WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO APPLY
Background & Overview
COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

- Priorities based on community feedback
- Funded by The Denver Foundation’s private endowment
- Makes up about 5% of the foundation’s annual grants
- Due dates: 3/1 and 8/1
- Grants range from $20k to $50k
WHAT WE FUND

**ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**
- Community wealth building
- Workforce development

**EDUCATION**
- Racial equity
- School funding

**ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE**
- Energy efficiency
- Renewable energy/air quality

**HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS**
- Affordable housing
- Homelessness

**TRANSPORTATION**
- Public transit accessibility
- Affordability
A closer look:

- Only apply for during-school programs
- Must focus on school reform, not supplemental programming or mentoring
- Does not include early childhood education

Examples of previous grantees:

- Transform Education Now
- American Indian Academy of Denver
- Colorado Youth Congress
- Five Star Education Foundation
- Show and Tell Corporation
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

A closer look:

• Community wealth building as defined by Democracy Collaborative
• Not for interns or expanding the applicant’s staffing or financial literacy

Examples of previous grantees:

• Center for Employment Opportunities
• Second Chance Center
• Mile High Workshop
• Center for Community Wealth Building
• United for a New Economy
HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

A closer look:

• Includes temporary housing, permanent housing, and keeping residents in their homes
• We lean more toward long-term solutions but understand the need for immediate support

Examples of previous grantees:

• Almost Home, Inc.
• Mutual Aid Monday
• Colorado Village Collaborative
• The Delores Project
• Urban Peak - Denver
ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE

A closer look:

• Can be a statewide advocacy that will impact Denver
• Does not include access to the outdoors or wildlife and land preservation
• Not to support energy efficiencies for the applicant

Examples of previous grantees:

• GRID Alternatives Colorado
• Western Resource Advocates
• Groundwork Denver
• GreenLatinos
• The Park People
A closer look:
• Not for bus passes for applicants’ clients
• Not for purchase of vans or other vehicles

Examples of previous grantees:
• Northeast Transportation Connections
• Servicios de la Raza
• Via Mobility Services
ELIGIBILITY

• Fit into one or more priority areas
• Align with the foundation’s core values
• Wait one full calendar year between applications, regardless of the outcome
  • Spring 2023 applicants can apply again Spring 2024
  • Fall 2023 applicants can apply again Fall 2024
REVIEW CRITERIA

1. Racial equity focused & constituent led
2. Alignment with priority area(s)
3. Financial stability
GEOGRAPHIC REGION
ELIGIBILITY COMMON QUESTIONS

Will we fund:

- Direct service programs?
- Advocacy?
- Community organizing?

YES!

- Applications to other funds within the foundation have no impact on CGP
- Applications submitted on behalf of your coalition should be submitted by one lead organization
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Community Grants Program (CGP)

Funded by our endowment to support our priority areas

The Denver Foundation is pleased to invite qualified organizations to apply for funding from the Community Grants Programs (CGP). Though The Denver Foundation prioritizes funding to support BIPOC-led organizations, we will take into account each organization's experiences, learnings, and progress regarding constituent and BIPOC leadership on its staff and board.

We prioritize improving the lives of historically oppressed people living in Metro Denver, with a particular focus on people who live in low-income communities and BIPOC communities. We seek to reduce racial and ethnic disparities and economic disparities. We support organizations that share and demonstrate our core values of racial equity and community leadership.

Grant awards typically range from $20,000 to $50,000.

ELIGIBILITY

- Your work must be aligned with The Denver Foundation's values.
- Your organization must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or have a 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor.

At a Glance

- Status: Open
- Opening Date: January 15, 2023
- Closing Date: March 1, 2023
- Typical Grant Range: $20,000-$50,000
- Funding Areas: Economic Opportunity, Education, Environment & Climate, Housing & Homelessness, Transportation

1. Go to denverfoundation.org
2. Select Grants & Scholarships
3. Select Funding Opportunities
4. Scroll down to see all Funding Opportunities
   - Default to all "OPEN" STATUS
   - To see OPEN & CLOSED Funding Opportunities change to "ALL"
5. Select the Learn More button to get to learn more about a specific fund
Go to denverfoundation.org
Select Grants & Scholarships
Select Community Grants Program
Scroll down and select the Register and Apply button
5. **TDF Grant Manager** Home Page: [www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=denverfdn](http://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=denverfdn)

6. Select **Create New Account**

7. Complete 5 categories: Organization Information, User Information, Executive Officer Information, Set Password
TDF GRANT MANAGER

Apply

TDF Grant Manager displays funds currently accepting grant applications. To view all funding opportunities, please visit the Funding Opportunities page on the Foundation’s website.

Please Note: Because the Strengthening Neighborhoods grant program accepts applications from non-501(c)(3) organizations, the Foundation hosts a separate portal for applications. Visit the Strengthening Neighborhoods page to learn more.

Community Grants Program - Cycle 1 2022

Welcome to the Community Grants Program at The Denver Foundation. Through the Community Grants Program, The Denver Foundation supports nonprofits that serve the seven-county Metro Denver area, advance our Core Values of constituent engagement and racial equity, and align with our priority funding areas:

Community Grants Programs Priority Areas:
- Economic Opportunity - Community wealth-building and workforce development
- Education - K-12 reforms with an emphasis on racial equity and school funding
- Environment and Climate - Energy efficiency, renewable energy, air quality
- Housing - Affordable housing and homelessness
- Transportation - Public transit accessibility and affordability

Eligibility: We fund 501(c)(3) organizations and collaborative efforts among 501(c)(3) organizations and other groups in the seven-county Metro Denver region that address one or more of the goals described in this booklet. Organizations that have fiscal sponsorship from a 501(c)(3) are eligible to apply.
QUESTIONS: ORG INFO & FINANCIALS

- DBA
- US Section Code (must be 501c3)
- Mission
- NTEE Code
- Verify Organization Information (Address, CEO/ED)
- Fiscal Sponsor
- Full-Time and Part-Time Staff
- Financials
  - Fiscal Year
  - Operating Budget
  - Financial Status
  - Annual Budget
- Can we share your application?
QUESTIONS: GRANT DETAILS

• Type of Grant Requested
  • General Operating Support
  • Program/Project
• Amount Requested
• TDF Priority Area(s)
• County/Geographical Area Served
• Organization Overview
• Fit with TDF Priorities
• Success and Proudest Moments
QUESTIONS: THE DENVER FOUNDATION CORE VALUES

• Identity of CEO/Executive Director
• Percentage of staff, board, and clients/community identifying as BIPOC
• Efforts to engage residents, constituents, and clients/community in work
• What racial equity means to your organization and how it impacts your work
FINAL REPORT

If you were a Cycle 1 2023 grantee, you **must** submit your report via TDF Grant Manager by March 1, 2024 to be eligible for Cycle 1 2024, also due March 1.

Please contact The Denver Foundation at [grants@denverfoundation.org](mailto:grants@denverfoundation.org) if you have any questions regarding current or future final reports.
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Thank you for attending!