

# Economic Development Alliance Update: March 2021



**NEXT INVESTOR MEETING IS April .13.21**



# UPDATE FROM STAFF

Vaccination Rates in SW Colorado continue to accelerate and lead the State in efficiencies due to the incredible efforts of the volunteer army that Karen Zink started. Recent clinics have included the Southern Ute Tribe and Town of Ignacio Operations that have expanded population. As of March 13th over 47% of La Plata County's population of 56K have received either first or second dose. Please continue to seek vaccination opportunities here.

The Alliance is looking to enable more job visibility to available jobs in our community and has revitalized the [mometodurango.com](http://mometodurango.com) site to do so. If you have jobs that warrant recruitment of talent into our region please contact us to post jobs and help promote.

## **The Colorado Revitalization Plan**

The Colorado Revitalization Plan is being developed as a result of the Federal \$1.9T stimulus plan signed by the President last week. This will create many programs for our community that the Alliance will look to help enable a collaborative response as a community for the priorities we feel are most impactful to the economic recovery and revitalization. Our community will immediately benefit from the Restaurant Revitalization program that has earmarked \$29B in funds via the SBA. More details will be out soon.

## **Restaurant Revitalization Fund**

Restaurant Revitalization Fund is part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARP Act"), a \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill which includes grant moneys for eligible restaurant operators as part of the Restaurants Revitalization Fund ("RRF"). The RRF will be administered by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Under the bill, "eligible entity"—which definition includes restaurants, food trucks, bars and brewpubs, among other establishments—will be eligible to receive a grant of up to \$10 million. The amount of the grant must not exceed the "pandemic-related" revenue loss of the applicant, which generally means the applicant's 2019 gross receipts minus its 2020 gross receipts. Grants will be based on a modified formula for applicants that were not in operation for all of 2019 or who opened for business after January 1, 2020. Grant funds may be used to cover payroll costs, rent payments, utilities, maintenance expenses, supplies, F&B expenses within the normal scope of business practice, covered supplier costs, operational expenses, paid sick leave, outdoor seating construction, personal protective equipment (PPE), cleaning materials and other expenses the SBA deems essential.

During the initial 21-day period in which the SBA awards grants, the SBA must prioritize grants to eligible applicants that are small businesses owned and controlled by women, veterans and the socially and economically disadvantaged. Also, \$5 billion of the \$28.6 billion will be reserved for applicants with less than \$500,000 in gross receipts in 2019.

The SBA has yet to issue rules or any other guidance regarding the application procedure for RRF grants, except that applicants will have to make a good faith certification to the SBA that the uncertainty of current economic conditions makes the applicant's grant request necessary to support its ongoing operations.

## **Developers Forum**

We are collaborating with the Durango Renewable Partnership and Downtown Colorado to host a Developers Forum on March 31, 2020. We will advertise this to the construction and development sector heavily.

Lastly housing data still shows climbing prices and decreasing inventory and supply in all markets in La Plata County. Workforce housing continues to be a top priority to work on for the Alliance. We are pleased to see this as one the major topics of conversations in the upcoming City of Durango Council race.



## Municipalities

### City of Durango

There are seven people running for three spots on Durango City Council in the April 6th Election. The three seats will open when councilors Dean Brookie, Chris Bettin and Melisa Youssef end their terms this spring. Find a brief statement from each candidate below as well as their contact information, and you can watch the Chamber of Commerce's Eggs and Issues with the candidates here.

<https://youtu.be/Sp6xzWpkK7I>

Melissa Youssef, 55, joined City Council in 2017 and served as mayor from April 2019 to April 2020. She is the council liaison for the Strategy and Long-term Finance Committee and the Creative Economy Commission. She has also served as a council representative on the La Plata County Economic Development Alliance Board.

<http://www.melissayoussef.com/>

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Jessika Buell, 39, said she is an entrepreneur who owns three Durango businesses and has lived in the city for 19 years. The mother of two has co-founded the Professional Women's Network of Durango and was named 2019 Entrepreneur of the Year through the Durango Chamber of Commerce.

