The Colorado Health Foundation™

Funding Cycles



Programs, projects and organizations within our priority areas have a positive impact on the well-being of Coloradans every day. Our funding cycles are one way we collaborate with communities and organizations to break down the many systemic inequities that stand in the way of our health.

Upcoming Funding Cycles

Deadline: February 15, 2027

Priority Area: Thriving Young People

1. Developing Agency, Identity, and Belonging in Youth

Deadline: June 15, 2027

Priority Area: Advocacy

1. Advancing Advocacy and Justice with Communities of Color

Priority Area: Community Solutions

1. Community-Initiated Solutions

Priority Area: Thriving Young People

1. Developing Agency, Identity, and Belonging in Youth

Deadline: October 15, 2027

Priority Area: Advocacy

1. Advancing Advocacy and Justice with Communities of Color

Eligibility

Our funding focuses on populations whose lack of power, privilege or income is a barrier to their health and well-being. Each funding opportunity offers its

own specific eligibility criteria. Typically, we consider grants for the following:

- **Projects:** Specific sets of activities carried out over a defined period of time
- **Capacity Building:** Enhancing business capabilities (financing, governance, planning)
- **Capital:** Facilities or infrastructure improvements

What Organizations Are Eligible to Apply?

- Colorado organizations classified as tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3)
- Colorado public agencies, including state and local governments
- New or emerging organizations without 501(c)(3) status, through a tax-exempt organization acting as fiscal sponsor.
    - The fiscal sponsor must maintain full discretion and control over any awarded grant funds and should have the organizational capacity to manage and accept the risks involved with fiscal sponsorship.
    - The project must be aligned with the fiscal sponsor's charitable mission.
    - The fiscal sponsor's board must approve of the project as furthering the sponsor's charitable mission before applying for a grant from The Colorado Health Foundation.
    - For more information, download the Foundation's fiscal sponsor policy and sample memorandum of understanding (MOU).

To be eligible for funding, organizations must abide by all applicable local, state and federal anti-discrimination laws in hiring and employment practices

and when providing services.

Note: If a public support test requirement to retain public charity status applies to your organization, as a public charity grantee of The Colorado Health Foundation, it is essential that you ensure a grant from The Colorado Health Foundation will not cause your organization to lose its status as a publicly supported charity.

What We Don't Fund

- Individuals
- Scholarships or scholarship funds
- Programs that require membership in a certain religion or advance a particular religious faith (faith-based organizations may be eligible for funding if they welcome and serve all members of the community regardless of religious faith, provided they do not require participation in activities that are specifically religious)
- Programs operated by, or that benefit, for-profit organizations
- Debt retirement
- Endowments
- Organizations that willfully discriminate against a particular class of individuals

Applying For Funding

Before Applying

1. Ensure your work aligns with our cornerstones and 10 priority areas.

2. Review our funding opportunities and decide which one aligns with your organization's work.
3. Connect with a program officer to discuss your project or program ideas.
4. Create an account in our grantee portal at least **one week** before applying.

When Applying

- We ask that applications be submitted electronically through our grantee portal. If you need another option, please Show email or call 303-953-3600.
- Please use a Google Chrome browser to ensure the full functionality of the grantee portal.
- When deadline dates (Feb. 15, June 15, Oct. 15) fall on a holiday or weekend, the deadline is the next business day.
- Applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. on the deadline date.

Multiple Grant Requests

Your organization can submit applications for more than one grant and during more than one funding cycle. Please note the following:

- If submitting for more than one grant, you must submit separate applications for each.
- If submitting for a renewal of a current grant, you must wait until four months before the grant deadline to submit your application.

Selection Process

All applicants are assigned a program officer who will serve as their primary point of contact for the Foundation. Each applicant can discuss their application with their program officer and ask them questions. Program officers may request a site visit. At any point during the process, feel free to contact your designated program officer with questions or concerns.

Review Processing Time
The review process takes approximately 90 days. Applicants are notified as soon as decisions are reached.

Grant Declinations
If your applicant is declined, and you'd like to discuss the review and decision, please contact your program officer.

Third-Party Partnerships: We often partner with third-party evaluators, contractors and other organizations in our work with applicants and grantees. Your application and its attachments may be shared with these individuals or entities during the review process and grant cycle. All third-party organizations partnering with the Foundation have signed a confidentiality agreement and will not use or share the information for purposes outside of the scope of work specific to the grant application or grant award.

If you have any concerns or would like additional information, please email Show email.