



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 \$1.6 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 2026

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO APPLY

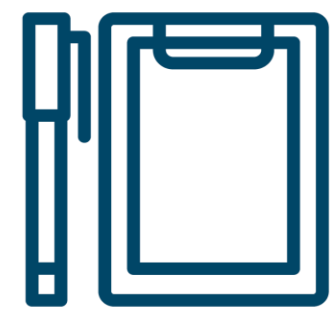
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COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

- Priorities based on community feedback
- Funded by The Fund for Denver, our permanent endowment
- Makes up about 5% of our annual grants
- Deadline: Monday, March 2, 2026, by 5 p.m. MST
- Grants range from \$20,000 to \$50,000



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




We fund organizations working on:

- community wealth building
- workforce development

We do not fund:

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

Three women are standing in front of a brick building with a large window. They are holding a large, white-bordered aerial photograph of a modern building complex. The complex features a large, dark-roofed building with a flat roof, surrounded by green spaces, trees, and solar panels. In the background, there are other buildings and a church with a steeple. The women are smiling and looking at the camera. The woman on the left is wearing a red top, the woman in the middle is wearing a black top with a pink cardigan, and the woman on the right is wearing a white button-down shirt and a green skirt.

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE

Commún. Photo courtesy: Armando Geneyro

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

The Delores Project. Photo courtesy: Armando Geneyro

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

We fund organizations working on:

- mental health programs or services for K-12 aged youth
- 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



