



The Denver Foundation



ABOUT

For 100 years, The Denver Foundation has been building a stronger, thriving Metro Denver, Colorado, and beyond. We've received \$2.1 billion from generous donors and given \$1.5 billion in grants to support community initiatives. We're the foundation of Denver, connecting and collaborating to address the current and future challenges of our community.



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OUR 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.

OUR PURPOSE

To achieve our vision, we will be a proactive, collaborative, and resolute leader in reducing racial disparities.

Community Grants Program

Cycle 1 2025

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO APPLY

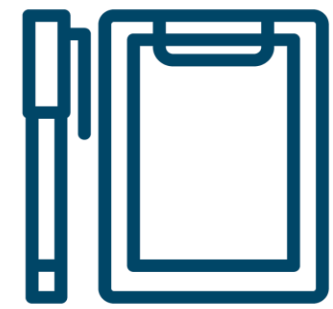
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COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

- Priorities based on community feedback
- Funded by The Denver Foundation's permanent endowment, Fund for Denver
- Makes up about 5% of the foundation's annual grants
- Due date: Monday, March 3, 2025
- Grants range from \$20k to \$50k



WHAT WE FUND



ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

- community wealth building
- workforce development



HOUSING

- affordable housing
- homelessness



ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE

- air quality
- energy efficiency
- renewable energy



YOUTH WELL-BEING

- K-12 school reforms
- school funding
- youth mental health



ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY


Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO). Photo courtesy: Armando Geneyro

We fund organizations working on:

- community wealth building
- workforce development

We do not fund:

- financial literacy
- higher education readiness programs
- internal staff development



ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE

We fund organizations working on:

- improving air quality
- energy efficiency
- renewable energy

We do not fund:

- access to the outdoors
- wildlife
- land conservation
- outdoor recreation



HOUSING

We fund organizations working on:

- affordable housing (0-30% AMI)
- solutions for people who are unhoused

We do not fund:

- programs focused solely on wraparound services



YOUTH
WELL-BEING

We fund organizations working on:

- K-12 reforms that reduce disparities for students of color
- school funding

We do not fund:

- early education
- private school education



YOUTH
WELL-BEING:
Youth mental health
(NEW)

We fund organizations working on youth mental health:

- K-12
- directly tied to mental health
- prevention and intervention
- community and in-school programs (could include after-school programs)
- evidence-based and community-informed solutions
- directly impacting youth versus family support

We do not fund:

