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# Reparations Circle Denver + Denver Black Reparations Council

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Denver Black Reparations Council (DBRC) and Reparations Circle Denver (RCD) are working together to effect reparative change. RCD is a giving circle of The Denver Foundation; DBRC deploys funds raised by RCD to provide reparative funding for the Black communities of Colorado.

## WHY REPARATIONS?

Slavery was, and continues to be, fundamental to the foundation of the U.S. economy and wealth.

“By 1860, there were more millionaires (slaveholders all) living in the lower Mississippi Valley than anywhere else in the United States. In the same year, the nearly 4 million American slaves were worth some \$3.5 billion, making them the largest single financial asset in the entire U.S. economy, worth more than all manufacturing and railroads combined. So, of course, the war was rooted in these two expanding and competing economies—but competing over what? What eventually tore asunder America’s political culture was slavery’s expansion into the Western territories.” – David Blight, author of *Beyond Freedom: Disrupting the History of Emancipation*.

The U.S. government has never fully accounted for the human rights violations of enslavement, thousands of lynchings, Black Code laws, Jim Crow segregation, the predatory practices of redlining, contract buying, block busting, or mass incarceration.

Black Americans have experienced 246 years of slavery compared to 156 years of “freedom.” It is time for the U.S. – specifically European-Americans – to take action to repair the harms of slavery and its aftermath.





## MISSION

# The Denver Black Reparations Council (DBRC)



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**REBUILD:** Rebuild institutions, religions, languages and traditions within the Black Community of the Denver Metro Area as well as throughout the State of Colorado and beyond that were destroyed during the enslavement of African and African descendant people.

**REESTABLISH:** Facilitate the reestablishment of Black institutions that were destroyed by the oppression that was imposed post-slavery.

**DEVELOP:** Facilitate the development of Black institutions that were prevented from coming into existence by that oppression.



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## MISSION

# Reparations Circle Denver

Reparations Circle Denver's mission reflects the views of an increasing number of Americans of European descent who recognize that part of their wealth can be traced back to the U.S. history of the enslavement of Africans or financial advantages accrued over generations at the expense of Black Americans. We seek to build a community of contributors and a pool of funds dedicated to the strengthening, creation or re-establishment of institutions, religions, languages, and traditions within and beyond the Denver metro area Black Community.



# Grant Opportunity

Reparative funds raised by Reparations Circle Denver, housed at The Denver Foundation, and awarded by the Denver Black Reparations Council are focused on rebuilding and sustaining institutions and traditions that were affected, destroyed, damaged, or prevented from thriving as the result of the enslavement of African and African descendant people, and the oppressive aftermath of slavery.

Grants from the fund typically range from \$2,500 - \$7,500+ and are awarded in spring and fall grant cycles annually for a total of \$50,000 each cycle.

Applicants must be Black-led and Black-serving 501(c)(3) non-profits in Colorado. Certain projects, led by non-Black-led non-profits but related to preserving Black history or culture, etc., may also qualify.

## Eligibility

Applications are accepted for general operating support and/or funding for specific programs.

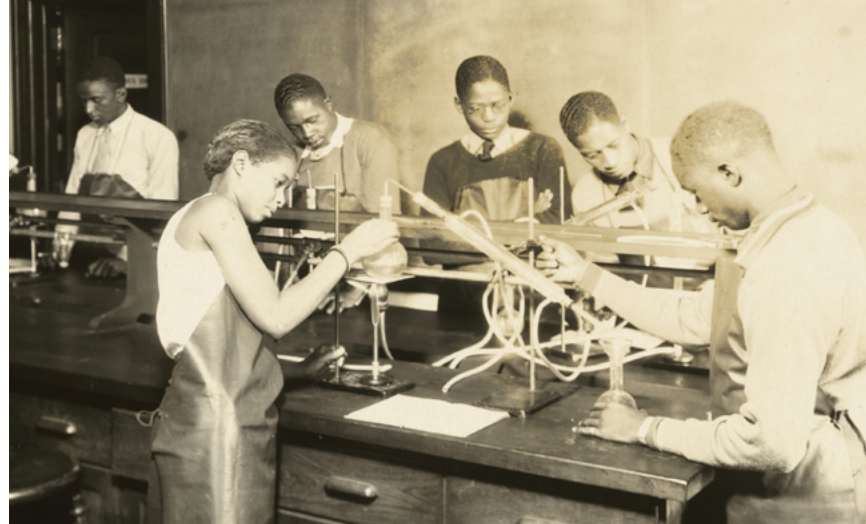
### **Each applicant must meet the following criteria:**

- Be a viable 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or have a fiscal sponsor with this status;
- Be Black-led and Black-serving;
- For these grants "Black" is defined as including people of African descent;
- Be based in and serve the state of Colorado;
- Fit one or more of the priorities identified below.

## ADDITIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR NON-501(C)(3)s

Not a 501(c)(3) but might otherwise qualify for a grant? In addition to the Denver Foundation grants, Denver Black Reparations Council will begin issuing grants directly to individuals, businesses, and other Black-led and Black-serving groups, in the near future. Please check DBRC's website regularly for more information about our alternative funding opportunities.

[denverblackreparationscouncil.org](http://denverblackreparationscouncil.org)



# Grant Priority Areas

- Build economic strength, generational wealth acquisition and financial literacy
- Preserve, provide access to, and expand Black history, culture, knowledge, and awareness
- Enhance mental and physical health access and increase public health education
- Provide quality education from early childhood through adulthood, including reimagination of career options and pathways
- Enhance community building and advocacy that responds to the needs of Black residents
- Provide access, including transportation, to critical life sustaining services
- Create openings for transformative change that are both systematic and relational

## GRANTS ARE NOT MADE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Organizational membership campaigns, drives or events
- Debt retirement
- Endowments or other reserve funds
- Grants that further political activities or candidates
- Grants that further religious doctrine (community benefit programs qualify)
- Capital campaigns
- Grants to individuals
- Grants for re-granting purposes

The Denver Foundation does not fund organizations or programs that discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), physical or mental disability, pregnancy status, body type, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, except to serve a historically disadvantaged group.

## APPLICATION PROCESS & DUE DATE

**Applications must be submitted online by Tuesday, October 18, 2022, no later than 5 p.m. MST**

Applications to our reparative granting program must be submitted online. Before applying, you will need to register through TDF Grant Manager, our new online grant application portal. For instructions on how to register, visit our website. You do not have to be ready to submit your application to register. Page 6 contains a preview of the information an organization will need to provide as part of the application. You can use this page as a guide as you prepare to submit your application online. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your application, please email [grants@denverfoundation.org](mailto:grants@denverfoundation.org) or call 303.300.1790.

## IMPORTANT LINKS

Denver Foundation  
[denverfoundation.org/grants/grantmanager](https://denverfoundation.org/grants/grantmanager)

Denver Black Reparations Council  
[denverblackreparationscouncil.org](https://denverblackreparationscouncil.org)

Reparations Circle Denver  
[reparationsdenver.com](https://reparationsdenver.com)

## CONTACT

Please email Nora Robinson with any questions about your fit within our guidelines. No phone calls please.

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# Application Information

## ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

1. Name, Mission Statement
2. NTEE Code, Address, Phone Number
3. CEO and grant contact information
4. Staffing, fiscal sponsor

## FINANCIALS

1. What is the date of your fiscal year end?
2. What is your operating budget for the current fiscal year?
3. Please provide a brief summary of your financial situation.
4. Please attached your current annual budget in PDF format.

## GRANT DETAILS

1. Are you applying for a general operating or program/project specific grant?
2. Requested amount
3. Which of the Denver Reparations Fund focus area(s) best describe your organization's work?
4. Identify your primary county/counties or geographic service area.
5. Describe an overview of your organization, including a brief description of any programs and/or services.
6. Describe how your work fits with the Denver Reparations Fund's priority areas.
7. What are the mechanisms you have in place to tailor the program to meet and respond to the community's changing needs?
8. How will granted funds meet the needs of and create sustained and transformational improvement for African American individuals, families, and/or communities?
9. Please describe any community partnerships you will engage to complete this work and what each agency's role will be. If none, please leave blank.
10. How will these requested grant funds further your organization's vision, mission and/or specific program goals.

## TDF CORE VALUES

1. Does your CEO/Executive Director identify as BIPOC?
2. What percentage of your board identifies as BIPOC?
3. What percentage of your staff identifies as BIPOC?
4. What is the estimated percentage of your clients who identify as BIPOC?
5. What efforts has your organization made to engage the voice, experience and leadership of residents, constituents, and/or clients in the development, implementation, and evaluation of your organization's activities?
6. What challenges, if any, have you encountered in your efforts to engage residents, constituents, and/or clients?
7. What are you doing to overcome them?
8. What efforts has your organization made to advance racial equity?
9. What challenges, if any, have you encountered in your efforts to advance racial equity and what did you learn from these challenges?



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