



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 2 2026

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO APPLY

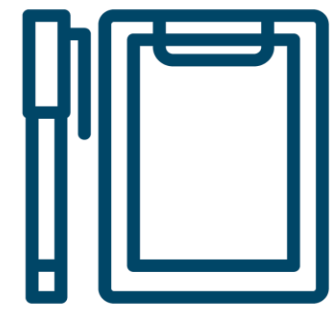
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COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

- Priorities based on community feedback
- Funded by The Fund for Denver, our permanent endowment
- Makes up about 5% of our annual grants
- Deadline: Monday, Aug. 3, 2026, by 5 p.m. MDT
- 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

**ECONOMIC
OPPORTUNITY**



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

A photograph of three children sitting on a grassy field in a park. On the left, a young boy with light brown hair, wearing a tan sweater, is holding a grey hat high in the air and smiling. In the center, a young girl with dark curly hair, wearing a light blue t-shirt, is looking towards the boy with an open-mouthed smile. On the right, a young boy with dark hair, wearing a light blue blazer over a white t-shirt, is also smiling broadly with his mouth open. The background shows large trees and a bright, sunny day. A teal rectangular box is overlaid on the bottom center of the image, containing the text 'YOUTH WELL-BEING' in white, all-caps, serif font.

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 childhood education
- private school education



**YOUTH
WELL-BEING:
Youth mental health**

We fund organizations working on:

- mental health programs or services that serve the K-12 age range
- prevention and intervention
- community and in-school programs (could include after-school programs)
- evidence-based and community-informed solutions
- programs directly impacting youth versus family support

We do not fund:

- programs focused solely on substance misuse



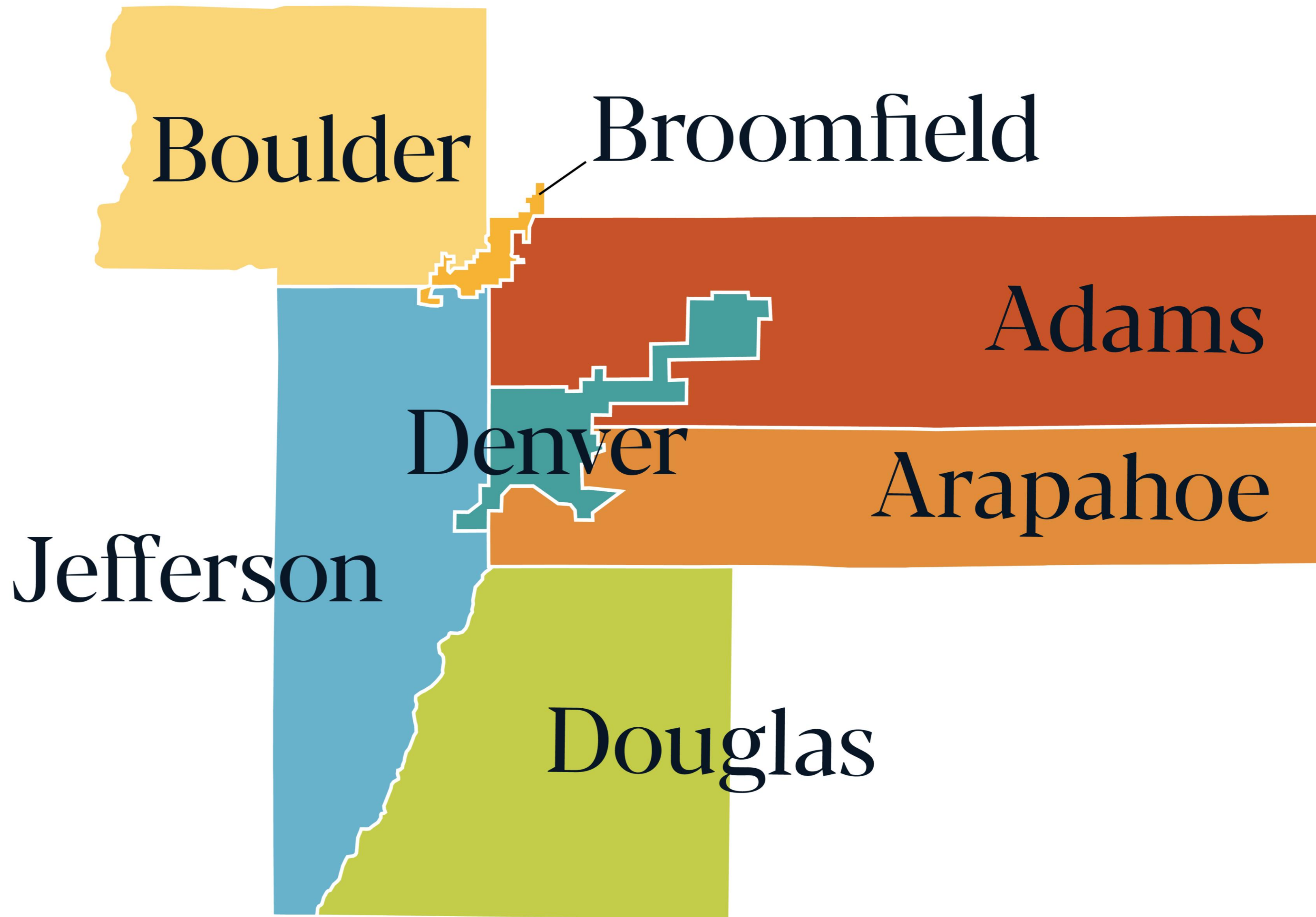
ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a charitable organization
 - 501(c)(3) nonprofit
 - school district/education foundation
 - faith entity
 - unit of government
- Fit into 1 or more priority areas. (We recommend you focus your application on 1-2 areas.)
- Align with our 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 2 2025 (award or decline) -> you can apply again Cycle 2 2026. If you applied in Cycle 1 2026, your organization is not eligible to apply again this year.**

