services provided by an eligible local government.
- Applications must include data supporting the impacts covering **January 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017 only**. Examples of documentation may include:
  - List of all marijuana related: calls, cases, traffic stops, youth services, jail days, etc.
  - Cost per all marijuana related: calls, cases, traffic stops, youth services, jail days, etc.
  - Actual costs must show applicant's full operations and how that number was calculated in relationship to the cost for marijuana related activity.
  - Method used to determine: calls, cases, traffic stops, youth services, jail days, etc. are marijuana related and copies of any forms utilized to identify marijuana relationship.
- To ensure you develop a competitive application please read:
  - C.R.S. 24-32-117; and
  - Application Rating Criteria

### **A. APPLICANT/CONTACT INFORMATION**

1. Applicant name (All applicants must be "eligible local governments" as defined on the program website and in C.R.S. 24-32-117(1)(c)).
2. Chief Elected Official.
3. Designated contact person for the application.

### **B. DOCUMENTED IMPACTS/FINANCIAL DETAIL**

1. Local priority, if more than 1 application is being submitted.
2. Amount of grant funds being requested for documented impacts.
3. Detailed description of the documented impacts between January 1, 2016 and July 30, 2017.
4. Detailed Marijuana Impact Budget Request.
5. Demonstration of financial need.
6. Severity or urgency.
7. Local effort.

### **C. PROGRAM PURPOSE**

1. Provide a detailed description of how local government intends to use the money for one or more of the program purposes.
2. Outline how the intended purpose will be determined successful.

### **D. 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 Marijuana Impact Grant program are state funds and may be subject to TABOR. Please consult with legal counsel regarding TABOR limits for the local government applicant(s) **before** submitting an application.



Marijuana Impact Grant Program  
 Application Rating Criteria

Points per Criteria	Criteria Description (For Rating Consideration)
Relationship to Retail Marijuana and Other Illegal Marijuana Impacts (0-15)	<p><b><u>Aligns with Application Question B.3</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application clearly describes the relationship between the request and retail marijuana and other illegal marijuana activity.</li> <li>• Documentation of costs and expense of the impact is independently verifiable. Data and calculations used clearly shows costs and expenses due to marijuana impacts.</li> </ul>
Demonstration of Financial Need (0-10)	<p><b><u>Aligns with Application Question B.5</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A specific financial hardship was created due to this documented marijuana impact.</li> <li>• The consequences of no funding have been identified and are significant.</li> <li>• If partial or no funding is provided, plans are in place to cover costs.</li> </ul>
Severity or Urgency (0-10)	<p><b><u>Aligns with Application Question B.6</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The caseload related to marijuana activity has increased significantly from the previous calendar year.</li> <li>• The request is directly related to an urgent health or safety concern.</li> <li>• The request will mitigate adverse direct impacts associated with marijuana.</li> </ul>
Local Effort (0-5)	<p><b><u>Aligns with Application Question B.7</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In an effort to reduce costs, the applicant explored collaboration, cost or equipment sharing arrangements with other organizations.</li> <li>• Moving forward, the applicant has attempted to reduce costs where appropriate through community/local efforts.</li> </ul>
Program Purpose (0-10)	<p><b><u>Aligns with Application Question C. 1 &amp; 2.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The local government intends to use the funds for one or more of the program purposes.</li> <li>• The intended purpose has a measurable outcome to be determined successful.</li> </ul>
<b>Maximum 50 Points</b>	



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

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### Program Purpose

To provide financial assistance through reimbursements to local law enforcement and district attorneys for actual expenses related to investigation and prosecution of unlicensed marijuana cultivation or distribution operations.

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.

