

Resource List



Sustainable Neighborhoods Denver Updated August 2016



Community Outreach

<i>What It Is</i>	<i>What It's Good For</i>
Social Networking	
<p>Facebook Description: Online social-networking site where you create a personal profile, add friends, post status updates, and exchange messages. Must have an account to participate. www.facebook.com</p>	<p>Announcements; instant messaging with friends; sharing links and photos; not great for discussions.</p> <p>*Difference between Group & Page Groups: Other FB users can join, post, and respond to comments on the group page. Pages: Other FB users can “like” but not participate.</p>
<p>Twitter Description: Online social-networking and microblogging site where users can send and read 140-character messages, or “tweets.” twitter.com</p>	<p>Short, quick announcements; sharing photos from events; following other organizations around Denver; keeping up with the news.</p>
<p>NextDoor Description: Online social-networking site specifically for neighborhoods. Allows users to connect with their neighbors. nextdoor.com</p>	<p>Getting to know your neighbors; exchanging local information and events; more exclusive than Facebook.</p> <p>*You must register with a real name and real physical address in that neighborhood.</p>
<p>MeetUp Description: Online social-networking site that facilitates offline (real-life, in-person) group meetings. www.meetup.com</p>	<p>Finding and joining groups based on common interests and location; starting your own group.</p> <p>*There is an organizer fee to create and maintain your own group (\$12-\$19 per month). This can be paid by organizer, organizer can charge membership fee to join, collect dues at meetings, etc.</p>

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File Sharing	
<p>Google Drive Description: Store 15GB worth of files for free. drive.google.com</p>	<p>Accessing files from anywhere; inviting people to share files with you; editing documents collectively.</p>
<p>Dropbox Description: Create a shared file on your desktop to easily share documents, photos, etc. with other users. www.dropbox.com</p>	<p>Securely sharing files for collaboration; storing and sharing photo and video galleries; backing up files/data.</p>
<p>PhotoBucket Description: Free service to host your photos online. photobucket.com</p>	<p>Free photo hosting; easy sharing (through links, emails, slideshows, and more).</p>
Email	
<p>Mail Chimp Description: Sign up as an entrepreneur and you can send 12,000 emails to 2,000 subscribers for free, forever. mailchimp.com</p>	<p>Keeping email contact lists up to date and without duplicates; designing templates for emails; tracking how many people have opened your email and clicked on the links within.</p>

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Marketing Resources	
<p>Piktochart Create charts and infographics https://piktochart.com/</p>	<p>Eye-catching visualizations / representations of metrics proving successes and areas for improvements.</p>
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<p>Canva Create unique flyers, brochures, posters, and social media marketing https://www.canva.com</p>	<p>Templates for creating marketing resources for various events. It's free, and has a lot of really unique design choices.</p>
<p>Tagul Word Cloud Art https://tagul.com</p>	<p>Keeping email contact lists up to date and without duplicates; designing templates for emails; tracking how many people have opened your email and clicked on the links within.</p>

Beautification & Public Art

Denver Arts and Venues:

P.S. You Are Here

Description: A citywide creative placemaking and neighborhood revitalization program that will cultivate collaborative, community-driven, outdoor projects in Denver's public spaces. Grant recipients can earn up to \$8000 for projects to activate public space and enhance the quality of life within a Denver neighborhood or corridor.

artsandvenuesdenver.com/create-denver/psyah

Urban Arts Fund

Description: A graffiti prevention and youth development program which facilitates the creation of new murals in perpetually vandalized areas throughout the City and County of Denver. The UAF provides access to positive, creative experiences for youth and transforms dilapidated areas into well-tended and active community gathering spaces.

artsandvenuesdenver.com/public-art/urban-arts-fund

Historic Preservation Project Grant

Description: History Colorado accepts applications twice annually for the State Historical Fund (SHF) grant cycle. SHF awards grants to public entities and nonprofits for historic preservation projects throughout the state.

Deadline: April 1, Oct. 1, 2016 (Two times annually)

<http://www.historycolorado.org/grants/state-historical-fund-grants>

Corporate Grants for Community Development (JPMorgan Chase)

Description: Provides funding for community arts/culture projects.

Deadline: Ongoing

<https://www.jpmorganchase.com/corporate/Corporate-Responsibility/grant-programs-us.htm>

City of Denver Cleanup & Beautification Project

Description: The City of Denver will loan you tools, supplies, safety information, and will even pick up your trash bags once you've completed your project!

Deadline: Ongoing

<https://www.denvergov.org/content/dam/denvergov/Portals/722/documents/Cleanup%20&%20Beautification%20Project%20Registration%20&%20Report%20form.pdf>

Composting

Backyard Composting

Denver Urban Gardens—Master Composters

Description: Follow the link below to request the attendance of a DUG-trained Master Composter at your activity.

dug.org/mc-request

Denver Urban Gardens—Learn to Compost Class

Description: In partner with Denver Recycles, DUG offers multiple “how to compost” classes each month.

<https://dug.org/compost/>

Enroll in Denver’s Compost Collection Program

Description: A paid service offered by the city that will actually pick up your compostable items for you, every month!

