

# CSU Extension Food Systems Newsletter

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Welcome to the **109<sup>th</sup> edition** of the Colorado State University Extension Local Food Systems newsletter. As a key resource connecting our CSU team with local and state partners about events, news and opportunities, we are committed to building a stronger network of those who work on systems-based issues. This newsletter is one way to build that network. You can help us be better connected in two ways:

- **Forward** this newsletter to anyone with an interest in local food systems and CSU's programs in this area and tell them they are welcome to contact us so we can add them to our mailing list.
- **Send us** any events and news from your organization and other partners so that we may share them with our growing readership!

To assist our readers in finding information, events and programs we may have presented in the past, you can find old issues at: <http://foodsystems.colostate.edu/extension-outreach/local-food-systems-newsletter/>.

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## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: IMPROVING COMMUNITY FOOD SYSTEMS

To ensure we are bringing health in reach for all Coloradans, the Colorado Health Foundation (CHF) is opening funding for [Improving Community Food Systems](#), which is designed to support coalitions to develop plans focused on strengthening local food systems. Grant funding is available up to \$85,000.

This funding opportunity will support a nine-month planning process aimed at addressing one or both of the following Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger goals:

- a) Increase the number of Coloradans who can access affordable, nutritious food in their communities
- b) Increase the number of Coloradans who can access food assistance and nutritious food through community-based organizations.

Learn more about [this funding opportunity](#) or connect with a program officer to discuss ideas for your program or project by [email](#) or phone at 303-953-3600. Sign up for [CHF's grants management system](#) and apply for funding by 5 p.m. MDT on **June 15th, 2019**.

## CALL FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS: FARMERS MARKET PROMOTION PROGRAM AND LOCAL FOOD PROMOTION PROGRAM

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) recently announced the availability of \$23 million in grants to support the development, coordination and expansion of local and regional food markets, enterprises and producer-to-consumer marketing. And they're offering webinars to help make it easier for potential applicants!

The Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program (FMLFPP), authorized by the 2018 Farm Bill under the Local Agriculture Marketing Program (LAMP), covers both the [Farmers Market Promotion Program \(FMPP\)](#) and [Local Food Promotion Program \(LFPP\)](#).

FMPP funds projects that develop, coordinate and expand direct producer-to-consumer markets to help increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products.

LFPP grants support the development and expansion of local and regional food business enterprises to increase domestic consumption of, and access to, locally and regionally produced agricultural products, and to develop new market opportunities for farm and ranch operations serving local markets. Both have a three-year performance period.

Funding ranges from \$50,000 to \$500,000. Applications are due June 18th, 2019. Applications for both FMPP and LFPP must be submitted electronically through [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) by **11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on June 18, 2019**.

**If you choose to apply, the Food Systems team has compiled a set of resources to help your planning at:**

<https://foodsystems.colostate.edu/courses-professional-development/grant-writing-workshops/>

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: COLORADO TOURISM LEADERSHIP JOURNEY CLASS OF 2020

The Colorado Tourism Leadership Journey, a professional development and networking opportunity for those with any ties to tourism (City, County, State and Federal Government, Ski, Hotel, Restaurant, Gaming, Agritourism, Media/Marketing/Advertising, Charitable/Social Organizations, and beyond), aims to create benefits not only for participants but for employers and industry as a whole. For employers, it's a cost-effective way to develop, reward and retain top talent. For the state, it aims to strengthen our competitive advantage by developing a high-performing, more unified tourism industry that will be even better equipped to serve as one of Colorado's leading economic drivers.

This one-year program will begin and conclude at the annual Colorado Governor's Tourism Conference and encompass:

- Attendance at two successive Governor's Conferences;
- Three experiential learning opportunities spanning three days (half day, full day, half day) at locations around the state;
- Periodic one-hour check-in meetings with small groups;
- Required readings of up to five texts;
- Regular encounters with assigned mentors; and
- Completion of an Action Learning Project.

For more information, please click [here](#). CSU would love to see some of our staff and partners participate in this great professional development program. Applications are being accepted now until **June 30th, 2019**.

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: CRAFT STUDIO 201

Part of OEDIT's Rural Technical Assistance Program, CRAFT Studio 201 provides customized support for communities or regions wishing to advance a specific tourism-related goal or strategy.

The duration of this course is 100 hours, usually completed in 6-8 months. CTO recommends that groups of tourism partners within a community or region with identified tourism assets and promotional strategy, with 1-2 local champions to be the point of contact for CTO. CSU is happy to be on the planning team, but the champions should be located and significantly involved in the community. Please contact [Dawn.thilmany@colostate.edu](mailto:Dawn.thilmany@colostate.edu) if you want to connect to CSU on your proposal.

After successful completion of CRAFT Studio 201, participating communities or regions are eligible to apply for funding to implement a key priority determined during the program. Up to \$7,500 is available for a CRAFT Studio 201 Implementation Grant. Potential outcomes of CRAFT Studio 201 include increased visitation to region or destination, increased awareness of region or destination, and creation of a plan for development or promotion of a region or destination.

