

SPACE TO CREATE COLORADO



OVERVIEW

Space to Create Colorado is the first state driven initiative for affordable housing for artisans and creative entrepreneurs in the nation. Our mission is to develop affordable housing and work space, including commercial space, for creative industries workers and to position Colorado as the nation's leader in creative-led community transformation in rural communities. Space to Create will facilitate the development of nine projects in eight regions in Colorado's rural, small town and mountain communities. This effort is led by the Colorado Office of Economic Development's Colorado Creative Industries, the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, the Boettcher Foundation, Artspace and History Colorado.

GOALS

- Stimulate community and economic development in rural, small town and mountain communities by providing permanently affordable and financially sustainable workforce housing and working spaces for creative sector employment
- Nine projects initiated across Colorado by 2019 will culminate in roughly \$45 million of investment in direct capital investment by multiple partners and agencies



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TIMELINE

Semi Annual Deadlines



SELECTION CRITERIA

- Concentration of creative sector workforce
- Availability of historic buildings for adaptive re-use
- Available property for development
- Commitment of resources by local government
- Demonstrated ability to execute community-based initiatives

For more program information including a checklist for readiness visit: <u>coloradocreativeindustries.org/opportunities/space-to-create</u>