- programs focused solely on substance misuse



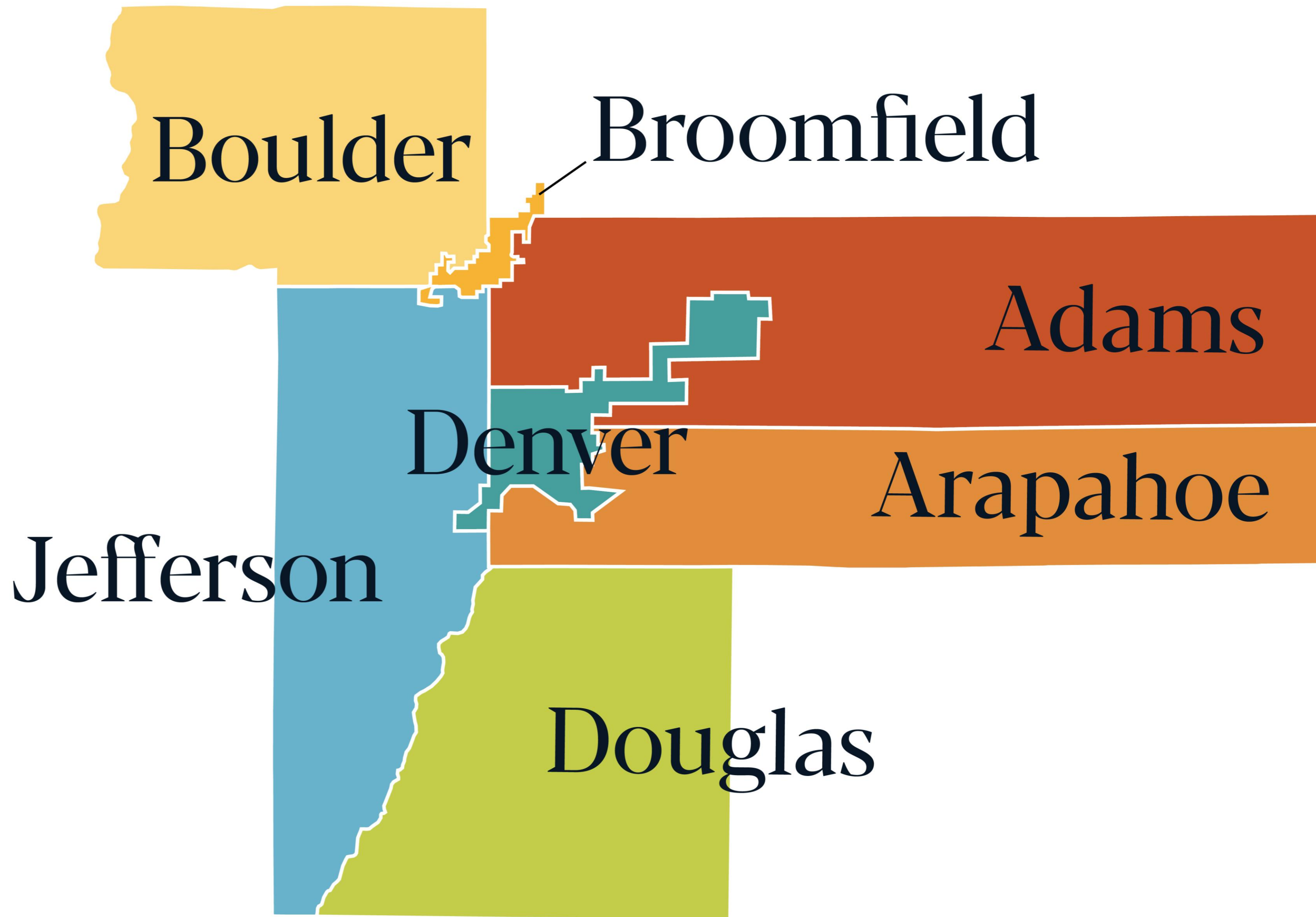
ELIGIBILITY

- Fit into 1 or more priority areas
- Align with the foundation's core values of community and constituent leadership and racial equity.
- Wait 1 full calendar year between applications, regardless of the outcome
- **Applied Cycle 1 2024 (award or decline) -> can apply again Cycle 1 2025**
- **Applied Cycle 2 2024 (award or decline) -> can apply again Cycle 2 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

1. Go to denverfoundation.org
2. Select **Grants & Scholarships**
3. Select **Funding Opportunities**
4. Scroll down to **see all Funding Opportunities**
 - a. Default to all "OPEN" STATUS
 - b. To see OPEN & CLOSED Funding Opportunities change to "ALL"
5. Select **Learn More** to learn more about a specific fund

Community Grants Program (CGP)

Funded by our endowment to support our priority areas

The Community Grants Program is The Denver Foundation's signature funding strategy, which is supported by the Fund for Denver, our permanent endowment. Our permanent endowment is made up of unrestricted gifts from dozens of donors to The Denver Foundation given in the past 100 years. These gifts are intended to meet the needs of today and ensure there are resources for building a better Denver far into the future. Learn more about [the Fund for Denver here](#).

The Community Grants Program supports nonprofits in the seven-county Metro Denver region working in our four priority funding areas: economic opportunity, environment and climate, housing, and youth well-being.

This funding opportunity's goal is to support organizations working to reduce disparities by incorporating community and constituent leadership and racial equity into their approach. Through the Community Grants Program, we aim to improve the lives of historically oppressed people living in Metro Denver, with a particular focus on people who live in low-income communities and communities of color. We seek to reduce racial and ethnic, and economic disparities. You can read the complete guidelines on our website.

