



CIVIC FABRIC FUND - STATE AND LOCAL POLICY



The Denver Foundation

GRANT OPPORTUNITY BY INVITATION

Through the Civic Fabric Fund, The Denver Foundation provides nonprofits with funding to support their policy and advocacy efforts at the state and local levels, including community engagement and coalition building. We are pleased to invite selected and qualified nonprofits to apply.

In 2021, the foundation adopted a policy framework and principles that outline its efforts to advance systemic change at the local and state level in the following issue areas: economic opportunity, K-12 education, environment and climate, housing, and transportation. When creating the framework, the foundation recognized the need to invest in policy efforts that prioritize the following populations (American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian American or Pacific Islander, Black, Indigenous, and Latino/Latina, and those of economic disadvantage).

A component of the foundation's commitment to advancing systemic change is funding nonprofit organizations to further their work to advocate for policy proposals, including legislation, ordinances, regulations, and ballot measures at the local and state level, that will promote a healthy and equitable Metro Denver.

State and local policy grants will support nonprofits' efforts to organize and lead policy campaigns on the issues outlined in the foundation's policy principles. Organizations invited to apply will have the option to apply for a general operating grant or a program-specific grant. Organizations will also be asked to clarify if their work focuses on grassroots policy and advocacy, or grassroots coalition-building and community engagement. For organizations applying for funding to engage in grassroots coalition-building and community engagement, the foundation is prioritizing funding to support efforts in the seven-county metro region. Grants from the fund typically range from \$15,000 to \$30,000.

THE DENVER FOUNDATION

For almost 100 years, Denver residents have trusted The Denver 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.

As a tax-exempt, nonprofit, philanthropic organization, The Denver Foundation stewards more than 1,000 funds established by engaged philanthropists. In partnership with the foundation, our donors make gifts to organizations throughout the Seven-county Metro Denver region, across Colorado, and beyond.

MISSION

We inspire people and mobilize resources to strengthen our community.

OUR VISION

A Metro Denver that is racially equitable in its leadership, prosperity, and culture.

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ELIGIBILITY

This funding opportunity is open only to eligible organizations that have been invited to apply by The Denver Foundation.

This opportunity is open to organizations from across Colorado that have 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, or are fiscally sponsored by a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization.

DEADLINE

Applications must be submitted online by **October 7** at 5pm MST.

APPLY ONLINE

You will need to register on The Denver Foundation's grant application portal before completing your online application. Please visit denverfoundation.org to learn more.

For support using the online system, email help@denverfoundation.org or call 303.300.1790 for assistance.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Within the online application, you will be required to submit:

- Your organization's mission
- A summary of your proposed work
- The dollar amount requested
- Your organization's current budget and, if applicable, a project budget

You will be required to answer :

- Which populations will policy and advocacy or community engagement and coalition-building efforts prioritize?
- How will you embed a lens of racial equity in your policy and advocacy or community engagement and coalition-building efforts?

CONTACT

Please email Naomi Amaha at namaha@denverfoundation.org with any questions about the process.



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