

KGNU	Ready in 2019-2020
Total Cost: \$2,500,000	Funding Amount: \$1,250,000
<p>Description: Expand and modernize the current KGNU facility, located at 4700 Walnut Street in Boulder, into a 21st century, energy efficient, permanent media training and multicultural Community Media Center. To achieve KGNU's vision to provide a more adequate space that attends the growing needs of an increasingly young and diverse community to actively engage in the production and dissemination of information, we will add a second floor to our existing structure, offering a permanent media makers training space and community cultural space. The expanded, modernized and energy efficient building will include an economically accessible 75-100 person auditorium for community and multicultural events, live performances, public debate, and live broadcast. The updated building will be handicap-accessible and will include family-friendly and gender-neutral bathrooms, a designated lactation expression space, bicycle friendly access, ample parking, car charging ports, and a mobile studio for remote community media trainings, events and community coverage. KGNU has over 240,000 monthly listeners on-air and via digital streaming, and over 80,000 + web and mobile visitors each month.</p> <p>Learn more: www.kgnu.org/ht/aboutus.html Population served: 240,000+ monthly listeners on-air and via digital streaming</p>	
<p>Planning: Red Pencil Architecture, a licensed Architect Firm in Boulder County drafted an initial concept design for KGNU. Coburn Partners architecture and construction firm confirmed baseline project feasibility based on the RPA concept design, a site analysis, city codes, and budget estimates to achieve the vision to upgrade to LEED certified within the overall expansion and modernization of the current facility. KGNU will perform additional site and design reviews upon ballot measure approval.</p>	
<p>Operating cost impacts: The increased space will not result in a major increase in operating costs. Studio, performance space and membership fees will help contribute to maintenance reserves. Tiered training fees will generate revenue required to stipend trainers, a community space coordinator and create a diversity scholarship fund. The transition to a LEED-certified building will reduce overall utility costs. The digital upgrade will be increasingly plug and play, lowering monthly engineering costs required to maintain an aged analog installation.</p>	
<p>Opportunities, challenges, and considerations: The Community Cultural Plan indicates that new venues may address the gaps and issues of accessibility that face artists and presenters. In addition, the Cultural Plan recommends strategies to supporting the creative workforce and youth in industries such as broadcast, production, and music.</p>	