



November 8, 2021

Dear Community:

Rose Youth Foundation, an initiative of Rose Community Foundation, engages Jewish high school students in collaborative grantmaking. In the spring 2022 cycle of Rose Youth Foundation, members will make grants totaling \$60,000 to support mental health services for sexual assault survivors, particularly those who are experiencing housing instability. Grants will fund organizations and projects that address the emotional, psychological and physical needs of sexual assault survivors that advance their healing journey.

Each year, Rose Youth Foundation members work together to reflect on Jewish teachings and traditions of giving, explore community needs, and practice strategic philanthropy. We, the 17 members of Rose Youth Foundation, have identified the following Jewish values to guide our grantmaking:

- Seek Peace and Pursue It, *Pikuach Nefesh*: We aim to create a community that recognizes and validates the traumatic effects of sexual violence so that survivors can access the support services they need in order to heal and find peace within themselves.
- Do Not Stand Idly By, *Lo ta'amod al dam rei'echa*: We recognize that sexual assault and domestic violence are injustices that can be invisible, overlooked or intentionally hidden. We want to shine a light on this pressing issue in hopes of creating a community response that does not tolerate violence and supports those who are in need of relief and freedom.
- Love the Stranger, *Ahavat ger*: Sexual assault can happen to anyone regardless of age, economic class, racial ethnicity and gender. We have a responsibility to love and support all of our neighbors.

We invite nonprofit organizations providing mental health services to sexual assault survivors who are experiencing or are at risk of experiencing homelessness to apply to this request for proposals. Up to \$60,000 is available to grant, and we anticipate making two to four grants between \$10,000-\$30,000. We understand that community needs far outpace the resources available, and as a result it is expected that not all applicants will receive funding.

Please note: a new grant cycle for Roots & Branches Foundation will be open from November 18 – December 13, 2021. If you believe that your organization or program fits the eligibility criteria for **both** the Rose Youth Foundation and Roots & Branches Foundation funding opportunities, please reach out to Gillian Breuer, Philanthropic Initiatives Associate, at [gbreuer@rcfdenver.org](mailto:gbreuer@rcfdenver.org), or Tejas Iyer, Donor and Fund Services Associate, at [tiyer@rcfdenver.org](mailto:tiyer@rcfdenver.org), before submitting your application.

Sincerely,

**Rose Youth Foundation 2021-2022 Members**

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**Grant Priority and Request for Proposals**  
**Deadline: 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 13, 2021**

Sexual assault is a type of domestic violence that is defined as sexual contact or behavior that occurs without explicit consent.<sup>1</sup> Assault can occur as a one-time attack or as repeat occurrence over many years. Perpetrators can be intimate partners that are close to the victim or strangers they have never met. Although there are many types of sexual assault and violence, the one constant is that it is never the survivor's fault. Yet, survivors are the ones who are left to deal with the lasting physical, emotional and psychological repercussions.

The effects of sexual violence show up differently for each survivor. Some may experience feelings of isolation, depression or anxiety, the reoccurrence of flashbacks, PTSD, substance abuse, eating disorders, self-harm or suicide. This is why the members of Rose Youth Foundation are choosing to focus their support on mental health services for survivors. Additionally, since the COVID-19 pandemic, the percentage of reported sexual violence incidents have dramatically increased, while the percentage of help-seeking has decreased,<sup>2</sup> creating a clear call to action to support those who need help the most.

This issue is pervasive nationwide, but over-burdened support systems and the lack of affordable housing make the Greater Denver region particularly susceptible. The members of Rose Youth Foundation understand that sexual assault and violence are intrinsically connected to experiencing homelessness. It is reported that domestic violence is the primary cause of homelessness for women and children.<sup>3</sup>

The compounding effects of mental illness and housing instability can have life-long effects on survivors. The members of Rose Youth Foundation understand that survivors may feel shame and isolation from the social stigmas that surround sexual assault and homelessness, which may prevent them being open to receiving help. Through these grants, Rose Youth Foundation members hope to break the cycle of abuse, violence, and neglect and directly improve the lives of sexual assault survivors in a way that is meaningful and lasting. We recognize that mental health issues cannot be solved in a single interaction or at a pre-determined rate, but it is our hope that this funding will help individuals receive the support they need in a deep and transformative way.

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<sup>1</sup>"Sexual Assault" RAINN 2021 <https://www.rainn.org/articles/sexual-assault>

<sup>2</sup> "Assessing challenges, needs, and innovations of gender-based violence services during the COVID-19 pandemic" Lynch, Kellie and Logan, TK. February, 2021  
[https://assets.speakcdn.com/assets/2497/covid\\_\\_gender\\_based\\_violence\\_final\\_report.pdf](https://assets.speakcdn.com/assets/2497/covid__gender_based_violence_final_report.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> "Housing and Economic Justice" Violence Free Colorado 2021 <https://www.violencefreecolorado.org/housing/>



## Eligibility and Application Information

### Deadline

All applications must be received through Rose Community Foundation's [online grants portal](#) by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 13, 2021. Late or incomplete proposals may not be considered. All applicants will be notified by April 2022 whether their request is granted.

### Funds Available to Grant and Grant Period

\$60,000 is available to grant through this request for proposals. Rose Youth Foundation anticipates making grants between \$10,000-\$30,000. Rose Youth Foundation makes one-year grants; funds must be expended between May 2022 and April 2023. 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 2021-2022 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 region of Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas and/or 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 Gillian Breuer, Philanthropic Initiatives Associate at [gbreuer@rcfdenver.org](mailto:gbreuer@rcfdenver.org) or 303.398.7441. If you have questions about the online grants portal, contact Tejas Iyer, Donor and Fund Services Associate, at [tiyer@rcfdenver.org](mailto:tiyer@rcfdenver.org) or 303.398.7459.

### Completing Your Application

Applications must be submitted online through Rose Community Foundation's [online grants portal](#) 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).

### 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



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 this meeting for January or February 2022. Because members are high school students, they are generally available after school, between the hours of 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, or anytime on Sundays.

### **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:** Does your organization have a fiscal sponsor? Yes/No. If yes: Please provide the legal organization name and full contact information (name, gender pronouns, title, email address, phone number, and mailing address) for your primary point of contact with the fiscal sponsor for this project.

#### Request Details

- **Mission and Vision Statements, Goals and Objectives, and History:** Provide your organization's mission statement and vision statement, current goals and objectives, and a brief history of the organization. (Character Limit: 2,000)
- **Community Needs:** Provide a description of the community need and how the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated these needs or created new challenges for the communities you serve. (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 and long-term outcomes and impacts related to this request. Describe why this project or proposal is effective and necessary in providing support to survivors of sexual assault. (Character Limit: 2,000)

#### Financial Information

- **Fiscal Year End Date** (Character Limit: 10)
- **Operating Budget:** Please upload the operating budget for the next fiscal year. If this is not available, please upload the operating budget for the current fiscal year. 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)