



Colorado State University EDA University Center 2024

About Us

The Regional Economic Development Institute (REDI@CSU) at Colorado State University, in partnership with the Institute for Entrepreneurship (I4E) and CSU's Office of Engagement and Extension (OEE), has established the EDA University Center (UC) with a generous grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). Our mission is to support economic development, foster equity, strengthen economic resilience, and promote entrepreneurship across Colorado, particularly in underserved rural and mountain communities.

Key Focus Areas

- Applied Research:**
 - Conducting research in regional economic analysis, GIS and spatial analysis, industrial cluster analysis, workforce housing analysis, and regional data sharing.
 - Recent studies include the impact of short-term rentals on housing prices, legalized marijuana's impact on Denver housing prices, and public perceptions of Colorado agriculture.
- Technical Assistance:**
 - Providing support through programs like the I4E Venture Validator to help entrepreneurs launch and scale their businesses.
 - Offering direct technical assistance to community stakeholders and conducting workshops for regional economic development.
- Dissemination of Information:**
 - Sharing research findings and insights through reports, publications, newsletters, and media to ensure broad accessibility and impact.

Recent Activities and Achievements

- Outreach and Engagement:**
 - Presentations at the Economic Development Council of Colorado's annual meeting, including sessions on economic insights and local economy modeling.
 - Workshops facilitated by CSU team members in Rio Blanco County as part of the Rural Technical Assistance Program (RTAP).
- Collaborations:**
 - Working with Downtown Colorado Incorporated (DCI) on downtown revitalization in Montezuma Co.
 - Partnering with the Economic Development Council of Colorado (EDCC) on regional economic summits.
- Internships:**
 - Developing summer 2024 internships for applied research in Colorado counties, including Rifle, Montezuma, and Fremont.
- Technical Assistance:**
 - Supporting Larimer County's CareCorps initiative to address the shortage of non-medical care workers in Northern Colorado.
 - Providing expertise and mentorship to various community programs and stakeholders.

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