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



ELIGIBILITY COMMON QUESTIONS

- We will not accept any late applications or late additional documents.
- The program does not fund newly formed organizations or new programs that have been operating in Metro Denver for less than 1 year.
- Requested grant amounts should not exceed 50% of the organization's annual operating budget. Please submit your most recent annual budget.

GRANT 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)

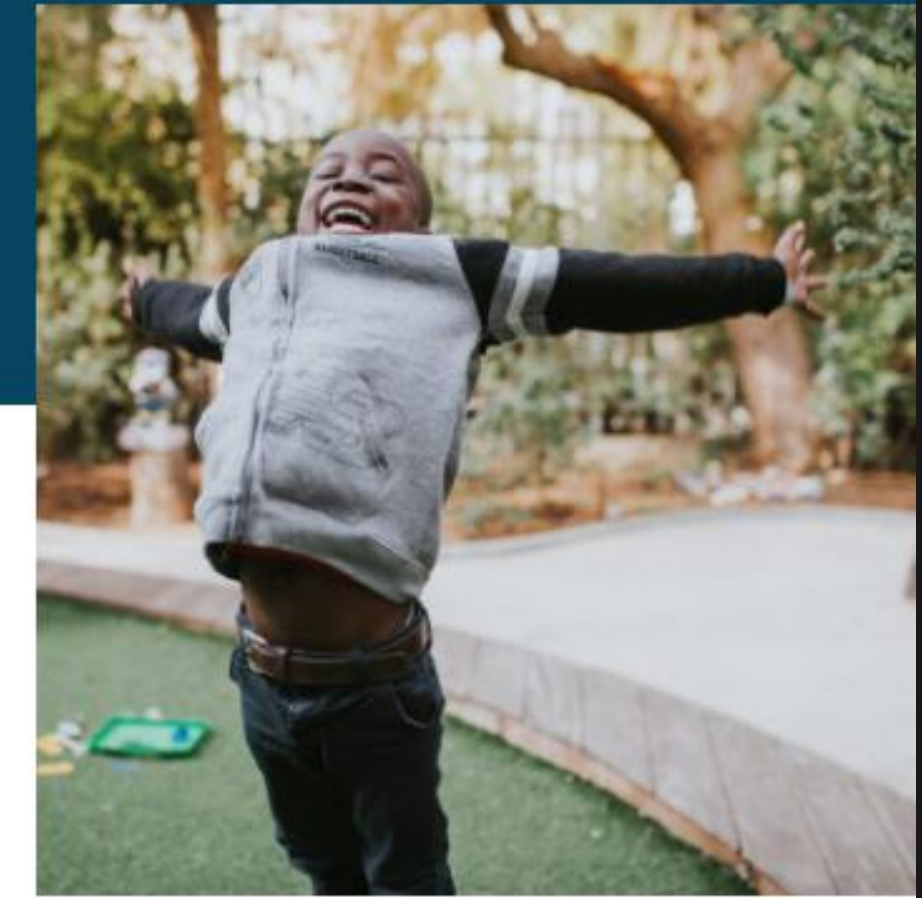
Funded by our endowment to support our priority areas

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.



At a Glance

Status: Open

Opening Date: June 15, 2026

Closing Date: August 3, 2026

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

Percent Funded: 24%

Funding Areas: Economic Opportunity, Education, Environment & Climate, Health &

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

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REGISTER AND APPLY

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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*

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

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

TDF GRANT MANAGER



APPLY

ORGANIZATION HISTORY

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Community Grants Program - Cycle 2 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
08/03/2026

 Preview


 Apply

Wanser Fund - Cycle 1 2026

The Denver Foundation is pleased to invite qualified organizations to apply for funding from the **Wanser Fund**. Established in 2013, the Wanser Fund supports programs and activities for organizations active in animal health.