<https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/trash-and-recycling/composting/compost-collection-program/compost-collection-program-signup.html>

Energy Efficiency

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Denver Energy Challenge

Description: Take the Denver Energy Challenge and speak with a free energy advisor today!

www.denverenergy.org

Xcel Energy Partners in Energy

Description: Xcel Energy is looking to partner with Denver neighborhoods to participate in the 2-year program. Over the length of the program Xcel works with residents to develop custom energy action plans, and provides the resources and information to meet those goals.

www.xcelenergy.com

Looking for qualified contractors to get your Xcel rebate?

Search this list: hvaceducation.net/xcel-co/public_search.cfm

Low-income Energy Efficiency

Denver Urban Renewal Authority

Description: Provides financial assistance to support redevelopment and rehabilitation activities throughout the city; including single family rehab loan program and emergency home repair program.

www.renewdenver.org

Energy Resource Center

Description: ERC offers FREE home energy assessments and weatherization services to income-qualified Colorado residents in 11 counties.

www.erc-co.org

Groundwork Denver

Description: Focused on building partnerships and providing support to the diversity of Denver residents who want to improve their neighborhoods through community involvement and civic engagement.

groundworkcolorado.org

Mile High Youth Corps

Description: Gives youth ages 16 to 24 a chance to earn an income and learn hands-on job skills while serving in their communities. Energy & Water Program: MHYC installs low-cost energy and water savings measures to help nonprofit groups, faith based organizations, and residents of both single and multiple family units save money on their bills.

www.milehighyouthcorps.org

Gardening

Denver Botanic Gardens

Description: Botanical garden offering garden displays, outdoor exhibits, and gardening classes and workshops.

www.botanicgardens.org

Denver Digs Trees

Description: Affordable trees for planting on public and private property. Trees are \$10 each in 25 low canopy 'target' neighborhoods and \$35 each throughout the rest of the city of Denver. No longer taking applications this year, but keep it in mind for next year!

theparkpeople.org/Programs/DenverDigsTrees.aspx

Denver Urban Gardens

Description: DUG operates over 120 community gardens throughout Denver, offer a Master Gardener and Master Composter training program, provide youth education opportunities, host events and workshops, and more!

dug.org

CSU Extension—Master Gardeners

Description: CSU Master Gardeners are trained volunteers.

www.cmg.colostate.edu

The GrowHaus

Description: Non-profit indoor farm, marketplace, and educational center.

www.thegrowhaus.com

Produce for Pantries

Description: Encourages home, school, and community gardeners to plant, grow, and share produce with food pantries and hunger-relief organizations in their neighborhoods. Once you have produce, just call the Hunger Free Hotline at [855-855-4626](tel:855-855-4626) and get the location and contact information for the closest pantry to you.

www.produceforpantries.com

Gardening

Become a Community Forester

The Park People's Community Forester Program

Description: Learn to lead tree planting and care activities within your neighborhood!

<http://www.theparkpeople.org/Programs/CommunityForester.aspx>

Learn to be an Urban Farmer

UrbiCulture Farms' Urban Farmer Training Program

Description: Onetime and ongoing educational opportunities designed to expose participants to all aspects of urban farming, including seed starting and planting, gardening best practices, natural pest control, beekeeping, food preservation, and environmental sustainability.

<http://www.ucfarms.org/programs.html>

Learn to Plant and Maintain a Xeriscape Garden

City of Denver's list of Xeriscape Resources

Description: The Denver Metro area hosts many resources for individuals and businesses looking to transform their landscaping into less water-intensive gardens.

<http://www.denverwater.org/Conservation/Xeriscape/XeriscapeResources/>

Healthy Living

Be Healthy Denver

Description: Denver's Community Health Improvement plan focused on two priority areas: Access to Care and Healthy Eating & Active Living.

www.denvergov.org/behealthydenver/BeHealthyDenver/tabid/443344/Default.aspx

Transportation

Denver B-cycle

Description: Bike sharing program, where you can pick up a bike at one B-station and return it at any other B-station. Membership fees do apply.

denver.bcycle.com

Mile High Connects

Description: A partnership of private, public, and non-profit organizations committed to increasing access to housing choices, quality schools, jobs, and other essential services via public transit.

milehighconnects.org

Walk2Connect

Description: Promote personal, social, and community wellness through custom built and themed walking trips for individuals and groups. They can create fun walking opportunities, neighborhood-specific walking maps, wayfaring signs, and more!

walk2connect.com

Way to Go

Description: Way to Go provides reliable, easy, environmentally-friendly, no-nonsense commuting options to Denver area commuters.

www.waytogo.org

RTD

Description: Bus and light rail transit service to Denver, Boulder, and surrounding cities in Colorado.

www.rtd-denver.com

Solar Energy

North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners

Description: Make sure your solar contractor is certified by NABCEP. NABCEP is known as the “gold standard” for PV and Solar Heating Installation and PV Technical Sales Certifications.

www.nabcep.org

Grid Alternatives

Description: Non-profit organization that brings solar to low-income families throughout CO, and also provide learning/training opportunities for solar installers.

www.gridalternatives.org/colorado

Property-Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)

Description: Financing of Renewables and Efficiency

<http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy10osti/47097.pdf>

Waste Reduction

Composting

Denver's Compost Collection Program

Description: The Compost Collection program is a fee-based program available in certain areas of Denver.