<https://jessikafordurango.com/>

Olivier Bosmans, 49, is the owner of Globos Consulting LLC, where he does international project management and environmental health and safety consulting. He first moved to Durango in 2005 and serves on the La Plata County Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission. (970) 393-2372

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[https://www.facebook.com/Olivier-for-City-Council-354289888990465/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/Olivier-for-City-Council-354289888990465/?ref=page_internal)

Seth Furtney, 55, has worked as a commercial property owner and manager for Snowy River Investments LLC. A Durango resident since 2003, Furtney said he has become involved with Durango Trails and serves on the Durango Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

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Frank Lockwood, 70, is retired after a 30-year career as an attorney and is a member of the Speakers Bureau of the Colorado ACLU. He has served as a La Plata County planning commissioner for four years and was the executive director of the Durango Area Tourism Office until early 2019. He moved to Durango in 2011.

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Lisa McCorry is a 41-year-old landscaper with Bare Hands Landscape Maintenance in Durango. She said she is involved with La Plata Showing Up for Racial Justice, or SURJ, and the Durango School District 9-R subcommittee on culture and equity engagement.

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Harrison Wendt, 23, said he moved to Durango in 2017. He works as a youth camp coordinator with Durango School District 9-R's after-school enrichment program and has been involved with the Southwest Movement for Black Lives, he said. (970) 946-7248

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## Town of Bayfield

### Bayfield schools receive \$328,000 to improve broadband access

The Bayfield School District will be able to improve student access to broadband with an award of \$328,000 in state funding announced last week.

Broadband has become an even more vital utility during the coronavirus pandemic when so many students worked remotely during school closures. But in areas like Bayfield, some families have struggled with broadband access. The Connecting Colorado Students grant award, from the Colorado Department of Education, will help Bayfield support those students while improving its broadband infrastructure.

“It’s a great partnership with the town of Bayfield to be able to do this,” said Kevin Aten, Bayfield superintendent. “Anything we can do to provide better access for our students and our citizens just strengthens the town of Bayfield.”

The Connecting Colorado Students grant can be used to pay for a variety of tools and technologies, such as subscribing to broadband services, providing devices, purchasing data plans and increasing the availability of internet access using Wi-Fi, antennas or mobile hot spots.

The grant money will help the Bayfield School District increase the number of hot spots available to students and reimburse some of the district’s broadband-related expenses in its general fund. The town of Bayfield will add Wi-Fi towers to help improve broadband access, Aten said.

The district and town are still finalizing parts of the plan, said Katie Sickles, Bayfield town manager.

## Town of Ignacio

### Town Board Strategic Plan

The Town Board of Trustees has been working with Sagebrush Consulting and has just completed and adopted the Strategic Plan for 2021 - 2023!

To review, download, or print this plan, click [HERE](#).

### Broadband Grant

The Town of Ignacio has partnered with FastTrack Communications in Durango on a State grant through the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) that, if awarded, will provide fiber optics to residences and business in Town. Delivery of fiber optic service will greatly improve broadband internet access for work or school needs within your business or home. The proposed improved service will significantly enhance your internet speeds without significant increase to your current monthly expense.

**WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE** in providing public comments on the current level of broadband internet access in Ignacio. The link to the DORA website where you can provide comments is <https://broadbandfund.colorado.gov/get-involved>. Please take the time to access this webpage and provide information on your current service. Once you click the link, look for Step 3 on the left side of the page and click the hyperlink to the comment form. This should only take approximately 5 minutes of your time and would be greatly appreciated.

The FastTrack Communications grant application is W-2021-16, which is information you will need to put in the Application/Grant Number line. It is important to explain your internet challenges.

# La Plata County

County Road 212 will close to vehicles beginning the week of December 21 through August 14, 2021 at the County Road 210 intersection opposite the entrance to Lake Nighthorse. A gate is being installed at the base of this access road to Smelter Mountain by Colorado Parks & Wildlife and the Bureau of Reclamation. Completion of the new gate is anticipated the week of December 21 at which time the road will be closed until August 14.

