



# LAUREN TOWNSEND MEMORIAL WILDLIFE FUND



The Denver Foundation

## GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The Lauren Townsend Memorial Wildlife Fund was established in 1999 by the family of Lauren Townsend, a vibrant and inspiring young woman who was a class valedictorian and co-captain of the girls' volleyball team at Columbine High School. Lauren was one of 13 victims killed in the shootings on April 20, 1999.

Lauren worked at an animal hospital and loved everything from wolves to spiders and any other animal that needed protection. "We established the fund to honor Lauren's love for animals and learning," said Dawn Anna, Lauren's mother. She would be humbled to know that she is still able to help others even after her death. The fund awards grants to nonprofit organizations that focus on animal welfare or wildlife preservation.

Grants from the fund range from \$500 - \$5,000 and the fund typically awards a total of \$15,000 - \$20,000 annually.

## ELIGIBILITY

Applications are open to organizations that meet the below criteria. Smaller nonprofit organizations are particularly encouraged to apply.

- Organizations with United States 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.
- Organizations with a focus on animal welfare or wildlife preservation.
- Organizations seeking funding for a specific project or program.
- United States 501(c)(3) Organizations must not exceed the maximum of \$250,000 in annual operational revenue for the most recent fiscal year.
- Organizations based in the United States including those with projects operating Internationally.

The fund does not award grants for:

- Administrative expenses (including salaries and other general operating costs).
- Lobbying activities.

*Note: If in the last three years you have been awarded two or more grants from the Lauren Townsend Memorial Wildlife Fund, you are not eligible for funding this year. You are welcome to reapply in the next year's funding cycle.*

## DUE DATE

Applications must be submitted online by **Tuesday May 18, 2021** by 5:00pm MST.

## THE DENVER FOUNDATION

### MISSION

We inspire people and mobilize resources to strengthen our community.

### VALUES

- Leadership
- Equity
- Inclusiveness
- Accountability

### ABOUT

The Denver Foundation is the largest and most experienced community foundation in the Rocky Mountain West.

For more than 90 years, Denver residents have trusted the Foundation to steward charitable funds to meet today's needs and tomorrow's opportunities.

It's a growing legacy and a community-wide effort to build a better future for everyone.

At The Denver Foundation, we've been taking care of the future since 1925.

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## APPLY ONLINE

Applications should be submitted online. You will need to register on The Denver Foundation's [grant application portal](#) before completing your online application. [Click on these FAQ's](#) for more information about the portal and links to registration.

Registration takes approximately one business day to process in our system. We strongly urge any organization interested in submitting an online application to complete the registration process no later than Monday, May 10, 2021 for the Tuesday, May 18, 2021 deadline.

## CONTACT

Please email [townsend@denverfoundation.org](mailto:townsend@denverfoundation.org) with any questions about the process. No phone calls please.



Lauren Townsend

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

On the online application, applicants will be required to submit:

- A brief overview of the organization's mission, history, and goals.
- A summary of the organization's programs and services.
- A summary of the project to be funded and amount requested.
- Organization's current budget and most recent balance sheet.
- A budget for the project or program that funding is being requested for.
- Most recent United States 501(c)(3) determination letter.

## PREVIOUS GRANTEES

If you received a grant in 2020 from Lauren Townsend Memorial Wildlife Fund and would like to reapply for funds, you will be required to submit a final report on the work funded by the previous application.

