

2022 Nonpartisan Voter Participation and Engagement

Rose Community Foundation

Welcome and Instructions

Welcome to Rose Community Foundation's 2022 Nonpartisan Voter Participation and Engagement Application.

Please read the information and instructions in this section carefully before beginning your application.

Si necesita ayuda para traducir esta aplicación al Español por favor contacte a Maria Torres via correo electrónico mtorres@rcfdenver.org.

Background

Rose Community Foundation is accepting funding requests to support efforts advancing nonpartisan voter participation, turnout and education in the 2022 Colorado election, prioritizing projects that engage historically disenfranchised populations, to help build a base for strong and inclusive civic engagement in the seven-county Greater Denver region: Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson counties.

This opportunity is open to nonprofit organizations or fiscally sponsored projects in the seven-county Greater Denver region. Grants will be made to support efforts advancing nonpartisan voter participation, turnout and education in the 2022 Colorado election, prioritizing projects that engage historically disenfranchised populations, to help build a base for strong and inclusive civic engagement in the region. Voter education for specific ballot issues or other electoral efforts will not be considered.

Voting gives citizens a voice and more proximity to the systems of governance that affect their daily lives – the ballot is a powerful tool for advancing empowerment, belonging and representation. Although free and fair elections are a cornerstone of our democracy, the right to vote was not historically extended to all, and echoes of this inequitable legacy remain. It is important to bolster efforts to increase nonpartisan voter participation and education, especially among historically disenfranchised populations. Rose Community Foundation seeks to fund projects that are working to mitigate historical imbalances through nonpartisan registration and participation efforts, and ultimately strengthen the civic fabric in our region.

Examples of projects that may be funded through this opportunity include: nonpartisan voter registration drives or other nonpartisan voter registration efforts; transportation to the polls for

individuals who prefer to vote in person or have missed mail-in deadlines; nonpartisan education efforts around how and where to vote; and other nonpartisan turnout and education efforts.

Eligibility

- This opportunity is open to nonprofit organizations or fiscally sponsored projects in the seven-county Denver Metro region: Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson counties.
- Organizations funded through donor-advised funds, Rose Youth Foundation, Roots and Branches, or other giving circles at Rose Community Foundation are eligible for this opportunity, as long as other eligibility requirements are met.
- Organizations that house endowments at Rose Community Foundation are eligible to apply.
- Organizations that are fiscally sponsored or are fiscal sponsors for other programs are eligible to apply.
- Organizations that have current funding at Rose Community Foundation are eligible to apply for this opportunity.

Grant Amounts

Grant amounts will typically range between \$10,000 and \$30,000.

Grant Period

Grants will be reviewed on a rolling basis as applications are received from February 28 through September 1. Approved grant periods will end on November 30, 2022, with a final report due on December 31, 2022.

Completing This Application

It is best to complete the sections of this application in order, from top to bottom, as the questions you are presented with later in the application may change based on your answers to previous questions.

For text fields, you must limit your responses to the character counts provided for each question in order to submit. Character counts *do include* spaces.

For uploads, we prefer to receive the source file (in Word or Excel) rather than a PDF whenever possible. Please be sure your documents are formatted to neatly print on 8.5x11" paper. Please note the file size limits.

Some items are requested as uploads (spreadsheets or other documents) and some are

requested as text only.

You can save your progress on the application at any time and access it later from your Applicant Dashboard (home page). If you remain inactive on a page, you may be logged off for security reasons. Although the application is designed to auto-save if this occurs, we recommend saving every 15 minutes as an extra precaution.

Questions

If you have questions about this funding opportunity or the online grant application form, contact Kelly Costello, Grants Manager, at kcostello@rcfdenver.org or 303.398.7414.

Organization Information

Name and Title of Primary Contact*

Provide the name and title of the person we should contact to discuss this grant request.

Character Limit: 100

Primary Contact's Email Address*

Character Limit: 50

Primary Contact's Phone Number*

Character Limit: 20

Executive Director's Name*

Character Limit: 50

Fiscal Sponsor*

Is there a fiscal sponsor organization for this project that is different from the applicant organization listed on this application?