## **TUESDAY, March 16** 10 a.m. – Planning Agenda Meeting

The Board will consider:

1. Project #2020-0180, The Timbers at Edgemont Highlands Amended CDP
2. Project #2020-0181, The Timbers at Edgemont Highlands Phase 3D Preliminary Plat
3. Project #2020-0280, The Timbers at Edgemont Highlands Phase 3D Final Plat

## **Immediately following the Planning Agenda Meeting, Business Agenda Meeting**

The Board will consider:

1. Proclamation recognizing March 20, 2021 as Local Food Producers' Day
2. Consideration of Resolution 2021-10 assigning tax certificates to James M. Grizzard and of a letter to the La Plata County Treasurer regarding the assignment.

## **Important Public Participation Information:**

In an effort to promote and practice social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19, this meeting will be accessible using an online meeting platform via computer and telephone in accordance with La Plata County's meeting guidelines. Public participation, including written or spoken comment, will be handled through this platform and information for joining these meetings is available below. Audio access is available with a computer or tablet or by phone. A limited number of participants may appear in person in the Board Room, subject to social distancing requirements and La Plata County's meeting guidelines which include wearing a face covering.

**Participate online or by phone as follows:** (computer or smartphone): <https://zoom.us/j/819094582>

**Or by telephone:** Dial (if the first number is busy, dial the next number): US: +1 346 248 7799



# Real Estate

The regional real estate market continues to show strength in the first quarter of 2021. February numbers continue to show strong sales numbers and increasing price due to a decrease of inventory. Inventory constraints are a concern for the mid term but many feel there will be more listing coming on the market in the spring.

Here is a snapshot of La Plata County numbers through February of 2021.

## La Plata County

Contact the Durango Area Association of REALTORS® for more detailed local statistics or to find a REALTOR® in the area.

| Single Family                   | February  |           |                                   | Year to Date |              |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                 | 2020      | 2021      | Percent Change from Previous Year | Thru 02-2020 | Thru 02-2021 | Percent Change from Previous Year |
| <b>Key Metrics</b>              |           |           |                                   |              |              |                                   |
| New Listings                    | 66        | 58        | - 12.1%                           | 132          | 123          | - 6.8%                            |
| Sold Listings                   | 45        | 46        | + 2.2%                            | 83           | 101          | + 21.7%                           |
| Median Sales Price*             | \$543,000 | \$525,000 | - 3.3%                            | \$517,000    | \$550,000    | + 6.4%                            |
| Average Sales Price*            | \$648,338 | \$665,491 | + 2.6%                            | \$600,505    | \$677,241    | + 12.8%                           |
| Percent of List Price Received* | 97.1%     | 97.6%     | + 0.5%                            | 97.4%        | 98.1%        | + 0.7%                            |
| Days on Market Until Sale       | 133       | 139       | + 4.5%                            | 134          | 117          | - 12.7%                           |
| Inventory of Homes for Sale     | 380       | 103       | - 72.9%                           | --           | --           | --                                |
| Months Supply of Inventory      | 6.2       | 1.2       | - 80.6%                           | --           | --           | --                                |

\* Does not account for seller concessions and/or down payment assistance. | Activity for one month can sometimes look extreme due to small sample size.

| Townhouse/Condo                 | February  |           |                                   | Year to Date |              |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                 | 2020      | 2021      | Percent Change from Previous Year | Thru 02-2020 | Thru 02-2021 | Percent Change from Previous Year |
| <b>Key Metrics</b>              |           |           |                                   |              |              |                                   |
| New Listings                    | 27        | 24        | - 11.1%                           | 64           | 59           | - 7.8%                            |
| Sold Listings                   | 16        | 22        | + 37.5%                           | 33           | 36           | + 9.1%                            |
| Median Sales Price*             | \$252,250 | \$365,000 | + 44.7%                           | \$325,000    | \$355,000    | + 9.2%                            |
| Average Sales Price*            | \$344,906 | \$370,745 | + 7.5%                            | \$367,585    | \$385,768    | + 4.9%                            |
| Percent of List Price Received* | 96.6%     | 99.2%     | + 2.7%                            | 96.9%        | 98.6%        | + 1.8%                            |
| Days on Market Until Sale       | 175       | 94        | - 46.3%                           | 164          | 91           | - 44.5%                           |
| Inventory of Homes for Sale     | 170       | 25        | - 85.3%                           | --           | --           | --                                |
| Months Supply of Inventory      | 6.2       | 0.8       | - 87.1%                           | --           | --           | --                                |

