



December 10, 2020

Dear Community,

Rose Youth Foundation, an initiative of Rose Community Foundation, engages Jewish high school students in collaborative grantmaking. In spring of 2021, Rose Youth Foundation will make grants totaling \$60,000 to address the historic and persistent education achievement gap that has been made worse or highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Grants will fund programs and projects that create a safe, inclusive, and stable learning environment for children in kindergarten through fifth grade and efforts that work to close the learning equity gap.

Each year, Rose Youth Foundation members work together to explore Jewish teachings and traditions of giving, explore community needs, and practice strategic philanthropy. We, the 8 members of Rose Youth Foundation, have identified the following Jewish values to guide our grantmaking:

- *Save Life, Pikuach Nefesh*: We are committed to the health and safety of our community as we navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and support adjustments made to learning to protect the well-being of our neighbors and peers.
- *Give in Pursuit of Justice, Tzedakah*: We recognize that disparities in the education system stem from historical racial, economic, social and health inequities and have been made worse by the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis. Through these grants, we hope to reach students furthest from educational help and resources, to increase the quality and quantity of support they receive.
- *Transforming the World, Tikkun Olam*: We understand that COVID-19 has had an enormous impact on the entire world, we hope to support and strengthen our local community as we transition adapt through each phase of the pandemic to ensure a bright and prosperous future.

We invite nonprofit organizations (including charter management organizations), districts, and schools (district, innovation, and charter) with programs assisting students in kindergarten through fifth grade, and/or their teachers, to respond to this request for proposals. Up to \$60,000 is available to grant and we anticipate making 3-5 grants that range from \$10,000-\$20,000. We understand that the need far outpaces the resources available, and as a result it is expected that not all applicants will receive funding.

Sincerely,

**Rose Youth Foundation 2020-2021 Members**

Ellie Avner  
Ava Barish  
Quinn Booth  
Lucy Foster

Sandy Goldstein  
Benjamin Nathaniel Kohav  
Jacob Pomerantz  
Abigail Shapiro



**Grant Priority and Request for Proposals**  
**Deadline: 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6, 2021**

The education achievement gap is the disparity in academic outcomes between white students and students of color and between students from high-income and low-income families. It affects students who face economic, racial, social and health obstacles, including English language learners, students with disabilities, LGBTQ identifying youth, and those experiencing housing or food insecurity. It is a widespread problem, affecting the entire country; however, in Colorado, the achievement gap is large and persistent. Test scores show the gap in Colorado is equivalent to two grade levels.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused challenges to our local and global community across many measures, including severe challenges for our educational institutions and the students and families that they serve. School closures and inconsistent technology and connectivity have caused a disruption to learning that have disproportionately affected black, indigenous and Hispanic students, and students from low income families. The short- and long-term impacts of these disruptions are still unknown, but we anticipate the effects to be lasting.

The members of Rose Youth Foundation are committed to mitigating these impacts through equitable programs and projects that support student's learning. We will fund immediate needs to support safe, adaptive, and innovative in-person and virtual learning that will be sustainable and transferable to future learning needs. We will focus on programs and projects for young children from kindergarten through fifth grade, when students are learning math and reading fundamentals. Our grants will fund programs that are culturally, socially and racially inclusive, and that recognize and value the social and emotional health of the student first and foremost. Through these grants, we hope to advance educational equity by reaching students who have been most affected by the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis.

**We will consider applications from:**

- School districts
- Schools (district, innovation and charter)
- Nonprofit organizations (including charter management organizations),

**We will fund:**

- Efforts and resources to overcome barriers to learning for primary school-aged students, kindergarten through fifth grade.
- Efforts to Advance equity by reaching students who have been most affected by the economic, social and health impacts of COVID-19 crisis

**We will not fund:**

- Private schools
- For-profit district partners
- Advocacy work



## Eligibility and Application Information

### Deadline

All applications must be received through Rose Community Foundation's **online grants portal** by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. Late or incomplete proposals may not be considered. All applicants will be notified by May 2021 whether their request is granted.

### Funds Available to Grant and Grant Period

\$60,000 is available to grant for this request for proposals. Rose Youth Foundation anticipates making grants ranging in size from \$10,000 to \$20,000. Rose Youth Foundation makes one-year grants; funds must be expended between June 2021 and May 2022. Because funds are limited, it is anticipated that not all applicants will receive funding.