Requirements to participate:

- Local, engaged leaders committed for one year to accomplish the goal of this initiative;
- Strong, demonstrable community buy-in;
- Clearly developed measurements for success and reporting capabilities;
- Applicants must be currently engaged with tourism on some level.
- If you are not directly employed by or provide services to the tourism industry below are additional qualifications:
  - Attendance at a Colorado Governor's Tourism Conference;
  - Attendance at a Colorado regional tourism conference;
  - Participation in [Colorado.com](http://Colorado.com); and
  - Member of any tourism-related association.

Applications are open now through **June 30th, 2019**. For more information or to apply, please click [here](#).

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: RURAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RTAP)

Rural Technical Assistance Program (RTAP), formerly Colorado Blueprint 2.0, is a series of technical assistance initiatives offered by the Colorado Office of Economic Development to enhance rural economic development strategies across the state. The program leverages state partnerships and specialized resources to address the unique economic development goals of rural Colorado. This

community-driven effort turns regional feedback on local economic needs into a catalyst for economic growth.

In 2019, the following seven initiatives will be offered:

- Colorado Rural Academy for Tourism: CRAFT Studio 201
- Grow Your Outdoor Recreation Industry
- Coworking 101
- Certified Small Business Community
- Film Festival Initiative
- Creativity Lab of Colorado
- Community Placemaking

Communities interested in RTAP are encouraged to learn more and apply online [here](#). Applicants will be asked to demonstrate collaboration, strong local leadership and solid support for the initiative they choose to pursue. Applications are due **June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019** and winning committees will be announced in July. For more information, please click [here](#). For questions, please contact Danielle Lendriet [here](#) or at 303-929-1042.

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: AGRICULTURE AND FOOD RESEARCH INITIATIVES

The Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) is America's flagship competitive grants program that provides funding for fundamental and applied research, education, and extension projects in the food and agricultural sciences. In this RFA, NIFA requests applications for six AFRI priority areas through the Foundational and Applied Science Program for FY 2019 and FY 2020. One of the program priority areas is Agricultural Economics and Rural Communities (AERC). The program area supports rigorous economic and social science research that informs decision making, policy design, and implementation to enhance the sustainability of agricultural production systems and natural resources, promote rural economic development and prosperity, enhance quality of life, and alleviate poverty. Topical issues include, but are not limited to, examining agricultural markets and international trade; commodity policy, crop insurance, and policy design and impact; market structure and performance in the food system and value chain; interactions between agriculture and the environment; rural economic development and well-being; food security; consumer preferences, behavior and market development; and decision-making under uncertainty.

Each application must address at least one of the five program area priorities listed below. Details about each of the AERC program areas are provided later in this section.

- a) Small and Medium-sized Farms
- b) Economics, Markets and Trade
- c) Social Implications of Food and Agricultural Technologies
- d) Environmental and Natural Resource Economics
- e) Rural Economic Development

**Requested Project Types:** Research Projects or Integrated (research with education and/or extension) Projects only

**Requested Grant Types:** Standard, Conference, and Food Agricultural Science Enhancement Grants only

**Letter of Intent:** Required only for Conference Grant applications. The LOI must be submitted a minimum of 135 days before the conference begins.

**Application Deadlines:**

- Fiscal Year 2019: Thursday, July 19, 2019 (5:00 p.m. Eastern Time)
- Fiscal Year 2020: Thursday, March 5, 2020 (5:00 p.m. Eastern Time)
- Conference Grants: submitted after LOI decision response and a minimum of 90 days before the conference begins

For more information, please contact Dr. Denis Ebodaghe at (202)401-4385 or through email [here](#) or Dr. Wesley Dean at (202) 689-4286 or through email [here](#). For more information about this year's applications and funding, please click [here](#). To read more about the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative, please click [here](#).

## UPDATED RESOURCE: CSU FOOD SYSTEMS PAGE

Work on food systems continues to grow in breadth, depth and linkages to community, state and national partners. As a way to better share the educational resources, research and activities of our team and its partners, the CSU Food Systems Webpage is updated, and we encourage you to visit: <https://foodsystems.colostate.edu/>

These monthly newsletters are always posted there: <https://foodsystems.colostate.edu/extension-outreach/local-food-systems-newsletter/>

## EVENT: ANNIE'S PROJECT FACILITATOR TRAINING

Annie's Project is an educational program dedicated to strengthening women's roles in modern farm and ranch enterprises. The organization that implements Annie's Project has developed a series of classes that address a variety of issues confronted by female farmers and ranchers. Through six educational sessions, [Annie's Project level I](#) fosters problem solving, record keeping, and decision-making skills from the five areas of risk as identified by USDA. If you are interested in becoming a certified facilitator for Annie's Project Level 1, please join Colorado State University Extension in this training.

**When:** Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm and Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon (Both sessions are required).

**Where:** Northeast Regional Engagement Center 304 Main Street Sterling, CO 80751

**Registration Fee:** For CSU Extension employees: **Free**, for Colorado residents: \$25.00, for out-of-state participants: \$50.00

To register, please click [here](#).

