New Funding Opportunities Now Open

The Colorado Health Foundation’s next grant application deadline is Feb. 15. There are several new opportunities in addition to others previously open. New opportunities include:

- **Activating Places and Spaces Together**
  The goal of the funding opportunity is to help activate existing infrastructure in public places that contributes to a community’s overall health through residential usage and positive experiences.

- **Consumer Advocacy: Rapid Response**
  The goal of this opportunity is to fund short-term initiatives (three to nine months in length) focused on one or more policy priorities related to *Health Coverage* or *Healthy Living*.

- **Healthy Living Advocacy: Leadership Development**
  This funding opportunity is designed to cultivate and support passionate advocates for healthy living policies.

- **Healthy Living Advocacy: Long-term Policy Initiatives**
  The goal of this funding opportunity is to advance or preserve policies that create social, physical and economic environments that promote health.

- **Healthy Living Advocacy: Organizational Capacity Building**
  The goal of this funding opportunity is to support organizations working to advance or preserve policies that create social, physical and economic environments that promote health.

- **Middle School Outdoor Learning Environments**
  This funding opportunity targets schools and communities that demonstrate a need for planning and design services, play equipment or site improvements to increase physical activity and health for youth in the sixth through eighth grade age range.

[View all of the open funding opportunities.](#) Questions about open funding opportunities or the grant application process? The Foundation offers [ informational webinars](#) and resources to help:
• **View archived webinars**, hosted by the Foundation’s program officers, and dive into the specifics of our open funding opportunities.

• If you have questions about the technical aspects of the grant application, **view the Grant Application webinar** featuring Sara Guillaume, Foundation director of grantmaking operations.

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**The Raising of America**

The Foundation is supporting the Raising of America series on Rocky Mountain PBS, including a promotional spot featuring President and CEO Karen McNeil-Miller.  
[Watch...](#)

**Informational Webinars**

The Foundation offers archived informational webinars to answer questions about open funding opportunities or the grant application process.  
[Learn...](#)

**Foundation’s New Home**

Construction is underway on the Foundation’s new health positive headquarters. Follow building progress with live images and time-lapse video.  
[View...](#)

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**Coverage Counts in Colorado**

Between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2015, more than 169,000 Coloradans enrolled in health coverage for 2016, according to new data released by [Connect for Health Colorado](https://connectforhealthco.org) (C4HCO), the state-based health insurance marketplace. This includes enrollment in private health insurance, Medicaid or Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+). Coverage gains include:

- 132,263 enrolled in private health insurance (which includes enrollment in dental plans)
- 35,269 enrolled in Medicaid
- 2,031 enrolled in CHP+

Thank you to all the health coverage guides and assisters for your time and energy to achieve these strong enrollment numbers.

One of the Foundation’s goals is that all Coloradans achieve stable, affordable and adequate health coverage. To meet that goal, the Foundation is committed to
investing in outreach and enrollment. The Foundation launched work in 2014 to maximize the number of individuals who are enrolled as a three-year effort, awarding 10 community collaborations working to implement coordinated outreach and enrollment efforts. These communities also receive technical assistance in the form of rapid-cycle evaluation as well as participation in a learning collaborative to enhance their efforts.

The Foundation will continue to fund these community collaborations working in this area. To learn more, view the community approach to outreach and enrollment funding opportunity.

#HealthiestCO Statewide Listening Tour
2016 Stops

The #HealthiestCO Statewide Listening Tour has a few more stops this year. Join Foundation President and CEO Karen McNeil-Miller to share your thoughts on health assets and barriers in your community. Register now to attend an upcoming session:

• Jan. 27 – Castle Rock
• Jan. 29 – Golden
• Feb. 3 – Colorado Springs
• Feb. 4 and Feb. 5 – Denver
• Feb. 8-9 – Northwest region
• Feb. 22-23 – Eastern Plains region
• March 2 – Brighton

Register

Read recaps of the tour visits or listen to a recent radio interview with Karen to learn more.

2016 Foundation Policy Priorities

In order to achieve our vision of making Colorado the healthiest state in the nation, it is important that Coloradans have the political and public supports in place to help advance and sustain health priorities.

The Foundation recognizes that public policy can have tremendous impacts on health. Advocating for policies that support Coloradans in leading healthy lives is an important way to work together with our partners to achieve our vision. To guide the Foundation's advocacy in the year ahead, public policy priorities for 2016 have been developed. Throughout this year, the Foundation will engage in research, analysis and public education as tools to highlight opportunities for local, state and federal policy to promote the health of Coloradans.
Mark Your Calendar

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Now-March 2016

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