\* Does not account for seller concessions and/or down payment assistance. | Activity for one month can sometimes look extreme due to small sample size.

## Economic Development



### BID

Along with spring flowers, bump-outs will soon make their first appearance of 2021, months ahead of when they first sprouted in 2020, and they will come with some new design improvements meant to increase safety, accessibility and aesthetics.

### Bump-Out permits and applications

[Bump-Out Design Guidelines \(PDF\)](https://durangogov.org/DocumentCenter/View/19395/Bump-Out-Guidelines-PDF)

[Bump-Out Application & License Agreement \(PDF\)](https://durangogov.org/DocumentCenter/View/17462/Bump-Out-Application-and-License-Agreement-PDF)

[Bump-Out Grant Packet \(PDF\)](https://durangogov.org/DocumentCenter/View/19397/Bump-Out-Grant-Packet-PDF)

[Service Application \(PDF\)](https://durangogov.org/DocumentCenter/View/17463/Outdoor-Liquor-Service-Application-PDF)

[Department of Revenue Form DR 8442 \(PDF\)](https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/DR%208442_e_wo_2.pdf)

## Five Star Certification



Five Star Certifications are still active and a list of restaurants as well as applications can be found here <https://www.swcoda.org/5star>

## DURANGO CARES!



## Durango Renewal Partnership (URA)

The [Durango Renewal Partnership \(URA\)](#) is excited to host the Development Opportunities Forum in collaboration with the [La Plata Economic Development Alliance](#) and [Downtown Colorado, Inc.](#) to share information with prospective partners about existing and forthcoming development opportunities. The Forum is also a chance to share feedback about how the community can effectively facilitate development and redevelopment in priority areas.

The City of Durango and the newly formed [MidTown Urban Renewal Area](#) are exploring partnership options for development of publicly-owned assets and are currently seeking to identify interested entities. At the Forum we will discuss development incentives available, opportunities for public-private partnerships, and Durango's investment climate including:

- The newly-formed [MidTown Urban Renewal Area](#)
- Other Urban Renewal programs
- Tax Increment Financing
- Streamlined review processes
- Other supportive actions including flexible design standards and fee offsets
- Durango's [Opportunity Zones](#)

### What does that mean for you?

The Forum is a chance to:

- Discuss your development specialties and how they fit into Durango's economic and community vision.
- Provide input to the City and Durango Renewal Partnership regarding architectural, placemaking, and other contributions to the fabric of the community.

### How to participate?

[Sign up now](#) to attend the Development Opportunities Forum on April 7th at 3:30 PM and contribute to the conversation.

**SBDC**



The **LEADING EDGE™** Strategic Planning Series is an intensive and hands-on course designed to help entrepreneurs with comprehensive training on starting and operating a small business. The course will help both start-up and existing businesses.

**The program includes:**

- 14 hour of on-line interactive workshop sessions
- Five hours of one-on-one consulting
- Self-Study Workbook Materials, Resources and Slide Presentations available for Download
- Networking and learning from others!

**In-depth topics include:**

- Decision Making: Test ideas, explore possibilities, determine feasibility and timelines for your business
- Financial: Master money management, cash flow & accounting and financial statements.
- Marketing: Research, establishing value to customers, pricing is and strategy for marketing
- Organizational: Legal Entity, Management & Personnel
- Operational: Recordkeeping, Controls & Risk Management

Class meets online at 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM on March 17th, March 24th, April 7th, April 14th, April 28th, May 5th. Graduation/Final Presentations will be held on May 19th online or in-person at the Center for Innovation (depending on COVID-19 regulations).

