



Express Delivery

Colorado Rural Health Center

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CRHC Investing Membership Renewal

It's time once again to renew your Investing Membership! Members whose membership ends December 31, 2007 will receive membership renewal information by mail and email. CRHC would like to thank all of our members for their support of our office and of rural healthcare services. Please contact CRHC if you have any questions.

Statewide Transportation Meetings for Public Comment



Non-emergent medical transportation is an unmet need for many rural residents of Colorado. While neighbors, friends, and family help fill the transportation service gap, the burden and expense of trying to meet ongoing transportation needs can become too great. Many rural Coloradoans go without needed healthcare services due to lack of transportation, resulting in lack of preventative care and early detection of disease. Many rural communities respond to this transportation need by providing non-emergent medical transportation in emergency vehicles with emergency services personnel, increasing costs and reducing the community's ability to respond to true emergencies.

We believe that provision for non-emergent medical transportation is a necessary component of Colorado's transportation plan. Please attend one of the Transportation Finance Committee's meetings, and encourage them to address non-emergent medical transportation in whatever plan they recommend. Points you might address include: distance to healthcare providers in rural Colorado, higher numbers of elderly and those living in poverty in rural Colorado, decreased access to healthcare services due to the lack of transportation, impact on emergency services, or personal stories you might have regarding lack of transportation for non-emergent medical care.

For information about meeting locations, dates, and times, please click here: www.dot.state.co.us.

Nursing Workforce Diversity Grant

The Federal Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) has developed a Nursing Workforce Diversity Grant Program. This program will fund projects that aim to increase opportunities to become a registered nurse and projects that support registered nurses in their pursuit of a Bachelor's Degree. The program is aimed towards people from either educationally or economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Applications are due by **November 16, 2007**.

For more information, please visit <https://grants.hrsa.gov/>

Colorado Heritage Planning Grants

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs' (DOLA) Office of Smart Growth has announced its Colorado Heritage Planning Grants Program. These grants are available to towns, cities, and counties looking to continue and/or expand their capacity to manage growth. Projects funded in the past addressed issues such as traffic congestion, agriculture, open space, housing, wildfires, and fiscal impacts. Applications are due **November 30**. Interested parties are encouraged to contact your local DOLA representative.

Please visit www.dola.colorado.gov/osg.



Apply for an EMS Provider Grant

by Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse, CDPHE This is an excerpt; the full article is available online.

Each year, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) distributes approximately \$1.6 million dollars to support improvements and expansion throughout Colorado's emergency medical and trauma services system. Next year's grant cycle (fiscal year 2009) begins Dec. 15, 2007. It's not too early to begin the application process! Local Regional Emergency Medical and Trauma Advisory Councils (RETACs) offer grants workshops this fall and winter. Contact your local RETAC coordinator or CDPHE for a list of dates and locations. You may apply in a maximum of two categories. Grant applications are due **February 15, 2008**.

Your local RETAC coordinator's contact information is available online at www.cdphe.state.co.us/em/retac/index.html. For more information on the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Emergency Medical and Trauma Services, please visit www.cdphe.state.co.us/em.

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