We encourage organizations whose mission and work largely align with the Rose Youth Foundation 2020-2021 grantmaking priority to request general operating support. Organizations that have a specific program or project that aligns with the Rose Youth Foundation grantmaking priority, should apply for program/project support.

### Eligibility Requirements

Rose Youth Foundation will accept proposals from organizations and programs that serve the seven-county Greater Denver community of Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties. Programs with a broader geographic focus may apply; however, the application must address its relevance to and impact on people living within these seven counties.

Applicants must be nonprofit organizations with tax-exempt classification from the Internal Revenue Service or must have a formal fiscal sponsorship arrangement with 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 priority, contact Emily Kornhauser, Director of Collaborative Philanthropy, at [ekornhauser@rcfdenver.org](mailto:ekornhauser@rcfdenver.org) or 303.398.7417. If you have questions about the online grants portal, contact Kelly Costello, Grants Manager, at [kcostello@rcfdenver.org](mailto:kcostello@rcfdenver.org) or 303.398.7414.



## Completing Your Application

### **Applications must be submitted online through Rose Community Foundation's online grants portal.**

You can access the portal [here](#) or at [rcfdenver.org/grantsapply](https://rcfdenver.org/grantsapply). You will need to create or log into an existing account to view and complete the grant application. Only applications submitted through Rose Community Foundation's online grants portal will be accepted.

### **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/grantsapply](https://rcfdenver.org/grantsapply) to access the system.

### **Virtual Site Visits**

Rose Youth Foundation will conduct virtual "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 on Zoom with a small group of Rose Youth Foundation teen members and should include any key staff from your organization working on the project. Foundation staff will reach out to the applicant's primary contact to organize a meeting for February or March 2021.

### **Application Questions and Required Attachments**

All grant applications must be completed and submitted online where character limits are enforced. The following information is provided as a resource to help you prepare your proposal.

#### Basic Information

- **Program/Project Name** (Character Limit: 100)
- **Executive Director Name** (Character Limit: 50)
- **Name and Title of Primary Contact for this Proposal** (Character Limit: 70)
- **Primary Contact's Email Address** (Character Limit: 50)
- **Primary Contact's Phone Number** (Character Limit: 20)
- **Grant Request Type:** General Operating Support or Program/Project Support (Select one)
- **Total Grant Amount Requested**

#### Fiscal Sponsor (if applicable)

- **Fiscal Sponsor:** Provide the organization name, address and website for your fiscal sponsor, as well as the name of a contact person and his or her phone number and email address. (Character Limit: 500)

#### Request Details

- **Mission and Vision Statements, Goals and Objectives:** Provide your organization's mission statement, vision statement along with current goals and objectives, and a brief history of the organization. (Character Limit: 2,000)



- **Community Needs:** Provide a description of the impact COVID-19 has had on your community, including how it has disproportionately affected students who experience racial, economic, social and health disparities. (Character Limit: 2,000)
- **Request Description:** Describe the work or resources for which your organization seeks funding, including how you intend to address the community need outlined above. Include a description of the population served and the number of people who will be served. (Character Limit: 2,000)
- **Outcomes and Impact:** Describe the desired short term and long term outcomes and impacts related to this request. Describe why this project or proposal is effective and necessary to advance equitable learning. (Character Limit: 2,000)

#### Financial Information

- **Fiscal Year End Date** (Character Limit: 10)
- **Operating Budget:** Provide the organization's operating budget including all expenses and revenue for the period covered by the grant (June 2021 through May 2022). An Excel file is preferred. (File Size Limit: 1 MiB)
- **Program Budget** (if applicable): 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. Include the amount requested from Rose Youth Foundation as a pending source of revenue. An Excel file is preferred. (File Size Limit: 1 MiB)
- **Year-to-Date Statement of Financial Position or Balance Sheet:** Upload your year-to-date statement of financial position (or balance sheet) through the most recent month end. An Excel file is preferred. (File Size Limit: 1 MiB)
- **Year-to-Date Statement of Activities or Income and Expense or Profit and Loss Statement:** Upload your year-to-date statement of activities (income and expense or profit and loss statement) through the most recent month end. An Excel file is preferred. (File Size Limit: 1 MiB)