



The Denver Foundation

Cycle 2 2024

Community Grants Program

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO APPLY



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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 date: 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





EDUCATION

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](#)





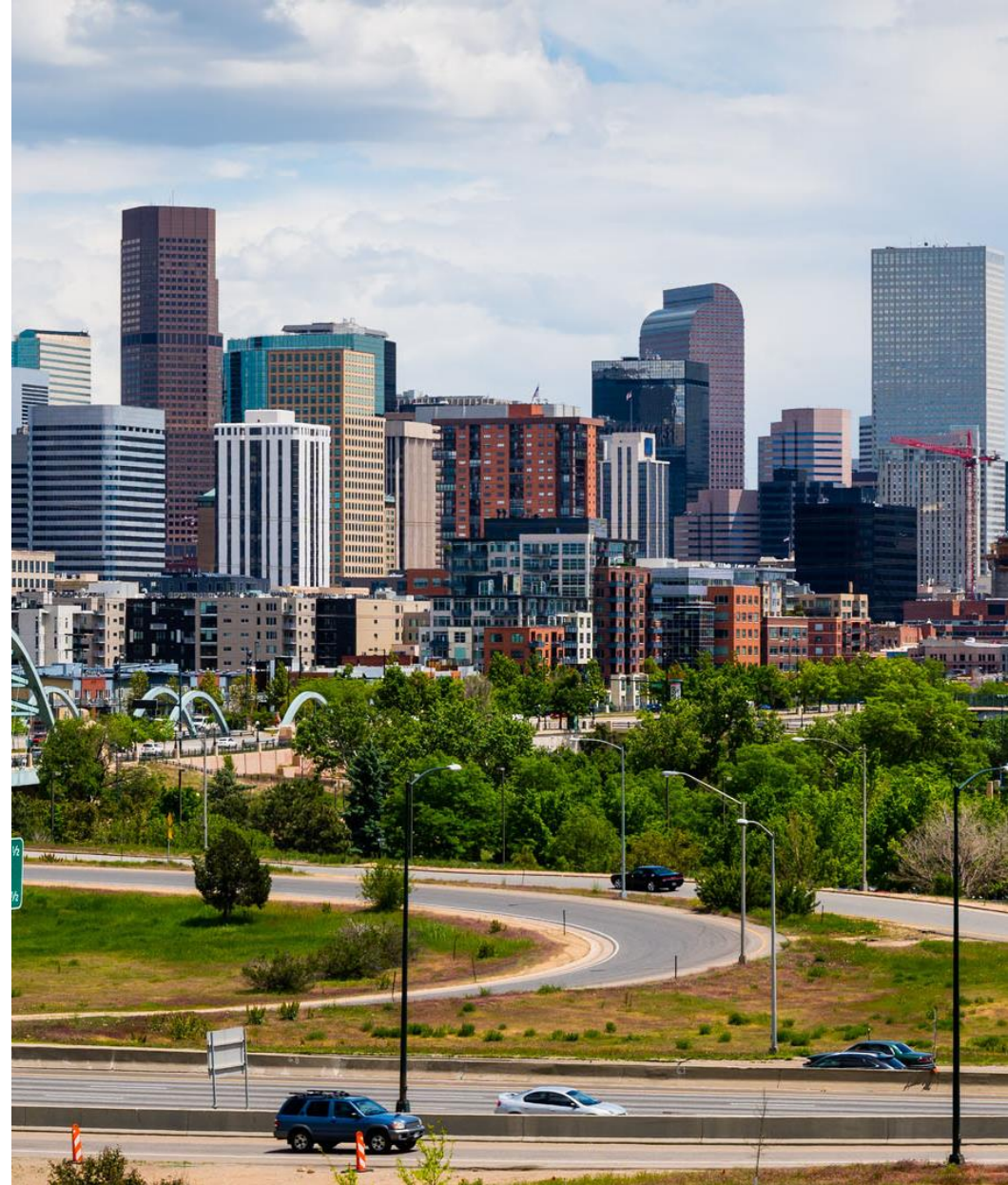
HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

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](#)





TRANSPORTATION

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
 - **Fall 2023 applicants can apply again Fall 2024**
 - **Spring 2024 applicants can apply again Spring 2025**