**There are only 15 spots available for this course!**

Scholarships may be available. Contact Hannah Birdsong at [hbbirdsong@fortlewis.edu](mailto:hbbirdsong@fortlewis.edu) for scholarship information.

**Chamber of Commerce**



**WALK & TALK WITH THE CHAMBER**

**Friday, March 19, 2021**

**12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM**

**Meet at Oxbow Park and Preserve parking lot-500  
Animas View Dr, Durango, CO 81301, Durango, CO**

Bundle up, wear a mask and meet us at **Oxbow Park and Preserve parking lot on Friday, March 19th** for a stroll along the **Animas River Trail**. This is a great opportunity to network, meet new people and get some steps in. We ask everyone to adhere to Covid guidelines and please stay 6 feet from others. Dress appropriately for our wonderful Colorado weather. This is a free event.

Scape is kicking off another year of sessions for the new 2021 class.

After having to pivot due to COVID-19 in 2020, we were able to mentor, support, and graduate a class virtually through Zoom, while also hosting our **Annual Startup Showcase** online. Due in part because of remote sessions, we are able to further support companies across the four corners including our new territory in **Northern New Mexico**.



**SCAPE  
2021  
COHORT**

Solvent

Wanderful Wheels

Eclipse DOT

S.J. Eco Materials

Rerouted

Analytical Technologies, Inc.

### The New 2021 SCAPE Class:

**Solvent** (Durango, CO) - A Fintech organization providing Banking, Payment & Compliance services. More info: <https://www.solvent.io>

**Wanderful Wheels** (Durango, CO) - Custom campervans handcrafted and specialized to meet their clients needs ranging from weekend warriors to full time vanlifers. More info: <https://wanderfulwheels.com>

**Eclipse DOT** (Durango, CO) - Helps companies that use trucks for their business maintain compliance with federal regulations, provides OSAH and Dot training, and CDL testing. More info: <https://eclipse-dot.com/>

**S.J. Eco Materials** (Ridgway, CO) - Eco-friendly materials for hard cases of all types. More info: <https://www.sjecomaterials.com/>

**Rerouted** (Relocated from Taos, NM to Durango, CO) - Streamlining the used gear industry with a trusted, online marketplace to help people (and businesses) buy, sell & donate used gear. More info: <https://rerouted.co/>

**Analytical Technologies, Inc.** (Farmington, NM) - Board Repair services for the Oil & Gas Industry, Micro-Power systems manufacturer including solar charging stations. More info: <http://analyticaltechnologiesincorporated.com/>

Read full press release >> [www.goscape.org/blog/announcing-the-scape-2021-cohort](http://www.goscape.org/blog/announcing-the-scape-2021-cohort)

## Education

### Durango School District 9-R



#### School board selects Karen Cheser as district's next superintendent

Cheser is the current superintendent of Fort Thomas Independent Schools in Fort Thomas, Kentucky, a suburb of Cincinnati. It is the No. 1 rated school district in the state by niche.com, an online K-12 and college rating service. "I think fit is the key word," said board member Mick Souder. "All the candidates were excellent. When you look back, Dr. Cheser seemed to be the best fit."

Board member Teresa Rodriguez said she noticed Cheser energized teachers and people when she met them during community and school meetings conducted this week. The selection of Cheser was approved 5-0, and the board then voted to go into executive session to begin salary and benefit discussions with her. Similar to 9-R, Fort Thomas during Cheser's tenure developed a portrait of a graduate with stakeholder input. The portrait of a graduate is intended to prepare students for the future workplace. Before leading the Fort Thomas schools, Cheser was deputy superintendent and chief academic officer for Boone County Schools in Kentucky. Boone County Schools has about 25,000 students and is the third largest district in the state.