Click [Here](#).

Recycling

Denver Recycles

Description: Information on pickup schedules, what can and cannot be recycled, tips on how to increase your recycling rate, and more!

www.denvergov.org/DenverRecycles

Water Efficiency

Denver Water

Description: Information on ways to reduce water consumption, where and how to find WaterSense products, xeriscaping, and more! Denver Water has a demonstration Xeriscape garden open to the public; follow the second link for more information on the garden.

www.denverwater.org/Conservation

www.denverwater.org/Conservation/Xeriscape/XeriscapeResources

City of Denver's Residential Rebates for Improved Water Efficiency

Description: The city will reward you with financial incentives for certain steps taken to improve water efficiency.

<http://www.denverwater.org/Conservation/Rebates/ResidentialRebates/>

Water Efficiency Tips & Tricks

Description: Check out this website for user-friendly ideas for improving water efficiency for Denver households.

<http://wateruseitwisely.com/100-ways-to-conserve/>

Funding Opportunities

The Denver Foundation

Description: Colorado's oldest and largest community foundation that invests funds through grants to nonprofits, manages and administers personalized funds that have specific charitable objectives, and works with the community and philanthropic leaders to address challenges in the Metro Denver area.

www.denverfoundation.org

Strengthening Neighborhoods Fund

Description: Denver Foundation's grassroots neighborhood development program, which makes grants directly to residents for projects that the residents develop and lead. Grants range from \$100 to \$5,000.

www.strengtheningneighborhoods.org

The Colorado Health Foundation

Description: Invests in grants and initiatives to health-related nonprofits that encourage healthy living and increase the number of Coloradans signed up for health insurance.

www.coloradohealth.org

The Piton Foundation

Description: Private foundation funded by the Gary Community Investment Company to develop and implement programs that improve education, expand economic opportunities for families, and strengthen low-income communities.

www.piton.org

Surdna Foundation

Description: Makes grants to nonprofit organizations in the areas of Sustainable Environments, Strong Local Economies, and Thriving Cultures Grants with the goal of fostering sustainable communities.

<http://www.surdna.org/what-we-fund/funding-overview.html>

Funding Opportunities

John G. Duncan Charitable Trust

Description: The John G. Duncan Charitable Trust supports a variety of charitable, benevolent, educational, and religious purposes within the state of Colorado.

Deadline: July 31st

<https://www.wellsfargo.com/privatefoundationgrants/duncan>

The Harris Foundation

Description: Awards grants for \$6,000 or less that are concerned with the following areas: the arts, environmental conservation, preventative health care and population issues, and educational programs.

Deadline: Ongoing

<http://harrisfoundation-nevada.com/index.htm>

Earth Protection Grant from Leighty Foundation

Description: Awards grants for \$500—10,000 for nonprofits working to improve environmental sustainability, energy conservation, planning, science education and earth protection.

Deadline: Ongoing

<http://www.leightyfoundation.org/guidelines.php>

Ecological Innovative & Contemplative Practice Grant from Nathan Cummings Foundation

Description: Awards for between \$10,000—100k for programs such as sustainable ecological systems, fighting global warming, and building community health.

Deadline: Ongoing

<http://www.nathancummings.org/enviro/00023.html>

Environmental Funds Grant from Oram Foundation

Description: Awards between \$500—10,000 given for small projects that include transportation and/or urban life and environment. Preference given to programs with media involvement. Large-scale projects may be awarded up to \$60,000.

Deadline: Ongoing

Funding Opportunities

Special Environmental Initiative Grant from Roy A. Hunt Foundation

Description: Awards between \$5,000—15,000 for projects that are focused on natural resource conservation, ecosystem restoration, gardens and parks, and environmental health.

Deadline: Ongoing

www.rahuntdn.org/apply_form.shtml

StEPP Foundation Grant

Description: Awards between \$3,000—210,000 for projects that work to improve the environment in areas such as reducing pollution, improving energy efficiency, and those which benefit the public.

Deadline: Ongoing

http://www.steppfoundation.org/about_us/about_us.htm

Tree Coalition Grants

Description: There are several grant opportunities for this specific endeavor, each awarding between \$500—10,000 for preservation planning, education projects, acquisition costs, construction and capital costs.

Deadline: February, June, October 1st (multiple opportunities per year)

<http://www.preservationnation.org/about-us/programs/community-revitalization.html>

National Trust for Historic Preservation

Description: Awards for between \$10,000—100k for programs such as sustainable ecological systems, fighting global warming, and building community health.

Deadline: Ongoing

<http://www.nathancummings.org/enviro/00023.html>

Wolcott Family Foundation Grant

Description: Awards between 1,000—7,500 for projects that build community development and leadership, and must demonstrate linkage and interdependence of ecosystems and economics.

Deadline: Ongoing

<http://www.wolffoundation.org/>