

Answers to Your Questions

ABOUT THE NEW STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK



What steps will The Denver Foundation take to deepen relationships with the community and policymakers? The Denver Foundation will continue to reach out to grassroots and nonprofit communities, donors, policymakers and civic leaders both one-on-one and in small groups to share the Strategic Framework and listen for opportunities to partner and work together.

What is your focus on funding for education? Is it directed to public schools primarily? Do you fund non-profit independent schools, or school programs? The primary focus is public school funding, but as we learn more about this area, we may also include private schools.

How will the community be involved with grantmaking decisions? The Denver Foundation will host an Advisory Committee for Community Impact, made up of a broad set of community members. A subset of that committee will work with the staff at TDF to review grant applications and make recommendations for grant awards to the Board of Trustees. Community members also serve on grantmaking bodies for Field of Interest Funds, Special Project Funds, and Scholarships.

In terms of civic fabric, will you elevate support for local 501(c)4 organizations? The Denver Foundation will continue to fund 501(c)3's engaged in policy and advocacy work.

Will The Denver Foundation help local non-profit organizations develop their equity/inclusion/diversity programs? The Denver Foundation's Technical Assistance grant program helps organizations build their capacity in a variety of areas, including equity, inclusion, and diversity. In fact, last year, EID work was the second most requested area for technical assistance support.

I'm looking forward to hearing more about how we (community, nonprofits, and others) can work with The Denver Foundation to promote policy moving forward. We look forward to it as well. In the short term, we'll be hiring a staff person who will help us engage in a scan to determine the best places for The Denver Foundation to plug in. We'll continue to fund and uplift both grassroots and grassroots policy organizations and hope to use our voice in stronger ways as part of our community leadership goals.