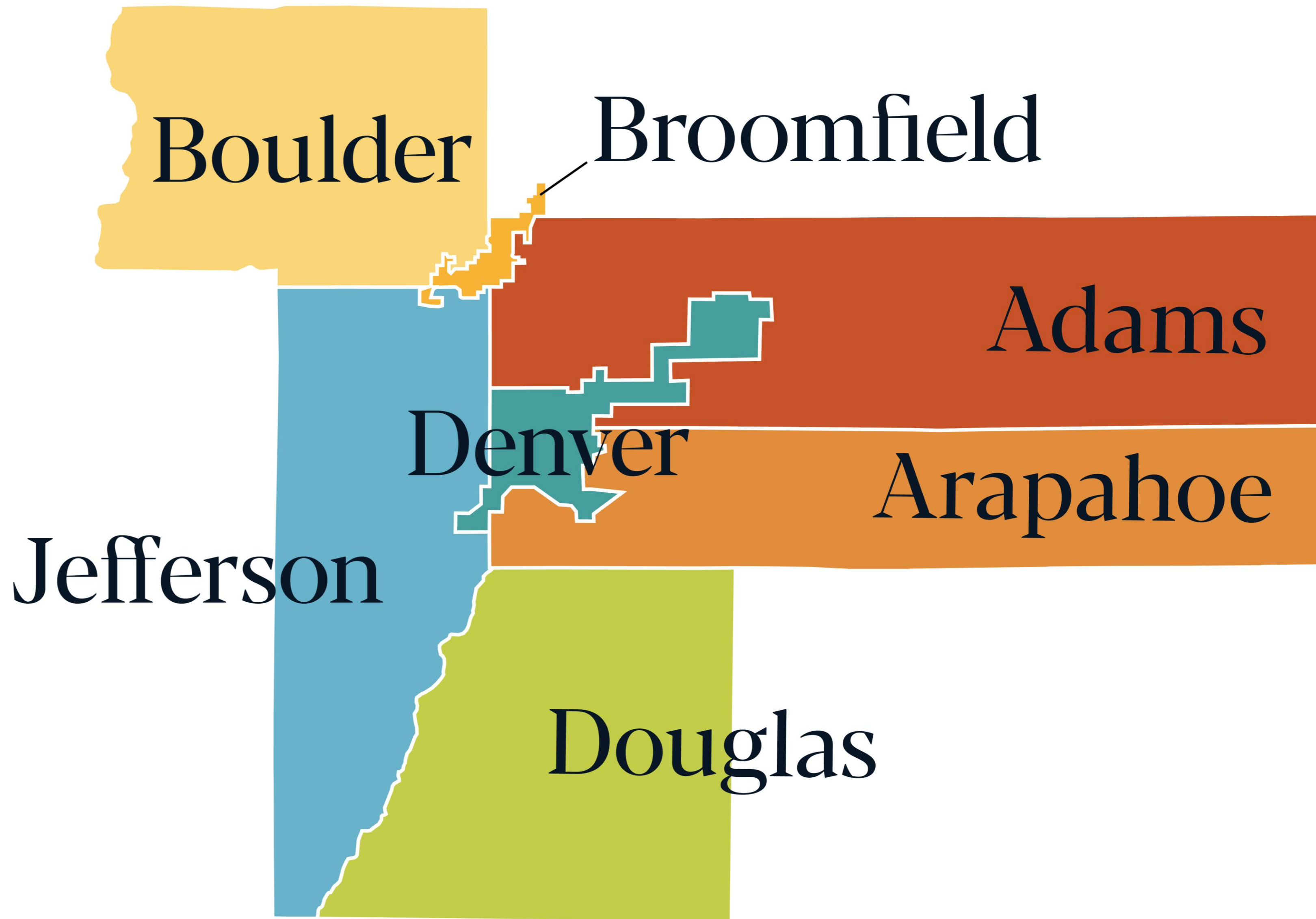
ELIGIBILITY

- Fit into 1 or more priority areas. We recommend you focus your application on 1-2 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
 - **If you applied Cycle 1 2025 (award or decline)**
-> you can apply again Cycle 1 2026
 - **If you applied Cycle 2 2025 (award or decline)**
-> you can apply again Cycle 2 2026

REVIEW CRITERIA

1. Alignment with geographic region and priority area(s)
2. Racial equity-focused & constituent-led
3. Community impact
4. 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 **Grant Opportunities**
4. Scroll down to **see all Grant Opportunities**
 - Default to all "OPEN" status.
To see OPEN & CLOSED Grant 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.

You can [read the complete guidelines on our website](#).



At a Glance

Status: Closed

Opening Date: January 15, 2026

Closing Date: March 2, 2026

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

Percent Funded: 24%

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

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

The screenshot shows the homepage of The Denver Foundation 100. The header includes the logo and a 'Login' link. The main navigation bar has four categories: Grants & Scholarships, Donor Services, Community Impact, and News & Publications. A dropdown menu for 'Grants & Scholarships' is open, listing options like 'Apply for a grant', 'Apply for Strengthening Neighborhoods', 'Community Grants Program' (highlighted with a red box), 'Grant Opportunities', 'Grants FAQ', and 'TDF Grant Manager Guide'. A similar dropdown for 'Scholarships' is also visible. The main content area features a large banner for the 'GIVE TO THE CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN' with a 'Give now' button. Below the banner is a photo of a group of people, including children and adults.

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 4 categories:

- Organization Information
- User Information
- Executive Officer Information
- Set Password



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Logon

Email Address*

Password*

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? Please contact help@denverfoundation.org or 303.300.1790 for assistance.

Para ayuda en español, contacte help@denverfoundation.org o 303.300.1790.


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 ORGANIZATION HISTORY

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
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Community Grants Program - Cycle 1 2026

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:

See More

 Closes
03/02/2026

 Preview

Apply

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?