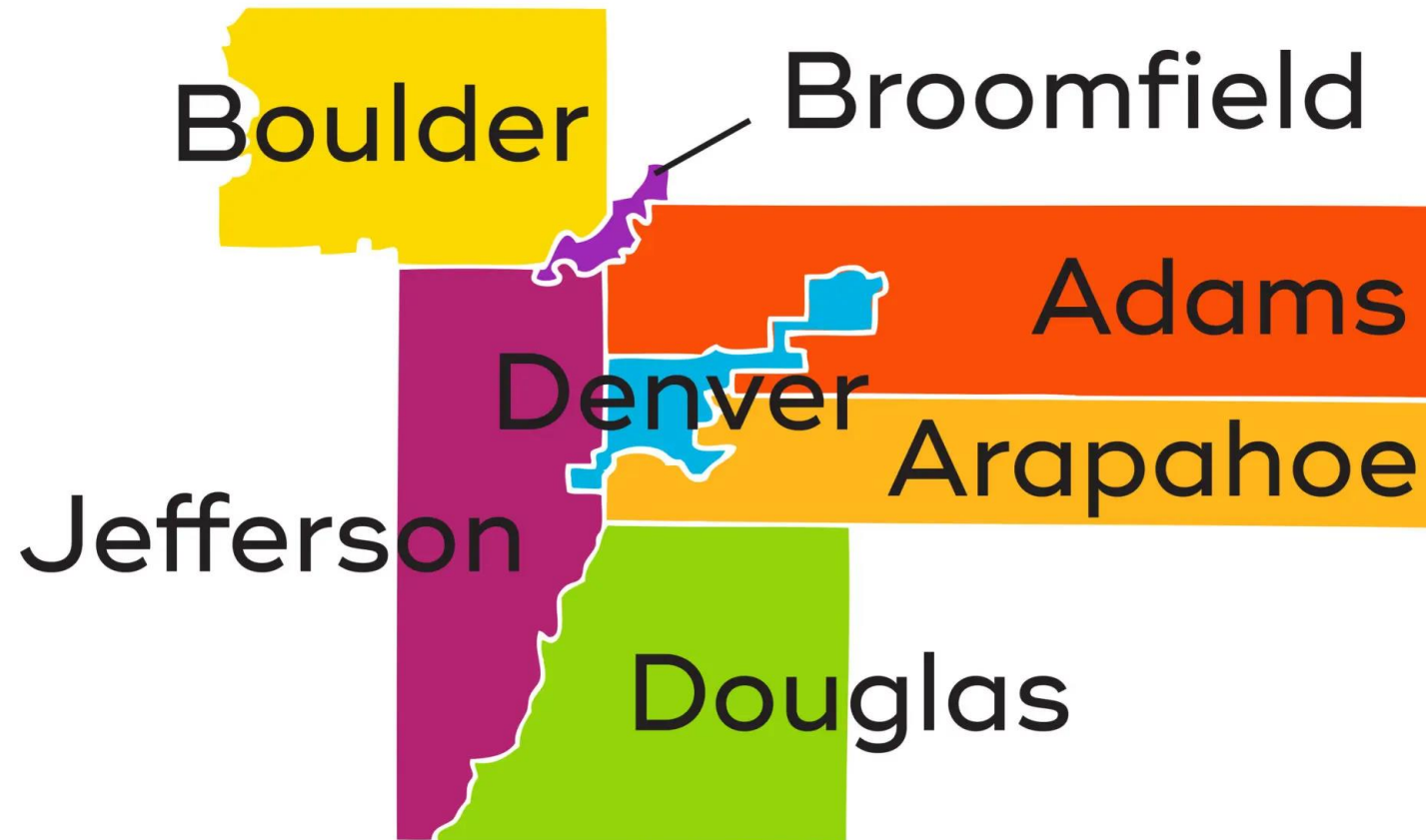


REVIEW CRITERIA

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: June 14, 2024

Closing Date: August 1, 2024

Typical Grant Range:
\$20,000-\$50,000

Funding Areas: Economic Opportunity, Education & Youth, 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



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APPLICATION PORTAL / TDF GRANT MANAGER



