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# SIPA Gives Back to the Community

Statewide Internet Portal Authority to Award Micro-Grants

DENVER, COLORADO, USA, February 26, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- For the Colorado Statewide Internet Portal Authority (<u>SIPA</u>) January brings the promise of <u>Micro-Grant</u> proposals. Every year, for

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The Micro-Grant Program gives governments the opportunity to request funds that will enable them to customize the way information is getting to residents" the past 7 years, SIPA has awarded grants to Colorado governments to help constituents access more information and services online through effective and efficient technology. Since the inception of the grant program in 2010, SIPA has awarded more than 145 grants totaling over \$713,000.

The Micro-Grant program is an obvious manifestation of what SIPA does best: consult and partner with governments to provide opportunities and forums for residents to connect with their governments. Most governments take advantage of SIPA's no-cost portal services offered in partnership with Colorado Interactive: websites on Colorado.gov, the ability to

take credit cards, or application development. However, during Micro-Grant season, the requests for SIPA's services look different.

SIPA realizes that Colorado governments often need services that are tailored to them, or they have an idea for an application or service not already offered by SIPA. The Micro-Grant Program gives governments the opportunity to request funds that will enable them to customize the way information is getting to residents in a form that is unique to the needs of their communities. Committed to their partners and state residents, "SIPA is proud to give back to Colorado and looks forward, every year, to being able to do so," says Jack Arrowsmith, SIPA's executive director, "and we are excited to announce this year's winners in the coming weeks." SIPA makes resident-facing, government services available for those who need them.

With the Micro-Grant deadline behind us, SIPA is looking forward. First and foremost, the SIPA Staff and Board of Directors are dedicated to reading and prioritizing grant submissions. Then, in just a few months' time, the winners will be awarded in conjunction with SIPA's 8th annual <u>User Conference</u>. This year, the User Conference and Micro-Grant award ceremony will take place on April 24, 2018. But until then, SIPA is ready to help its government partners implement new technology or assess cyber security needs.

If you didn't make the deadline for the Micro-Grant this year, keep a look out for the next application cycle opening in December 2018.

Past grant recipients include: History Colorado, City of Arvada, City of Englewood, Sedgwick County Assessor's Office, Morgan County, La Veta Fire Protection District, Grand County Library, Bow Mar Water and Sanitation District, the Town of Bennett and the University of Colorado Boulder.

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#### About SIPA

Established in 2004 by the Colorado General Assembly, the Statewide Internet Portal Authority (SIPA) is a self-funded government organization created to be Colorado's single most comprehensive delivery channel for electronic government (eGovernment) services. SIPA strives to accelerate the adoption of efficient and effective electronic government services by placing more government information and services online to benefit the residents of Colorado. In addition to no-cost websites, payment processing, and event registration setup, SIPA provides SaaS technology solutions, consulting, and cyber security assessments. For more information about SIPA, please visit www.colorado.gov/sipa.

### About Colorado Interactive

Colorado Interactive is the team behind the official website of the state of Colorado (<u>http://www.colorado.gov</u>) and is overseen by the Statewide Internet Portal Authority. The portal operates through a public-private partnership between the State and Colorado Interactive to help Colorado government entities web-enable their services. Colorado Interactive builds, operates, maintains, and markets Colorado.gov and is part of eGovernment firm NIC's (NASDAQ: EGOV) family of companies.

## About NIC

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