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

---

The Denver Foundation
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
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

- Boulder
- Broomfield
- Adams
- Arapahoe
- Jefferson
- Douglas
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
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

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 Community Grants Program
4. Scroll down and select the Register and Apply button
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

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
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.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>6/14</td>
<td>Application opens</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/26</td>
<td>Pre-application information session</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8/1</td>
<td>Application closes 5 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8/2 - 10/15</td>
<td>Review process</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mid-October</td>
<td>All applicants notified</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

Dace West
Chief Impact Officer

Mara Kelly
Sr. Director of Engaged Philanthropy

Sachi Ishida
Director of Operational Excellence
ENGAGED PHILANTHROPY OFFICERS

Zach Clapper, Director of EP
Education
Housing and Homelessness

Andrea Shultz, Sr. EPO
Environment and Climate
Economic Opportunity

Collin Hiew, EPO
Transportation
Education
Economic Opportunity

Christine Snyder, AEPO
Housing and Homelessness
Environment and Climate
CONTACT US

General Grant Questions
grants@denverfoundation.org

Economic Opportunity
Andrea ashultz@denverfoundation.org
Collin chiew@denverfoundation.org

Education
Zach zclapper@denverfoundation.org
Collin chiew@denverfoundation.org

Environment and Climate
Andrea ashultz@denverfoundation.org
Christine csnyder@denverfoundation.org

Housing and Homelessness
Christine csnyder@denverfoundation.org
Zach zclapper@denverfoundation.org

Transportation
Collin chiew@denverfoundation.org
Questions & Answers
Thank you for attending!