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

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At a Glance

Status: Closed

Opening Date: January 15, 2025

Closing Date: March 3, 2025

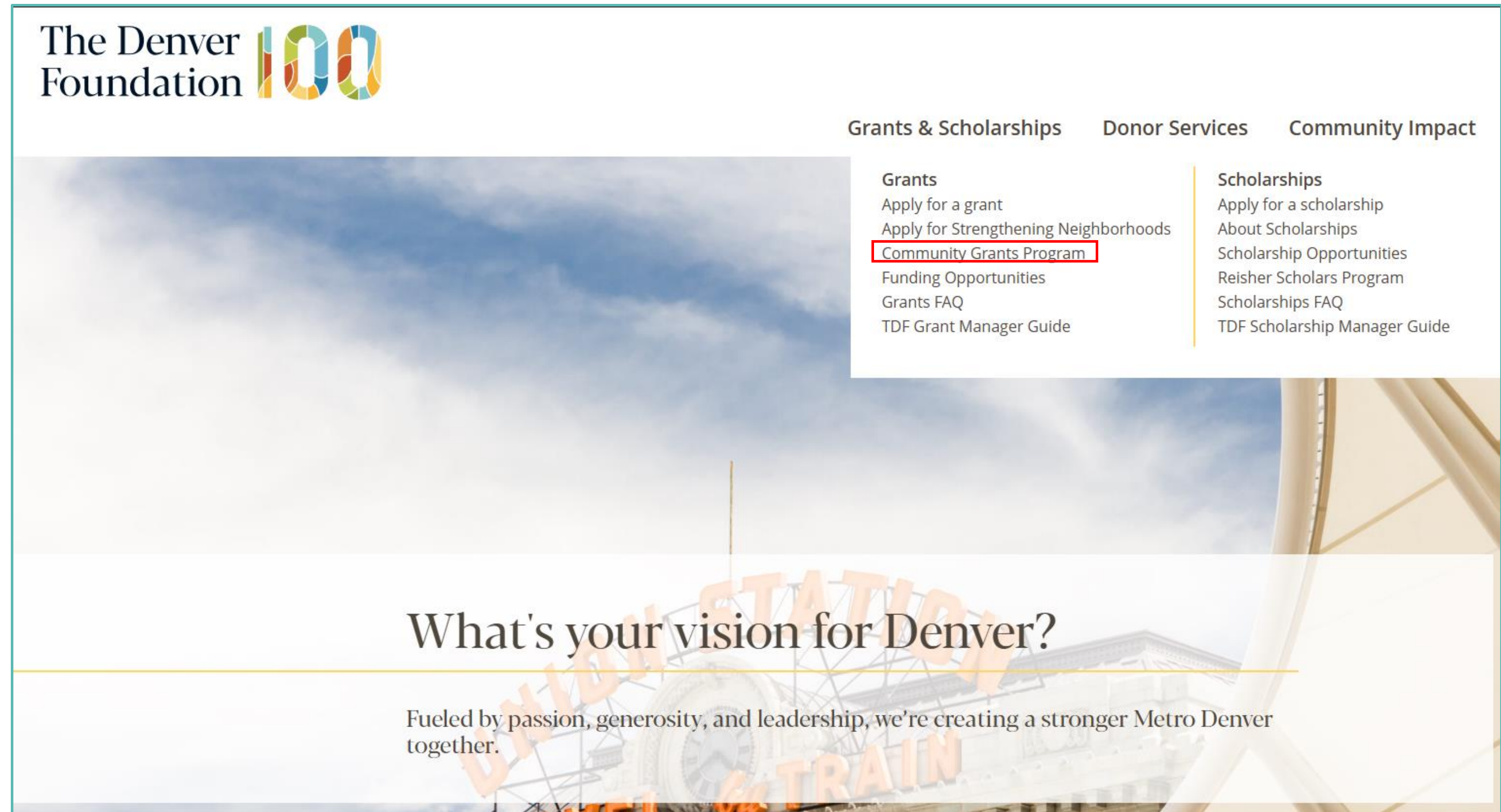
Typical Grant Range:
\$20,000-\$50,000

Funding Areas: Economic Opportunity, Education & Youth, Environment & Climate, Housing & Homelessness, Youth Well-Being

Region: Metro Denver

APPLICATION PORTAL / TDF GRANT MANAGER

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



REGISTER AND APPLY

TDF GRANT MANAGER

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



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[Forgot your Password?](#)




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

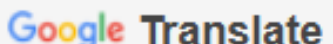
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Existing Users: Please enter your credentials and log in. If you forgot your password, please use the "Forgot your Password?" link to the left to reset your password.