Grant amounts will range from \$5,000 to \$7,000.

See More

 Closes
07/15/2026

 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?

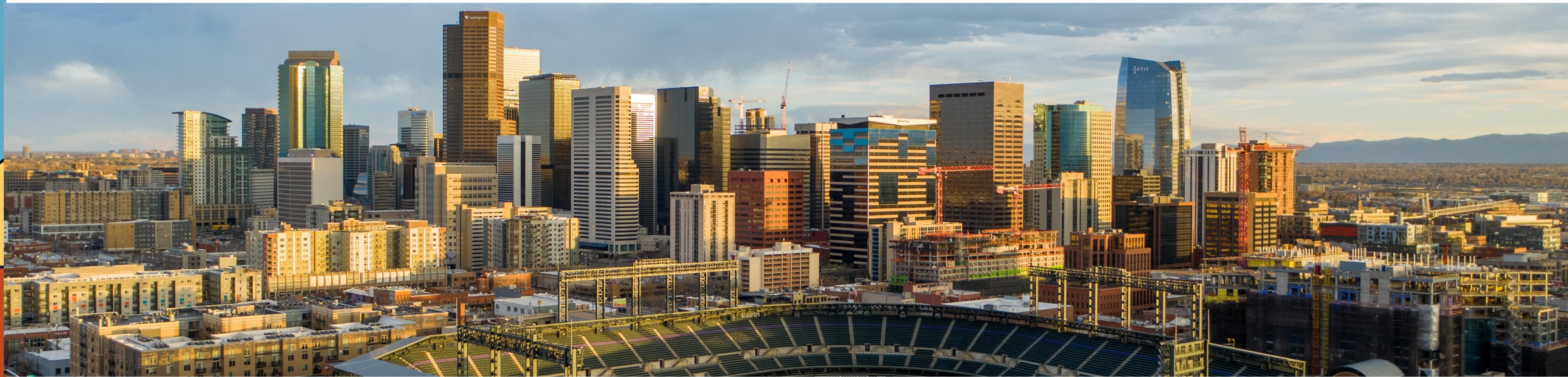


QUESTIONS: GRANT DETAILS

- 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

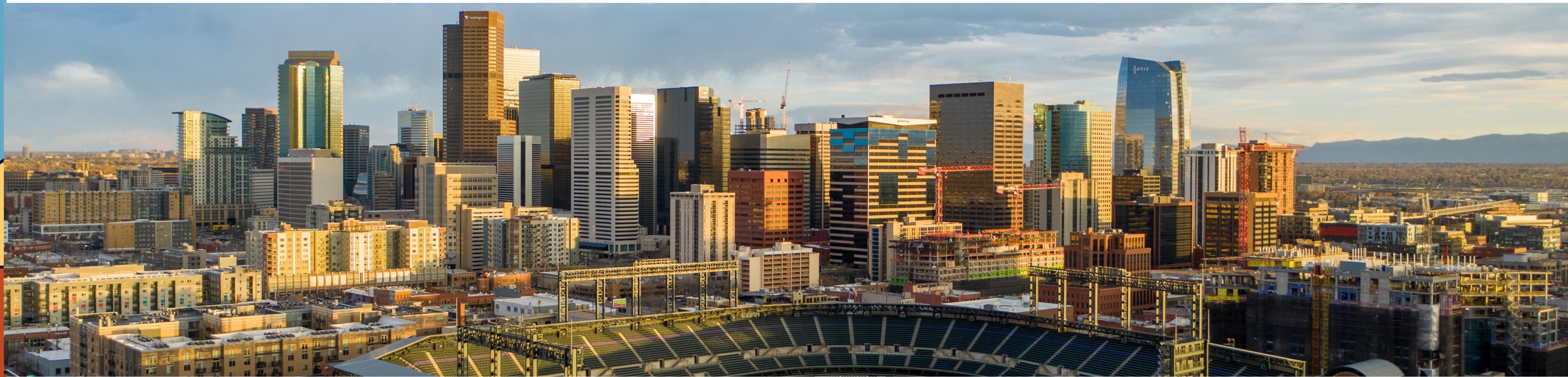
- Percentage of clients/community you serve who identify as people of color
- Define diversity in your work and how your organizational makeup is reflective of that diversity
- Efforts to engage residents, constituents, and clients/community in work
- How racial equity impacts your work in the community



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

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





CYCLE 2 2026 TIMELINE



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6/15	Application opens
6/17	Pre-application information session
8/3	Application closes 5 p.m.
8/3 - 9/29	Due diligence and review process
October	All applicants notified

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM LEADERSHIP



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Questions & Answers



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Our Gratitude





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