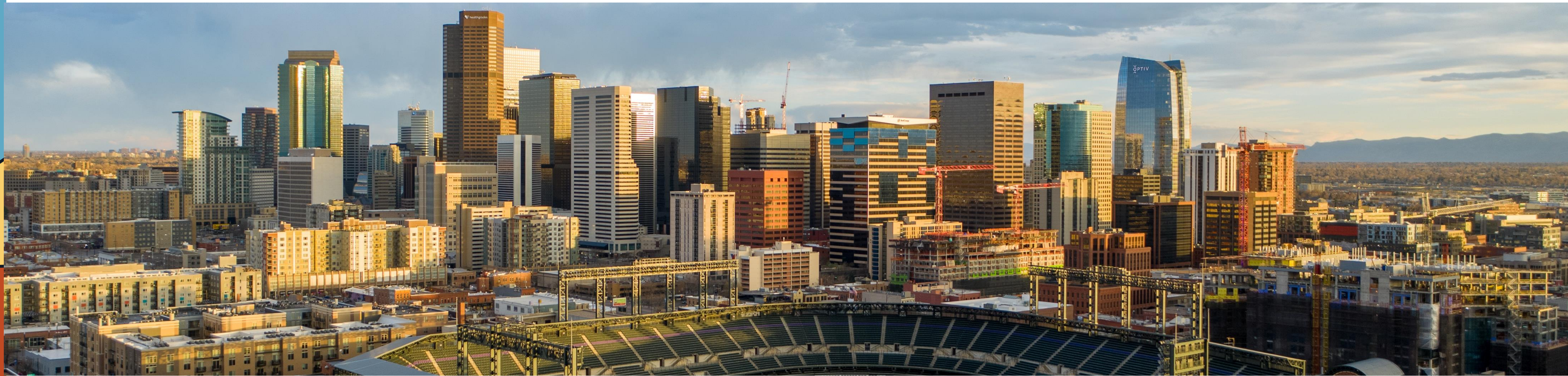


QUESTIONS: GRANT DETAILS

- 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
- Community Impact and metrics

QUESTIONS: THE DENVER FOUNDATION CORE VALUES

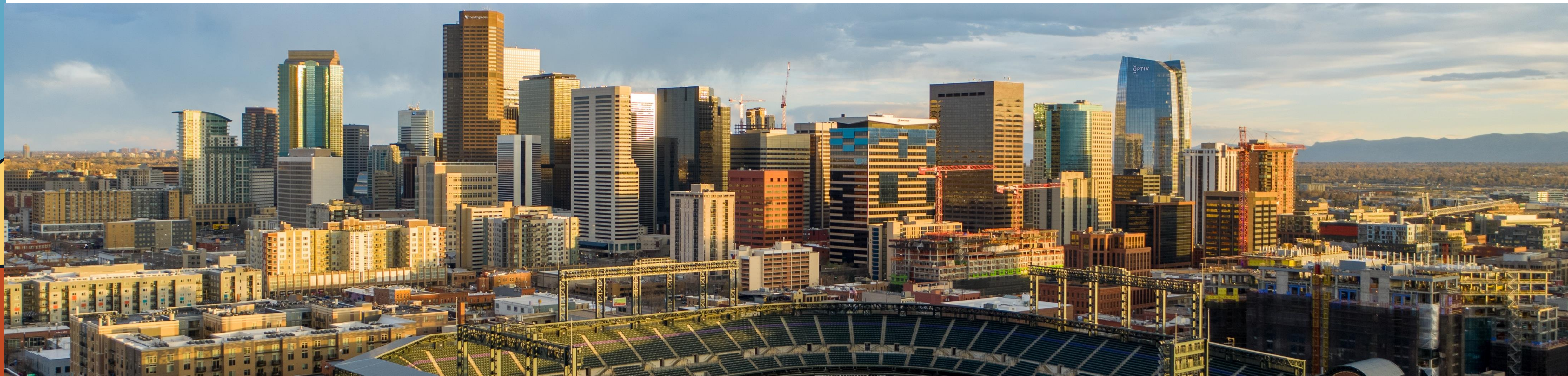
- Percentage of clients/community you serve who identify as people of color
- Define diversity in your work and how your organizational makeup is reflective of that diversity
- Efforts to engage residents, constituents, and clients/community in work
- How racial equity impacts your work in the community



QUESTIONS: POST AWARD 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
- Prefer not to answer



FINAL REPORT

If you were a Cycle 1 2025 grantee, you **must** submit your final report via TDF Grant Manager by March 2, 2026, by 5 p.m. MST, to be eligible for funding from Cycle 1 2026.

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





CYCLE 1 2026 TIMELINE



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1/15	Application opens
1/27	Pre-application information session
3/2	Application closes 5 p.m.
3/3 - 5/14	Due Diligence and Review process
June	All applicants notified

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM LEADERSHIP



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Chief Impact Officer



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Sr. Director of Engaged
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Vice President of Operational
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Questions & Answers

Transform Education Now. Photo courtesy: Armando Geneyro



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Our Gratitude

Latin American Education Foundation. Photo courtesy: Armando Geneyro





GreenLatinos. Photo courtesy: Armando Geneyro



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