



ROSE YOUTH  
FOUNDATION

JEWISH YOUTH MAKING A DIFFERENCE

December 16, 2016

Dear Community,

Rose Youth Foundation, an initiative of Rose Community Foundation, engages Jewish high school students in collaborative grantmaking. In spring of 2017, Rose Youth Foundation will make grants totaling \$60,000 dollars to prevent sexual assault, to provide support and treatment to victims of sexual assault, and to promote healthy relationships.

Each year, Rose Youth Foundation members work together to explore Jewish traditions of giving, identify community needs and practice strategic philanthropy. We, the 23 members of Rose Youth Foundation, encompass the spectrum of Jewish denominations and together we have identified three Jewish values to guide our grantmaking:

- *Lo ta'amod al dam rei'echa*, Do not stand idly by: As a group of high school students, we want to equip our peers with the tools and techniques necessary to combat sexual assault and increase the likelihood of forming healthy relationships.
- *Darchei shalom*, The path of peace: We believe the positive effects of healthy relationship practices in individuals from an early age will be felt throughout the entire community, contributing to the greater good and benefiting all.
- *Chesed*, Loving kindness: We view this funding opportunity as a chance to serve those most at risk for sexual assault, as well as to provide support and care with love and kindness.

We invite nonprofit organizations serving the Greater Denver Community with work that aligns with our grant priority and values to respond to this request for proposals. Up to \$60,000 is available to grant and we anticipate awarding grants that range from \$2,500 to \$15,000. We will only grant to organizations with programs serving youth and young adults ages 10 to 25. We will give priority to programs that serve LGBTQ+ people and/or homeless people.

Sincerely,

**Rose Youth Foundation 2016-2017 Members**

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**Grant Priority and Request for Proposals**  
**Deadline: 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 17, 2017**

Every two minutes another American is sexually assaulted.<sup>1</sup> We believe there is a rape culture in America that accepts sexual violence as the norm. We see the effects of this firsthand among our teenage peers and, as future college students, we are concerned by the prevalence of this culture on college campuses. As Jewish teens guided by the teaching *Lo ta'amod al dam rei'echa*, Do not stand idly by, we are compelled to help address this problem in our community.

Identifying and stopping sexual assault before it happens is a key strategy to break the cycle of violence, which is why we will fund programs that help cultivate healthy relationships in young people.

Sexual assault is a crime that can affect anyone, although certain populations are more at risk than others. We recognize that LGBTQ+ people and homeless people are at greater risk of being sexually assaulted. Twenty-one percent of LGBTQ+ college students have been sexually assaulted compared to 18 percent of non-LGBTQ+ college females, and 4 percent of non-LGBTQ+ college males.<sup>2</sup> Additionally, homeless youth are two to three times more likely to experience sexual assault, compared to the general youth population.<sup>3</sup>

We will consider requests from nonprofit organizations with programs or services for young people, ages 10 to 25: the age range that is most at risk for sexual assault and the ages during which preventative efforts have been demonstrated to be more effective. We will consider requests from new or proven programs.

**We will fund direct service programs including:**

- Sexual assault prevention and education programs, including but not limited to those focused on risk-reduction, changing social norms and promoting healthy relationships<sup>4</sup>
- Treatment programs and services for victims of sexual assault, including but not limited to therapy and counseling

**We will give higher priority to:**

- Programs serving LGBTQ+ people
- Programs serving homeless people

**We will not fund:**

- General operating costs
- Programs that do not serve people within the age range of 10 to 25 years old
- Training for educators
- Child abuse prevention
- Research, legislative or policy work
- Conversion therapy or abstinence-only programs

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<sup>1</sup> Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 2010-2014

<sup>2</sup> Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network(RAINN), Campus Sexual Violence: Statistics, 2016

<sup>3</sup> National Network for Youth, Unaccompanied Youth Fast Facts

<sup>4</sup> Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Sexual Violence: Prevention Strategies, 2016

## **Eligibility and Application Information**

### **Deadline**

All applications must be received through Rose Community Foundation's [online grant application](#) system by 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 17, 2017. Late or incomplete proposals may not be considered. All applicants, regardless of whether their request is granted, will be notified in late April 2017.

### **Funds Available to Grant and Grant Period**

Up to \$60,000 is available to grant for this Request for Proposals. Rose Youth Foundation anticipates making grants ranging in size from \$2,500 to \$15,000. Rose Youth Foundation makes one-year program support grants; funds must be expended between May 2017 and April 2018.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Rose Youth Foundation will accept proposals from organizations serving the Greater Denver Community including Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas and/or Jefferson counties. Organizations with a broader geographic focus may apply; however, the proposal must address its relevance to people living within these seven counties.

Applicants must be nonprofit organizations with tax-exempt classification from the Internal Revenue Service, a tax-supported institution such as a school or government agency or they must have fiscal sponsorship from a tax-exempt organization.

Organizations with a pending grant request to Rose Community Foundation may also apply for this grant opportunity. Organizations may only submit one application in response to this request for proposals. In cases where two or more organizations are partnering on a program or project, one organization should submit a single proposal on behalf of the partnership.

