

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUND AT THE DENVER FOUNDATION



The Denver Foundation

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Technical Assistance (TA) is developmental support that enables you to do your work more effectively. The Denver Foundation recognizes the need for continued support after receiving an initial grant.

Technical assistance activities build new skills and provide information that will help your organization change and grow. They should include the active involvement of staff, constituents, and board members.

Not all forms of TA are eligible for funding from The Denver Foundation. For example, we would not provide a TA grant for printing a new brochure designed to increase awareness of an organization. But we would consider a TA grant for staff, constituents, and board members to work with a consultant to develop an organizational marketing plan. The first is passive: You pay someone to do something *for* you. The second is active: You pay someone to do something *with* you and, in the process, acquire new knowledge and skills.

COMMON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS

- Strategic Planning and Operational Planning
- Fund Development
- Governance and Board Development
- Communications and Information Management
- Policy and Advocacy Work
- Evaluation Tool Development
- Resident Engagement and Community Organizing
- Inclusiveness and Racial Equity

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- **No Due Dates:** We consider requests for Technical Assistance at The Denver Foundation on an ongoing basis.
- **Apply Online:** Visit [***TDF Grant Manager***](#), our online grant management portal.
- **Grant Range:** \$500 to \$6,000 - the average grant is \$2,500-\$3,000. Although we fund Technical Assistance at The Denver Foundation grants up to \$6,000, we ask that nonprofits only request the maximum amount if it is the true cost of the project. Grant requests that clearly align with a detailed project budget are more likely to be fully funded.
- **Quick Turn-Around:** A decision will be made on your request within six weeks of the date the request letter is received by the foundation.
- **Plan Ahead:** Technical Assistance at The Denver Foundation grants will not be made for activities that will begin or be completed before the grant is awarded. Please be sure to allow for up to six weeks for review when planning and scheduling your project.

GRANT ELIGIBILITY

- The organization has received a grant—**within the last three years**—from The Denver Foundation.
- The grant work will serve the **seven-county Metro Denver region**, which includes Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson counties.
- The organization is aligned with our core values of **Community Member Leadership and Racial Equity**. Please see an overview of our core values on pages 6 and 7 of the [Community Grants Guidelines](#).
- **For organizations with operating revenues of more than \$500,000**, 20% of the proposed project budget must be contributed by the organization. *For example, if a project has a budget of \$3,000, the organization must contribute \$600 toward expenses.*

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDER

You may use an individual consultant, nonprofit organization, or for-profit firm of your choice as your TA provider. A TA grant may not be used to pay a board member or any party whose direct affiliation with your organization could be construed as a conflict of interest. While you may have highly competent professional resources on your board of directors, The Denver Foundation would expect these resources to be provided as in-kind donations.

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS

Organizations may receive up to two TA grants each calendar year. The organization must complete the project funded by the first TA grant and submit a satisfactory final report before applying for a second grant.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

All grantees are required to submit a final report within one year of the grant award date, or before applying for an additional grant in the same calendar year. Information about reporting requirements for TA grants will be in your grant award letter and the report will be completed online via [TDF Grant Manager](#).

APPLY FOR A GRANT

Applications should be submitted online via [TDF Grant Manager](#). Please visit denverfoundation.org/grants/grantmanager/ to learn more about online applications. If you are limited by technology or unable to use the online system, please email help@denverfoundation.org or call 303.300.1790 for assistance.

WHAT WE DO NOT FUND

- Organizations with fund balance deficits as indicated on the balance sheet for their most recently completed fiscal year.
- Funding to an organization and/or program that discriminates on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, except to serve historically disadvantaged groups
- Activities, projects, or programs that will be completed before the grant is awarded
- Capital campaigns, including their planning or development
- Endowments or other reserve funds
- Membership or affiliation campaigns, dinners, or special events
- Food or travel costs
- Grants that further political doctrine or religious activities
- Grants to individuals
- Scholarships or sponsorships, including special events or fundraisers
- Grants to parochial or religious schools

CONTACT US

To arrange a time to talk with us during office hours, please call 303.300.1790 and ask to speak with the Technical Assistance Fund at The Denver Foundation grants manager. To connect via email, please send a message to TA@denverfoundation.org.