



# *CCI Summer Conference Meet the Cabinet*

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# Department of Local Affairs (DOLA)

## Mission

Empower and strengthen thriving Colorado communities.



# *Highlights So Far: Disaster Recovery and Resilience*

- Disaster Recovery Funds - \$325M Spent
- Colorado Resilience Office - Fully Funded and Statewide

Recent Successes:  
Hinsdale, Huerfano, and  
Costilla Counties



# *New Financial Assistance*



Renewable/Clean Energy Initiative: \$12M

Rural Broadband: \$5M additional

Census Outreach Grants: \$6M

Civil Asset Forfeiture Grants: \$1M

Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Fund Grants:

- \$60M Primary Program (Three cycles of \$20M)

Rural Economic Development: \$750,000 annually

OTHERS:

- 17 other grant programs and formula distributions that we manage



# Field Team

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- Many members are at this conference; reach out to team if you have questions.

New Regional Manager:

- Tara Marshall, Southeastern



# *New Funding for Affordable Housing Development*

- HB19-1322 and HB19-1245 add \$77 million per year for housing development grants and loans by July 2021
- **Tripled DOLA's funds available for acquisition, rehab and new construction of affordable units**
- Will support the creation of 3,500 to 6,500 new affordable units in addition to 3,200 per year created with existing funds
- New funds can also be used for rental assistance (vouchers)



# *Addressing Rural Housing Needs*

- HB19-1322 added new uses to address rural housing needs:
  - Development of for-sale homes in non-urban areas for households earning up to 120% AMI
  - Down payment assistance for households up to 100% AMI
  - Home rehabilitation programs
  - Land acquisition and infrastructure costs for housing
- DOH will also increase regional staffing and deploy consultants to provide rural technical assistance



# *Addressing Highest Need Housing*

- The new bills also specify uses for Coloradans with the greatest barriers to accessing affordable housing
  - At least \$16M for housing affordable to extremely low income families and individuals, including seniors
  - Rental assistance for homeless families with children, homeless or disabled veterans, family unification, and survivors of domestic violence
  - Housing & Tenancy Services Vouchers for individuals with substance use disorders transitioning from a treatment program or institution



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