



**ROOTS & BRANCHES
FOUNDATION**

Shaping Our Jewish Future

Invitation to Apply for Funding Roots & Branches Foundation 2017

Roots & Branches Foundation is an initiative of Rose Community Foundation that engages Jewish young adults, ages 25 to 40, in collaborative philanthropy. Each year, a new group of 18 members work together to identify needs in the community, learn about philanthropy and make grants in the greater Denver community.

We, the eleventh group of Roots & Branches Foundation, have chosen to guide our giving with the Jewish philanthropic values of:

- *V'hechezekta bo*, You shall strengthen: We want to support those in vulnerable positions to become self-sufficient
- *Chesed*, Lovingkindness: We want to care for those in need with love and kindness
- *Lo ta'amod al dam rei'echa*, Do not stand idly by: We will not stand by when hate is carried out against other people
- *Ahavat ger*, Love the stranger: We welcome strangers, newcomers and those considered "outsiders" with compassion and inclusion

In December 2017, Roots & Branches Foundation will make grants totaling approximately \$45,000 to nonprofit organizations serving the greater Denver community with programs or projects that welcome, support and transform the lives of refugees and/or immigrants and their families.

The Problem We Seek to Address: Refugee and immigrant populations face extra challenges to accessing basic needs and services such as jobs, housing, transportation, food and early care and education for their children. Cultural and language barriers and the challenge of living without legal status make it difficult to navigate legal, education and community systems. Immigrant and refugee populations can also experience social isolation and fear. The current political climate has exacerbated many of these challenges.

Invitation to Apply: This funding opportunity is by invitation only. We have selected a small list of organizations, including yours, to reach out to, because our research indicates that you are serving refugee and immigrant populations. We invite you to provide information to help us understand the services you provide and their impact. After we review your information, we may request a site visit to see your work in action.

Timeline: You will be notified in mid-October, 2017 if your organization is selected for a site visit. Site visits will be conducted in late October and early November. Funding decisions will be announced December 15, 2017. Grant funds must be expended between January and December 2018.

Application Process: Applications must be submitted through Rose Community Foundation's [online grant portal](#). After clicking the "Apply" button at the top of the page, you will need to enter "roots1718" in the access code box in order to access this invitation-only application. The information below is provided as a resource to help you prepare your proposal. **Applications must be submitted in the [online grant portal](#) by 5:00 p.m. on September 22, 2017.** If you have general questions about this funding opportunity, please send them via email to Emily Kornhauser, initiatives assistant, at ekornhauser@rcfdenver.org; all current Roots & Branches members will be given the opportunity to provide feedback before we get back to you with an

answer. If you need assistance with the online grant portal, please contact Kelli Rojas, grants manager, at krojas@rcfdenver.org or 303.398.7446. As you consider which programs to present and the amount you will request, please keep in mind the total amount available to grant is \$45,000. Because of the limited grant dollars available, it is anticipated that not all applicants invited to apply will receive funding. Grant funds must be expended between January and December 2018.

1. Contact Information

- Program/Project(s) Name (Character Limit: 100)
- Executive Director's Name (Character Limit: 50)
- Name and Title of Primary Contact for this Proposal (Character Limit: 100)
- Primary Contact's Email Address (Character Limit: 50)
- Primary Contact's Phone Number (Character Limit: 14)

2. Program/Project and Population Served (Character Limit: 2,500)

Describe your program(s) or project(s) that address the problem described above. Include a description of the population directly served by these efforts. Explain how and in what ways the program addresses the problem statement and our guiding values. You may list more than one program or project as a menu of funding opportunities.

3. Outcomes and Impact (Character Limit: 2,500)

Describe the outcomes you seek, the impact you have, and how you measure your success for each program. Include evidence of success. Please include a story that provides evidence of long-term impact.

4. Budget

Please provide the following:

- The total amount requested. (Character Limit: 6)
- A short narrative description of the difference these funds would make for your program or organization. (Character Limit: 1,000)
- A detailed line item budget for all program expenses and revenue for each project proposed. Itemize each major budget category of expense and revenue, and the total cost of the program or project. In the case of revenue, include all funds available for the program or project. If there are grants, indicate whether the grants are pending, anticipated or secured. (File Size Limit: 3 MiB, File Type: Excel)
- Your organization's annual operating budget for the fiscal year that includes 2018 (grants will be made in December 2017 for use in 2018) (File Size Limit: 3 MiB, File Type: Excel)
- The most recent year-end statement of financial position (or balance sheet) (File Size Limit: 3 MiB, File Type: Excel or PDF)
- The most recent year-end statement of activities (or income and expense or profit and loss statement) (File Size Limit: 3 MiB, File Type: Excel or PDF)

5. Site Visit Dates and Times (Character Limit: 1,000)

Provide four possible dates and times between October 16 and November 17, 2017 when a small group of Roots & Branches members may visit your office or facility to learn more about the specific program or project(s) related to this funding opportunity between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. *We ask that you please hold these dates and times. We will be in touch in mid-October to let you know if you have been selected for a site visit, and which of the provided dates we are able to visit.*