### **Questions**

If you have questions about Rose Youth Foundation's funding priorities, contact Emily Kornhauser, Initiatives Assistant, at [ekornhauser@rcfdenver.org](mailto:ekornhauser@rcfdenver.org) or 303.398.7417. If you have questions about the online grant application form, contact Mark Hockenber, Controller, at [mhockenber@rcfdenver.org](mailto:mhockenber@rcfdenver.org) or 303.398.7412.

### **Completing Your Application**

Applications must be submitted online. To create an account and view and complete the grant application, visit our [online grant application](#) system. The information below is provided as a resource to help you prepare your proposal. Responses to all questions and all required attachments must be submitted online.

### **After Submitting Your Application**

Once you have submitted your online grant application, you will receive an email confirming your application was successfully submitted in the system. If you wish to access your application after submittal or to apply for another grant in the future, log in to your account by visiting [rcfdenver.org/logins](http://rcfdenver.org/logins) to access the system.

## **Application Questions and Required Attachments**

All grant applications must be completed and submitted online. The following information is provided as a resource to help you prepare your proposal. Limit your responses to the character counts provided for each question. Character counts include spaces. If a question is not applicable, explain why it is not applicable instead of writing "N/A."

For uploads, we prefer to receive the source file (in Word or Excel) rather than a PDF, when possible. Be sure your documents are formatted to print on 8.5" x 11" paper, portrait orientation. Please note the file size limits in megabytes (MB).

### Section I

- Project Name (Character Limit: 100)
- Executive Director's Name (Character Limit: 50)
- Name and Title of Primary Contact for this Project (Character Limit: 70)
- Primary Contact's Email Address (Character Limit: 50)
- Primary Contact's Phone Number (Character Limit: 20)
- Total Amount Requested
- Description: Provide a brief description of the grant request (Character Limit: 500)
- Possible site visit dates: Rose Youth Foundation will conduct site visits with some applicants as part of the grant review process. If your organization is selected for a site visit, the visit will take place between March 23 and April 21, 2017. Please provide a list of dates and times at which key staff working on this project (those listed in Section IV of this proposal) could meet with a small group of Rose Youth Foundation members. Because members are high school students, they are generally available after school hours. Provide three site visit date and time options between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. If it is possible for your key staff to meet on a Sunday, please also provide one Sunday date and time. Site visits typically last from one to two hours. If there is an opportunity to observe an element of the program for which you have requested funding in action, please let us know. (Character Limit: 1,000)
- Fiscal Sponsor: Does your organization use a fiscal sponsor? If yes, provide the organization name, address and website as well as the name of a contact person and his or her phone number and email address. If no, please indicate. (Character Limit: 500)
- Information Sharing: May we share the programmatic information you have provided with donor-advised fund holders at Rose Community Foundation who may be interested in this work? Your answer will not have an effect on the funding decision for this request. (Multiple choice: Yes, No)

### Section II

- Mission and Vision Statements, Goals and Objectives: Provide your organization's mission statement, vision statement along with current goals and objectives. (Character Limit: 2,000)
- Project Description and Activities: Describe the work for which your organization seeks funding including specific activities. (Character Limit: 2,000)
- Program Outcomes: List the outcomes (measurable results) your organization has achieved with this program or project to date and the outcomes the organization seeks to achieve in the grant period. What evaluation methods are used to track results and measure outcomes? If

this is an evidence-based program or promising program, what is the evidence base or proof? If this is a new program, explain why this new approach is needed and state your expected outcomes for the grant period. (Character Limit: 1,000)

- Target Population: Provide a descriptive list of characteristics of the population(s) your organization seeks to serve with this program or project including, but not limited to: age, geographic location, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity and economic background. (Character Limit: 1,000)
- Purpose of Grant: Briefly describe the specific program cost(s) for which you seek funding and how a grant from Rose Youth Foundation would impact your work. (Character Limit: 1,000)
- Priority Alignment: Describe how the program or project aligns with Rose Youth Foundation's stated grant priority of preventing and treating sexual assault and promoting healthy relationships. Include a statement of how your work aligns with the values we cited in our cover letter. (Character Limit: 1,500)

### Section III

- Fiscal Year End Date (Character Limit: 10)
- Organization's Operating Budget: Provide the organization's operating budget including all expenses and revenue for the period covered by the grant (May 2017 through April 2018). An Excel file is preferred. (File Size Limit: 1 MB)
- Program Budget: Provide a detailed line item budget for all program expenses and revenue. Itemize each major budget category and include the total cost of the program. In the case of revenue, include all funds available for the program and indicate pending or secured for each. An Excel file is preferred. (File Size Limit: 1 MB)
- Program Budget Narrative: A brief description of all line items (Character Limit: 1,000)
- Most Recent Year End Statement of Financial Position or Balance Sheet (File Size Limit: 1 MB)
- Most Recent Year End Statement of Activities or Income and Expense or Profit and Loss Statement (File Size Limit: 1 MB)

### Section IV

- Anti-Discrimination Statement: Provide the anti-discrimination statement adopted by the board of directors. Include the date the statement was adopted. (Character Limit: 1,500)
- Key Staff: Provide names and qualifications of key staff for this program. (Character Limit: 1,500)
- IRS Determination Letter: Upload the organization's IRS determination letter issued within the last five years indicating tax-exempt status. If a fiscal sponsor is being utilized, provide its IRS determination letter. (File Size Limit: 3 MB)