



Rose Community Foundation

Leadership Update

As we head into the fall, we've reached a milestone in our strategic planning process. Our data collection and analysis are complete, and our board and staff have turned to applying what we've learned to our future strategy development. [Our blog features a full update](#) on where we are in this year-long effort, what we have been doing, and most importantly – what we have been learning.

As we continue to hone the strategic goals that will guide our work going forward, the feedback we've received is informing our direction and prompting us to consider a number of pathways, including how we build stronger relationships, networks and knowledge with communities that have historically been marginalized and those who are experiencing the greatest disparities in outcomes. We are beginning to develop plans for how we utilize and create synergies among all of the tools available to us as a community foundation, including the ability to fund and engage in advocacy and policy efforts, the role our invested assets can play in supporting our mission, and new ways to engage donors and help them to leverage their philanthropy.

Included below are open RFP opportunities and additional highlights of our team's work from the last few months, but it is by no means a comprehensive list. To stay in the loop, we invite and encourage you to follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindy Eichenbaum Lent".

Sincerely,
Lindy Eichenbaum Lent
President and CEO

ENDORSEMENT: PROPOSITION CC

Rose Community Foundation has endorsed [Proposition CC](#), which will be on Colorado's November 2019 ballot. Similar to local measures approved by voters in 84% of Colorado counties, this statewide measure asks voters to remove restrictive state revenue limits in order to make additional investments in the critical areas of transportation, K-12 education and higher education. The Foundation believes that the

ROOTS & BRANCHES RFP NOW OPEN

Roots & Branches Foundation (R&B) is an initiative that engages Jewish young professionals in collaborative philanthropy. The 2019 R&B cohort is currently seeking proposals from nonprofit organizations that work with incarcerated individuals as they prepare to reenter society. Through a collection of grants totaling approximately \$50,000, R&B members hope to disrupt cycles of incarceration and poverty for the region's most vulnerable populations.

The R&B cohort recently met with Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser to discuss the connection between criminal justice reform and Jewish values. [Read more](#) about Weiser's message and why R&B decided to support efforts to reduce recidivism with their grantmaking.

Learn more about this [opportunity for funding](#) and view the full [RFP](#).



TEACHER TECH MINI GRANTS

The Foundation [has an open RFP](#) to enhance and expand the utility of computers and classroom technology for Colorado's PreK-12 teachers. The program was started by the Jared Polis Foundation and, with the support of the Governor's Inauguration funds, is now being housed at Rose Community Foundation.

Grants for up to \$1,500 may be requested for hardware such as digital or video cameras, interactive whiteboards, tablets, and laptops; to purchase software or technology curriculum; or to pay technology conference registration fees. All Colorado public school teachers grades K-12 and teachers in public and private preschools are [invited to apply](#). Applications must be submitted by Oct. 15, 2019.

Donors who are interested in supporting the mini-grants program can contribute through Rose Community Foundation to ["Teacher Tech."](#)



NONPROFIT ENDOWMENT COHORT EXPANDS FOR 2019

The Nonprofit Endowment Cohort (NEC) recently launched its fifth cycle. The program gives professional and volunteer leaders of local nonprofit organizations training and incentives to integrate endowment building into their development work. In response to increased interest, the Foundation expanded the program for this year. Two simultaneous cohort classes launched this September, with a third cohort class set to begin in January 2020. [See the participant list and learn more.](#)



SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY ACTION FUND

Rooted in our values of social justice and inclusion, Rose Community Foundation is standing up for our immigrant and refugee neighbors and for communities experiencing hate and discrimination. [Will you stand with us with a gift to the Community Action Fund?](#)

When you make a donation, you're helping local organizations on the front lines of this critical work. All donations up to \$50,000 will be matched by a generous anonymous donor.



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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

- Here is a [roundup of the Foundation's grantmaking](#) in the first half of the year, which totaled over \$5.9 million.
- **HIRING UPDATES** - Please join us in welcoming:
 - Ray Barrie-Kivel, Communications and Outreach Associate
 - Eric Davidson, Manager of Information Technology
 - Nazrawit Medhanie, Director of Talent and Culture
- Together We Count, fiscally sponsored by Rose Community Foundation, released an [open RFP](#) for organizations working to ensure that hard-to-count populations in Colorado are reached in the 2020 Census.
- Following the mass shooting in El Paso, President & CEO Lindy Eichenbaum Lent [shared her thoughts](#) on gun violence and the weaponization of hate.
- Director of Gift Planning Judy Altenberg outlined the [advantages of donor-advised funds](#) and presented [key takeaways from Giving USA 2019](#), the annual report on philanthropy.
- The Foundation [named Gretchen Lenamond](#) as the organization's new Chief Financial Officer.
- [Forbes](#) recognized Changing the Narrative for its "cutting-edge awareness building." Changing the Narrative, a program sponsored by Rose Community Foundation, aims to create a more inclusive and age-integrated Colorado.
- St. Vrain Valley Schools, a Foundation grantee, was applauded in [Forbes](#) for their efforts to spur innovation in education.
- We welcomed the new [Roots & Branches](#) and [Rose Youth Foundation](#) cohorts!

Thank you for your partnership in supporting our community.

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