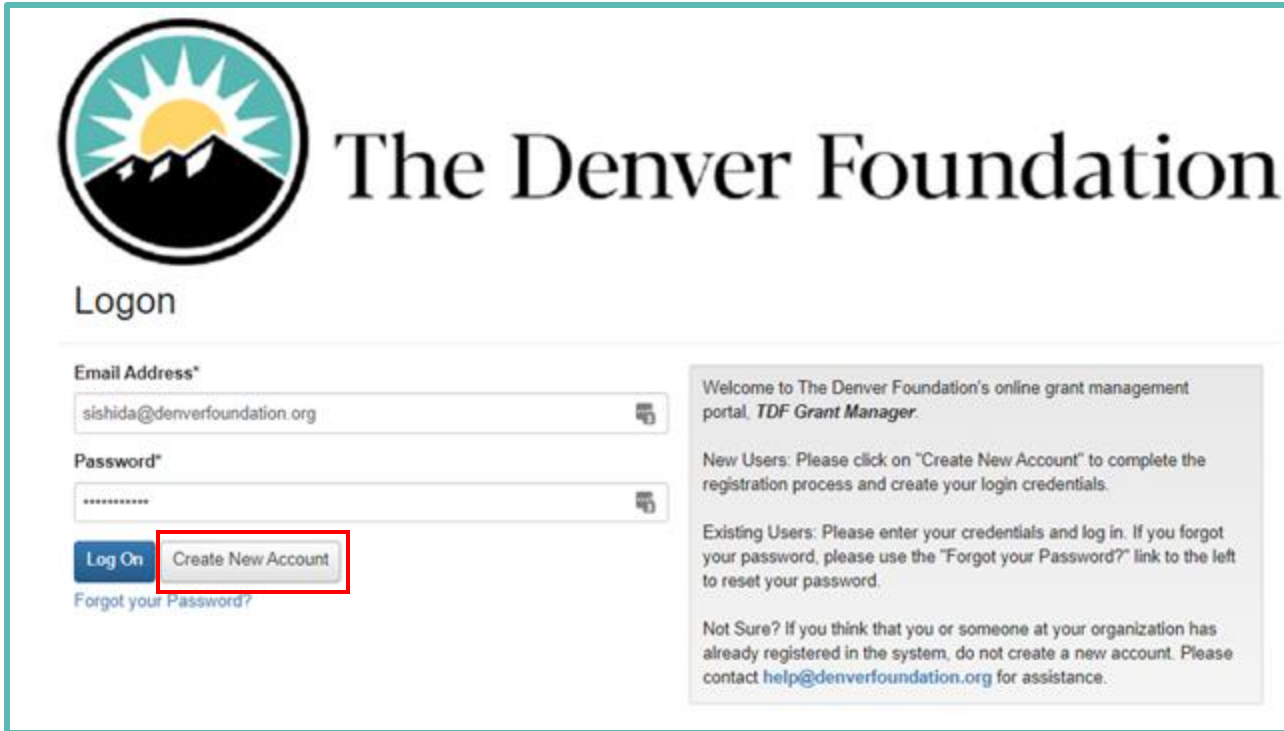
The screenshot shows the top navigation menu of The Denver Foundation website. The logo and name 'The Denver Foundation' are at the top left. Below them are three main menu categories: 'Grants & Scholarships', 'Donor Services', and 'Community I'. Under 'Grants & Scholarships', there is a sub-menu with 'Grants' (highlighted with a red box), 'Community Grants Program' (highlighted with a red box), 'Funding Opportunities', 'Grants FAQ', and 'TDF Grant Manager'. Under 'Donor Services', there is a sub-menu with 'Scholarships', 'Scholarship Opportunities', 'Reisher Scholars Program', and 'Scholarships FAQ'. At the bottom of the screenshot, the text 'Introducing TDF Grant Manager' is visible.


REGISTER AND APPLY

1. Go to denverfoundation.org
2. Select **Grants & Scholarships**
3. Select **Community Grants Program**
4. Scroll down and select the **Register and Apply** button



TDF GRANT MANAGER



 **The Denver Foundation**

Logon

Email Address*

sishida@denverfoundation.org

Password*

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Log On Create New Account

[Forgot your Password?](#)

Welcome to The Denver Foundation's online grant management portal, *TDF Grant Manager*.

New Users: Please click on "Create New Account" to complete the registration process and create your login credentials.

Existing Users: Please enter your credentials and log in. If you forgot your password, please use the "Forgot your Password?" link to the left to reset your password.

Not Sure? If you think that you or someone at your organization has already registered in the system, do not create a new account. Please contact help@denverfoundation.org for assistance.

5. **TDF Grant Manager** Home Page: 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

The screenshot shows the TDF Grant Manager web application. At the top, the header includes 'The Denver Foundation' logo and name on the left, and the user name 'Sachi Ishida' on the right. Below the header is a navigation bar with a home icon, an 'Apply' button (highlighted with a red box), 'Organization History', and 'Fax to File'. A 'Select Language' dropdown menu is also visible (highlighted with a red box). The main content area features a large 'Apply' button (highlighted with a red box) and a search bar labeled 'Quick Search'. Below the search bar, there is a paragraph of text: '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.' This is followed by a 'Please Note' section: '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.' The main content area is titled 'Community Grants Program - Cycle 1 2022' and includes a sub-header 'Accepting Submissions from 01/14/2022 to 03/01/2022' (highlighted with a red box) and a blue 'Apply' button (highlighted with a red box). The text below reads: '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:'. This is followed by a section titled 'Community Grants Programs Priority Areas:' with a bulleted list:

- **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

The final paragraph states: '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

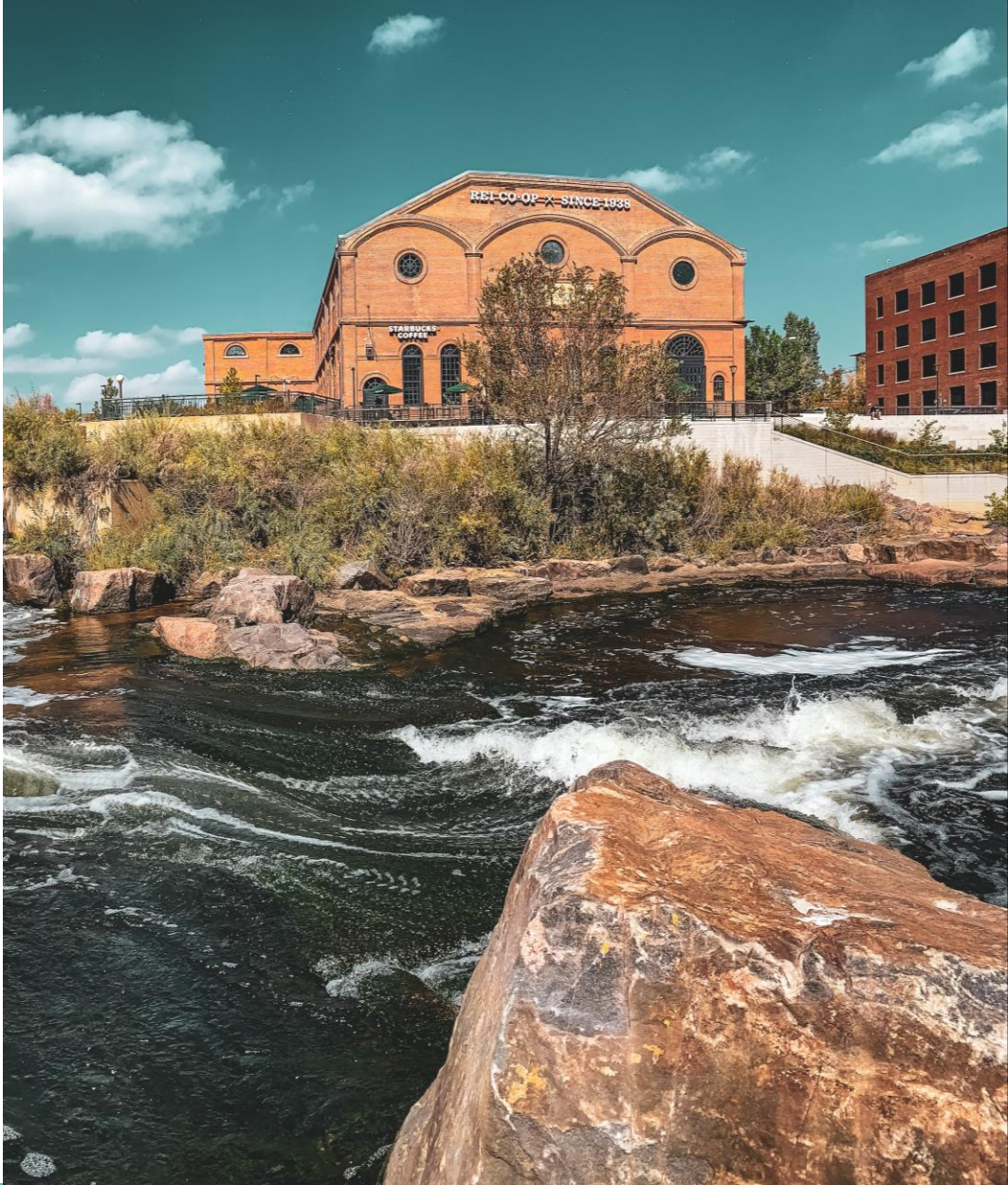
If you were a Cycle 2 2023 grantee, you **must** submit your report via TDF Grant Manager by August 1, 2024, to be eligible for Cycle 2, 2024, also due August 1.

Please contact The Denver Foundation at grants@denverfoundation.org if you have any questions regarding current or future final reports.



CYCLE 2 2024 TIMELINE

6/14	Application opens
6/26	Pre-application information session
8/1	Application closes 5 p.m.
8/2 - 10/15	Review process
Mid-October	All applicants notified



COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM LEADERSHIP



Dace West
Chief Impact Officer



Mara Kelly
Sr. Director of Engaged Philanthropy



Sachi Ishida
Director of Operational Excellence



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Questions & Answers



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Thank you for attending!