TDF GRANT MANAGER


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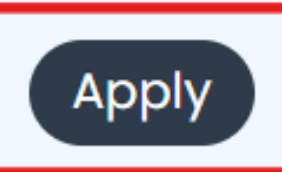
 Apply

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 Quick Search ✕

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 2025 Accepting Submissions from 01/15/2025 to 03/03/2025 

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** - Organizations working on community wealth building and workforce development.
- **Environment and Climate** - Organizations working on air quality, energy efficiency, and renewable energy.
- **Housing** - Organizations working to address affordable housing and homelessness, including temporary housing, permanent housing, and keeping residents in their homes.
- **Youth Well-being** - Organizations working on school funding and K-12 reforms with a focus on racial equity, and youth mental health.



QUESTIONS: ORG. INFO & FINANCIALS

- Organization Name
- US Section Code (must be 501(c)(3))
- Mission
- [National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities](#) (NTEE) Code
- Verify Organization Information (Address, CEO/ED)
- Fiscal Sponsor (if applicable)
- 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
- The Denver Foundation priority area(s)
- County/geographical area served
- Organization overview
- Fit with The Denver Foundation priorities
- Success and results

QUESTIONS: THE DENVER FOUNDATION CORE VALUES

- Percentage of clients/community you serve who identify as people of color
- Define diversity in your work and how your organizational makeup is reflective of that diversity
- Efforts to engage residents, constituents, and clients/community in work
- How racial equity impacts your work in the community



QUESTIONS: AWARDED GRANTEE DEMOGRAPHICS

Questions will be asked to awarded CGP grantees via TDF Grant Manager, after funding decisions. Answers are not required to receive funding.

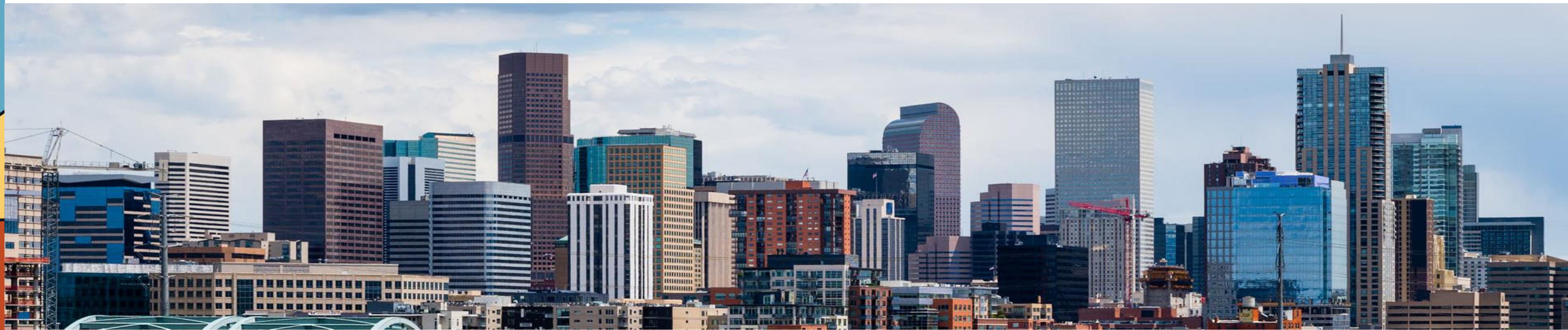
- CEO/Executive Director identify as a leader of color
- Percentage of board members identify as people of color
- Percentage of staff members identify as people of color



FINAL REPORT

If you were a Cycle 1 2024 grantee, you **must** submit your final report via TDF Grant Manager by March 3, 2025, to be eligible for funding from Cycle 1 2025.

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





CYCLE 1 2025 TIMELINE



1/15	Application opens
1/22	Pre-application information session
3/3	Application closes 5 p.m.
3/4 - 5/16	Due Diligence and Review process
June	All applicants notified

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM LEADERSHIP



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Our Gratitude





Rocky Mountain MicroFinance Institute
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