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## Colorado Lab Newsletter

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## Request for Proposals from the Research Community

### Cross-System, Actionable Research Tailored to Priorities of Governor Polis's Administration

The Colorado Lab believes that smart, strategic partnerships with government have the potential to improve people's lives. The Lab serves as a bridge and translator between government and the research community.

The purpose of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to activate the research community to develop and disseminate cross-system research or evaluation projects that generate **actionable information tailored to the priorities of Governor Polis's Administration**. The goal of this RFP is to equip government partners with information that can inform cross-system collaboration, policy, and practice.

The Colorado Lab encourages research proposals that take meaningful steps toward a **360-degree view** of aspects of these priorities while focusing on the needs of the whole person. Proposals must align with one of Governor Polis's **Bold Four**

**Priorities** and may be tailored to the more specific **Wildly Important Priorities (WIPs)** set by his Cabinet Working Groups.

***Bold Four Priorities:***

Foster an economy that works for everyone

Fulfill every child's potential regardless of zip code

Move electric grid to renewable sources by 2040

Save Coloradans money on healthcare (not part of this RFP)

***Wildly Important Priorities:***

Establish Colorado as a national leader in innovative and balanced cannabis policy through a focus on finance, workforce development, education, research and development, regulatory innovation, and entrepreneurship.

Set Colorado on a path to 100% renewable energy for the grid by 2040 and position Colorado as a leader in clean energy economy.

Incarcerate fewer people by reducing recidivism.

Ensure all Coloradans have equitable opportunities for quality, life-long education connected to the future of work.

Develop a cohesive development plan for rural Colorado.

The full RFP is linked [here](#) and key information and dates are below:

- Award range is \$25,000 to \$150,000 for projects completed by December 31, 2020
- Colorado institutions of higher education, non-profit, and for-profit research firms are encouraged to apply
- All projects intending to use data from the [Linked Information Network of Colorado \(LINC\)](#) are required to attend a webinar on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 1pm. [Click here to register](#).
- Proposals are due by Monday, July 1, 2019 at noon.

Questions about the RFP can be directed to Dr. Elysia Clemens, [elysia.clemens@du.edu](mailto:elysia.clemens@du.edu)

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# Call for Ideas from State Agency Staff

## Cross-System and Actionable Research

The Colorado Lab is soliciting **great ideas** for cross-system actionable research from Colorado state agency staff members. **This is an open invitation.**

### Goal of this Call for Ideas:

Our goal is to create a pathway for state agency staff members to get answers to their most pressing cross-system questions. Agency staff members are experts in policy and practice, and the Colorado Lab seeks to help them answer pressing questions to improve the lives of Colorado residents. The Colorado Lab will partner with state agency staff members to better understand the key questions, identify expert research teams, and fund studies that can be conducted in 2019 and/or 2020.

The Colorado Lab is committing up to \$1 million in funding for research conducted during the 2019 calendar year! Additional funding is anticipated to be available to continue some projects into 2020.

### Cross-System Defined:

- Involves two or more state agencies  
OR
- Involves at least one state agency and one or more local government partner(s) (e.g., judicial district, county, public housing authority, school district)

To read more about this Call for Ideas and submit an idea, [click here](#).

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