### Total Funding Available

\$6 million annually (*including program operations*)

### Application Timeline

- August 18, 2017: Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) distributed and application posted through on-line portal
- October 20, 2017: Applications due
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### Contact

Gray & Black Market Marijuana Enforcement Grant Program:  
<https://www.colorado.gov/dola/marijuana-grant-programs>

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### Grant Application Summary

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## **Online application details to help complete the online application:**

- Applications should include expenses for investigations and prosecutions covering **January 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017 only.**
- Do not provide confidential information in the application or supporting documents. Enough detail should be made available to confirm expenses, but confidential information should be omitted or redacted as appropriate.
- **Funding priorities:** To provide financial assistance through reimbursements to local law enforcement and district attorneys for actual expenses related to investigation and prosecution of unlicensed marijuana cultivation or distribution operations as it relates to:
  1. Rural areas
  2. Large scale operations
  3. Organized crime operations or
  4. Operations that divert marijuana outside of Colorado.
- Rural areas are defined in C.R.S. 24-32-119(5) 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 recently available population 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 that meet the “rural area” definition at the time of submittal.**
- Applications should include expenses for investigations and prosecutions related to marijuana activities only, as defined in C.R.S. 24-32-119. Marijuana related activities are the only expenses eligible for reimbursement.
- To ensure you develop a competitive application please read:
  - C.R.S. 24-32-119 or HB 17-1221; and
  - Application Rating Criteria

### **A. Applicant/Contact Information**

1. Applicant name (All applicants must be county or municipal local governments for law enforcement and district attorney activities).
2. Chief Elected Official.
3. Designated contact person for the application

### **B. Investigation and Prosecution Description/Financial Detail**

1. Amount of funds being requested for reimbursement.
2. Program priority as defined in C.R.S. 24-32-119(1)(c).
3. Description of investigation and prosecution activities.
4. Investigation and prosecution expenses.
5. Demonstration of financial need.
6. Severity or urgency.
7. Local effort.

### **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.



Gray & Black Market Marijuana Enforcement Grant Program  
 Application Rating Criteria

Program Priorities	<p>The requesting agency incurred costs for one or more of the following program priorities that addressed unlicensed marijuana cultivation or distribution operations conducted in violation of state law. Per statute, funds will be directed to applicants meeting priority #1 first. Remaining funds will be directed to applicants meeting priority #2, then priority #3, and then priority #4.</p> <p><b><u>Aligns with Application Question B.2:</u></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1. Law Enforcement agencies and District Attorneys in rural areas (applicant must be a rural area* as define by C.R.S. 24-32-119);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2. Law Enforcement agencies and District Attorneys investigated and prosecuted large-scale operations (exceeding 30 plants);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3. Law Enforcement agencies and District Attorneys investigated and prosecuted organized crime; or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4. Law Enforcement agencies and District Attorneys investigated and prosecuted operations that diverted marijuana outside of Colorado.</p> <p><i>* Rural areas are defined in C.R.S. 24-32-119 as:</i>  <i>(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</i>  <i>(b) a municipality with a population of less than 30,000 people according to the most recently available population 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.</i></p> <p><b>DOLA will confirm applicants meet the "rural area" definition at the time of submittal.</b></p>		
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Supporting Documentation (0-20)	<p><b><u>Aligns with Application Question B.4</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application shows clear evidence of expenses incurred during investigation and prosecution of unlicensed marijuana cultivation or distribution operations conducted in violation of state law.</li> <li>• Documentation of actual expenses includes all appropriate salaries, overtime, equipment purchased, receipts, database or other independently verifiable systems used to track expenses in the investigation and prosecution.</li> </ul>		
Demonstration of Financial Need (0-15)	<p><b><u>Aligns with Application Question B.5</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A specific financial hardship was created as a result of the investigation or prosecution.</li> <li>• The consequences of no funding have been identified and are significant.</li> <li>• If partial or no funding is provided, plans are in place to cover costs.</li> </ul>		
Severity or Urgency (0-10)	<p><b><u>Aligns with Application Question B.6</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of cases and/or the average cost per case related to unlicensed marijuana cultivation or distribution, in comparison to all case totals, identifies a clear severity or urgency to the local law enforcement agency and district attorney.</li> </ul>		
Local Effort (0-5)	<p><b><u>Aligns with Application Question B.7</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In an effort to reduce costs, the applicant explored collaboration, cost or equipment sharing arrangements with other organizations during the investigation and prosecution.</li> <li>• Moving forward, the applicant has attempted to reduce costs where appropriate, to make the investigation and prosecution affordable and sustainable.</li> </ul>		
<b>Maximum 50 Points</b>			