

## 2020 URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY DCI MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

DCI's signature URA support services are here to help your staff, board, and other stakeholders from beginning to twenty-five years and beyond. In 2020, DCI has continued to expand existing services to include a range of services to assist with education, project quality and best practices, regular communication and information sharing, and a focus on planning for the future of Urban Renewal Authorities (URAs) in Colorado.

### DCI's 2020 URA PROGRAMMING

- Professional Peer Networking
- URA Staff and Board Training
- Project Planning Support Teams
- Enhanced URA Participation at IN THE GAME
- Colorado Urban Renewal Case Study Project
- Private LinkedIn Group - <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12038018/>

### 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

June 10	Urban Renewal + Downtown Development Authority 101
June 19	Western Slope Reinvestment + Redevelopment Symposium
July TBD	Urban Renewal + Downtown Development Authority 201
August 5	West Metro District Tour
August 26	Annual URA Dinner
September TBD	Urban Renewal + Downtown Development Authority 101
October TBD	Urban Renewal + Downtown Development Authority 201
November 5	Southern Colorado Urban Renewal Summit

\*All dates are tentative and could be subject to change.

### URA MONTHLY CALLS – EVERY 3rd WEDNESDAY AT 8:30 AM

May 14	Reopening into your Outdoor Spaces
May 21	Online Auctions to Support Districts
May 28	Tax Policy and Covid 19 Response

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR URA HIGHLIGHTS

- URA Award at DCI Governor's Awards for Downtown Excellence
- Host an Urban Renewal and Tax Increment Financing 101/201
- DCI Session at Colorado Municipal League (CML) highlights on Tax Increment and Downtown Redevelopment
- Host a tour of Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), Downtown Development Authorities (DDAs), or Urban Renewal Authorities (URAs)
- Share your news, articles, or successful projects on our DCI URA LinkedIn

## **URBAN RENEWAL PEER NETWORK**

DCI is building platforms for greater connectivity and discourse among URA staff and boards. DCI URA Members are able to take advantage of the following network platforms as a part of the DCU URA membership.

- Participate in monthly URA calls with other URA staff and boards to discuss current events at the legislature, local initiatives, projects, and inquiries for additional information.
- Join our Colorado Urban Renewal LinkedIn Group where you can post inquiries, look for referrals, or share media garnered by your URA.
- Volunteer to be a part of a URA training, support team, or to share your expertise as a mentor to another URA.

## **TAX INCREMENT FINANCE STAFF + BOARD TRAINING**

DCI's Urban Renewal Board Training is proving to be extremely helpful, for both URA staff, for building stronger boards, and ensuring that new board members are oriented and understand urban renewal and the role of the board. DCI will host both a 101 and 201 session, with some regionally tailored content to ensure both urban and rural members find meaningful discussion and opportunities to learn. DCI URA workshops allow URA staff, board members, developers, and other potential partners to discuss challenges, serve as a peer-support network, and identify problems and solutions to lead to a collection of best practices. Training in 2020 might include several case studies, including:

- Negotiations in rural Colorado, in which both sides gave something up, as a successful negotiation and a process that could be better understood.
- Urban renewal and remediation of blight, looking at how we conduct blight studies, property owner communication and education.
- Planning for public education and creating a case study.

## **URA EDUCATION , PROJECT, + FORMATION SUPPORT**

DCI maintains a URA Committee available to shape programming and to assist communities considering forming an urban renewal area to create a more inclusive and strategic approach to foster good project areas and partnerships.

- DCI creates a targeted, on-site approach to urban renewal education based on community requests for guidance in forming an authority or area.
- DCI coordinates a team of experts to visit the community and provide the needed consultation on the front end of project creation to facilitate stronger project outcomes with balanced interests from URA partner groups, public and private sector, and provide guidance for public education. Consideration will be given to protecting developer privacy around projects in the early stages and customizing efforts for each project or community.

For more remote areas of Colorado that are not experiencing development pressures, these teams can focus on community need, rather than based on a specific project. In this scenario, training would be focused on bringing development that supports community vision rather than leveraging existing development.

## **URA COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION**

DCI invites participation for the URA Committee through active participation on the monthly URA calls. If you are interested in becoming a DCI URA Leader or Presenter, please inquire with Katherine Correll, DCI Executive Director.