## Transportation

### CDOT



**SOUTHWEST & SOUTH-CENTRAL COLORADO** — The Colorado Department of Transportation is pleased to announce that Julie Constan has been named as the new Regional Transportation Director for southwest and south-central Colorado. Constan will lead the region's team of more than 300 employees who are responsible for planning, design, construction, operations and maintenance of highways in a 15-county area.

"Julie will be leading a strong and dedicated team with a lot of challenging and exciting work ahead," said CDOT Executive Director, Shoshana Lew. "In her four years with CDOT, she has served as the region's traffic and safety program engineer developing close working relationships with local agency partners to improve safety and multimodal options along the region's state highway system."

In the role as the region's traffic and safety engineer, Constan recently led the effort to secure an Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMD) grant to lay fiber optic cable over Wolf Creek Pass and continue to expand access of fiber to southwestern Colorado. The grant will also allow for the deployment of intelligent transportation devices to communicate with commercial trucks and reduce truck crashes on the west side of Wolf Creek Pass. The fiber optic installation project will begin this spring.

"I was raised in Pagosa Springs and joined CDOT Region 5 with a love for the mountains of southwest Colorado and the beautiful San Luis Valley," said Constan. "I'm excited to continue to build upon the strong relationships I've established with community members and leaders in our region's communities."

A native of Colorado, Constan is a graduate of Colorado State University with a degree in civil engineering. Constan lives in Durango with her husband of 17 years and 14-year-old son. She replaces former Regional Transportation Director, Mike McVaugh, who recently retired.

# Durango/La Plata County Airport

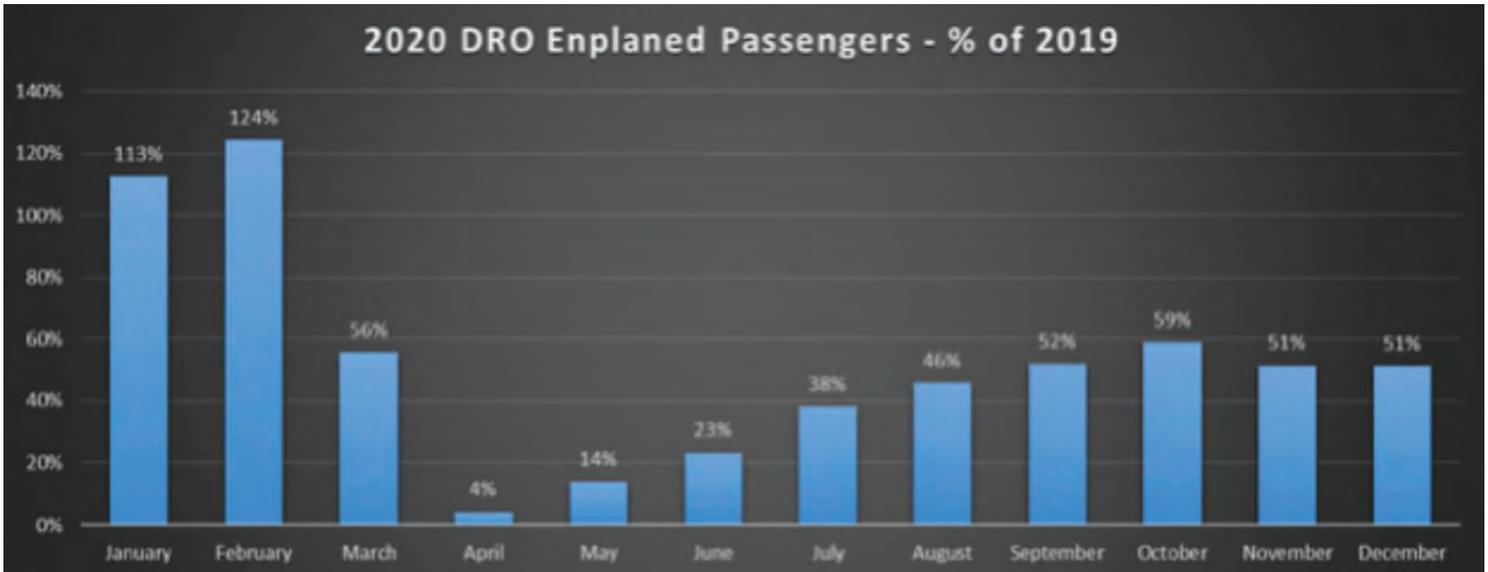
## New Route to Salt Lake City and Seasonal to LA

Delta Airlines recently announced the initiation of year-round daily service between Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC) and DRO beginning May 12, 2021. American Airlines recently announced that it will establish seasonal service between LAX and DRO with one daily nonstop flight June 3- August 16, 2021.