## EVENT: MORP HERITAGE APPLE TREE SALE AND FUNDRAISER

Join Montezuma Orchard Restoration Project (MORP) in preserving Colorado's fruit growing heritage by planting heritage apple trees! Choose from up to 60 varieties at the upcoming tree sale. Current MORP members qualify for tree discounts.

**When:** Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Where:** MORP Nursery. 17312 Road G, Cortez, CO 81321

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

## EVENT: NATIONAL FARM TO SCHOOL NETWORK WEBINAR

The National Farm to School Network is hosting a webinar entitled Trending Topics in Farm to School. The next Child Nutrition Reauthorization (CNR) is at the forefront of food policy discussions in Washington. A diverse community of voices should be heard in policymaking, but do you find it challenging to get involved? Join Chloe Marshall, National Farm to School Network Policy Specialist, to learn about CNR and how you can advocate with impact!

**When:** Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am

To register, please click [here](#).

## EVENT: PRESERVE@HOME ONLINE COURSE

Colorado State University Extension invites you to enroll in Preserve@Home, an online 6-week food preservation class to teach individuals how to safely preserve a variety of foods. Each lesson includes online text (that can be downloaded and printed), online discussion boards, a weekly real-time chat with instructors & classmates, and open book quizzes. Each lesson will provide preservation resources that will include researched information, safe techniques/processes, and of course, recipes. Computer access is required but the training can be done from anywhere with internet access.

**When:** weekly between June 13<sup>th</sup> - July 18<sup>th</sup>

Please register before June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 by clicking [here](#).

## EVENT: FOOD SAFETY TRAINING FOR COLORADO COTTAGE FOODS PRODUCERS

Learn how to safely produce food from home for a cottage food business. Courses cover a variety of topics that include but are not limited to:

- Basic food safety (proper hygiene, preventing cross-contamination, and temperature control for safe food preparation);
- Foods that are permissible under the updated Colorado Cottage Food Act;
- Ingredient labeling requirements;
- Special considerations for food preparation at higher altitudes; and
- Safe food sampling best practices.

Cottage food safety courses will be offered on the following dates and locations throughout 2019:

- **June 4<sup>th</sup>**, 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm, El Paso County
- **June 21<sup>st</sup>**, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Longmont
- **July 10<sup>th</sup>**, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm, El Paso County
- **July 22<sup>th</sup>**, 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm, El Paso County
- **July 24<sup>th</sup>**, - Durango
- **August 7<sup>th</sup>**, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm, El Paso County
- **August 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm, El Paso County
- **August 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Golden
- **September 4<sup>th</sup>**, 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm, El Paso County
- **September 20<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Centennial
- **September 24<sup>th</sup>**, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm, Grand Junction
- **October 16<sup>th</sup>**, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm, El Paso County
- **October 25<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Longmont
- **November 4<sup>th</sup>**, 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm, El Paso County

- **November 8<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Golden
- **December 6<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Centennial

**Registration:** \$40.00

To register, please click [here](#).

## EVENT: ROCKY MOUNTAIN FOOD SAFETY CONFERENCE

Established in 1972, the Rocky Mountain Food Safety Conference has become the premier food safety conference of the Rocky Mountain region. The conference brings together professionals from the food industry and the food safety community, providing a unique annual opportunity for updates, networking, and new ideas. National and local experts present information and views on current issues, problems, and developments, and conference participants gain an updated, broader view of the field and their role in securing and protecting a safe food supply.

**Registration Fee:** \$225, first time industry attendee \$175, and student registration fee \$125

**When:** June 12-13, 2019

**Where:** Arvada Center, 6901 Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada, CO 80003

To register and find out more, please click [here](#).

## EVENT: ANNIE'S PROJECT COMES TO EL PASO COUNTY

CSU Extension is offering an Annie's Project Workshop in Colorado Springs this summer!

**When:** Tuesday Evenings, June 25 – July 30. 5:30-9:00 pm

**Where:** 17 N. Spruce St., Colorado Springs, CO 80905

**Cost:** Class fee is \$75 and includes 18 hours of instruction, class certificate, and dinner each night.

Register at [Annie's Project - Colorado Springs](#) or view all of the CSU Extension – El Paso County classes at [www.EPCextension.eventbrite.com](http://www.EPCextension.eventbrite.com)

## EVENT: COLORADO PROUD SCHOOL MEAL DAY

The Colorado Departments of Agriculture and Education would like to invite Colorado schools to participate in the annual Colorado Proud School Meal Day. This is a day to celebrate Colorado agriculture and to educate schoolchildren about healthy eating.

**When:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019

For ideas, resources, videos and more that help make the Colorado Proud School Meal Day easy to implement in schools and communities, click [here](#). Schools participating in the 2019 Colorado Proud School Meat Day should email Wendy Lee White [here](#) with the school name, address, and activity planned to be placed on a map of all participating schools.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

To add your ideas and news, contact [Belle Parra](#).

To subscribe and unsubscribe to this newsletter, contact [Martha Sullins](#).