## Performance through Recovery

Airline passenger traffic at DRO in 2020 fell dramatically as a result of the pandemic. Total passengers in 2020 decreased 49% from 2019.

Passenger traffic recovery at DRO has outpaces the US average throughout the duration of the pandemic. The final January 2021 TSA throughput figure of 50% of pre-pandemic levels at DRO remains well above the US average of 38% for the same period.



## COVID Protocols

To support public health in their terminal, the airport has implemented additional hand sanitizer stations, sneeze guards for all airport counters, added terminal signage, augmented PA announcements, temporary floor markings, and seating closure signage. Ventilation systems have also been altered to increase outside air intake and upgrade filtration.

Our custodial staff continue to disinfect high-touch surfaces regularly, and are following CDC guidelines for cleaning commercial facilities. All airport staff are wearing face masks while on duty and in proximity to employees or the public and we are working with airport tenants and passengers to ensure that they are fully aware of constantly evolving federal, state, and local public health orders.

Effective February 1st, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a federal order that requires travelers to wear face masks while using any form of public conveyance, such as on airlines, subways, buses or ferries, and in airports nationwide. The order also requires operators and other workers in these systems to wear masks. As part of this order, the TSA will deny entry to the screening checkpoint to any passengers without a mask.



# NONPROFIT



**B.E.C.**  
Business Education  
Connection

## The Community Foundation Announces Grant & Internship Opportunity in Partnership with Business Education Connection

**March 8, 2021 – Durango, CO** – The Community Foundation serving SW Colorado and Business Education Connection (BEC) have designed an intensive paid summer internship program with in-person learning opportunities for 13 local high school students that will benefit selected La Plata County nonprofits. Nonprofits will receive a complete social media campaign for their organization.

Nonprofits selected to participate would host a rising junior or senior high school intern for four weeks, 36 hours a week from June 7 to July 2. In addition to helping at the office, students will be assigned social media tasks. The work environment would need to include engaging onsite opportunities working directly with nonprofit staff, in person Tuesday through Friday. There will also be prearranged offsite workshops for the students, with a full day on Mondays and half days on Wednesdays and Fridays. These workshops will be coordinated with local experts to help create social media products for the selected nonprofits.

In addition to the assigned intern, nonprofits will receive an operational grant, which will be a minimum of \$2,000, upon successful completion of this program. These grant funds are designed for execution of the marketing efforts created by the intern.

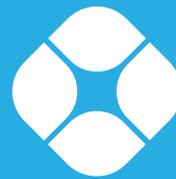
“With COVID restrictions last summer, the funders wanted to create a meaningful workplace experience for high school youth,” says Briggen Wrinkle, Community Foundation executive director. “The ultimate goal is to make this a win-win for the students and the nonprofits.”

For nonprofits to be considered for this grant and internship opportunity, a letter of consideration needs to be submitted to the Community Foundation by March 24. Requirements for the application letter can be found at [swcommunityfoundation.org/intern](http://swcommunityfoundation.org/intern). Submitting a letter of consideration does not guarantee selection.

Rising junior and senior high school students will be able to apply for these paid internships beginning March 29. Interested students can contact Janae Hunderman, work-based learning coordinator for BEC, at [janae@businesseducationconnection.org](mailto:janae@businesseducationconnection.org).

As a community facilitator, the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado works to increase efficiency, resiliency, and success for area nonprofits, while maximizing effective grantmaking for philanthropists in our region.

**NEXT INVESTOR MEETING 4.13.21**



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
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