Choices

Yes

No

Fiscal Sponsor Contact Information

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Please provide the legal organization name and full contact information (name, title, email address, phone number, and mailing address) for your primary point of contact with the fiscal sponsor for this project.

Character Limit: 500

Grant Request Information

Program/Project Name*

Character Limit: 100

Short Description*

Please fill in the blank below with a concise description of this grant request's specific charitable purpose. This one to two sentence description will inform the description of this grant, if approved, in any agreement and in Rose Community Foundation communications about this work.

To support _____.

Character Limit: 400

Nonpartisan Efforts*

I affirm this grant will **not** be used for partisan efforts or efforts in support of specific ballot measures or candidates.

Choices

Yes

No

Total Amount Requested*

Applicants are eligible to apply for grants between \$10,000 - \$30,000.

Character Limit: 20

Timeframe*

Provide the start and end dates for the proposed grant period, as well as the timeframe for the project completion (if different from the grant period) and any other important information regarding timing for the requested support.

Character Limit: 300

Total Number of People Served*

Please estimate how many people you anticipate serving with this grant.

Character Limit: 250

Efforts and Activities*

Briefly describe efforts and activities in support of the goal of this opportunity. Please include the anticipated number of people served for each effort/activity described.

Character Limit: 3500

Impact*

How will you know that you were successful? How will you measure or evaluate the program?

Character Limit: 2500

Population(s) Served*

Please describe the populations you are seeking to reach through this grant opportunity. This opportunity seeks to prioritize historically disenfranchised demographics.

Character Limit: 2500

Total 2022 Operating Budget*

Character Limit: 20

Program Budget

Please upload the program budget associated with this request.

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Leadership Diversity*

We are committed to building and supporting organizations led by and representative of those who are the most impacted and least represented by existing systems. To that end, please describe what steps your organization is taking to ensure leadership at all levels of your organization is reflective of the community you serve. By leadership, we mean executive directors, senior staff and boards of directors, as well as core members who are leading the work. This could include leadership pipeline, hiring practices, staff transition planning and other explicit strategies that strive to increase diversity at all levels of the organization.

Character Limit: 2500

Statement of Nondiscrimination*

I verify that our organization will observe the following nondiscrimination policy in regards to the activities of this grant application.

We will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, ethnicity, national origin, citizenship or documentation status, religion, language, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, height, weight, physical or mental ability, veteran status, military obligations, socioeconomic status, marital status, genetic information, political views, or belief systems.

By applying for this grant, the applicant confirms that it will not proselytize as a condition of receiving services related to this grant.

Choices

Yes, in full

Yes, in part

No

Statement of Nondiscrimination - Additional Information

If you answered "Yes, in part" or "No" to the previous question, please explain.

Character Limit: 500

Information Sharing*

May we share the programmatic information you in this application with Rose Community Foundation donor-advised fund holders who may be interested in funding your work? Your answer will not influence the funding decision for this request.

Choices

- Yes
- No

Community Needs*

What are the pressing issues you are seeing in the communities you serve, whether within or outside the scope of services your organization provides?

Character Limit: 2500

Scope of Funding

Please answer the following questions as they relate to this grant request only, not organization-wide. Please select the top three geographic areas and populations that would be served by this program.

Geographic Area #1*

Please select the primary county that will be served by this grant request.

Choices

- Adams County
- Arapahoe County
- Boulder County
- Broomfield County
- Denver County
- Douglas County
- Jefferson County
- Statewide

Geographic Area #2*

Please select the secondary county that will be served by this grant request.

Choices

- Adams County
- Arapahoe County
- Boulder County
- Broomfield County
- Denver County
- Douglas County
- Jefferson County
- Statewide
- No Additional Counties

Geographic Area #3*

Please select the tertiary county that will be served by this grant request.

Choices

Adams County
Arapahoe County
Boulder County
Broomfield County
Denver County
Douglas County
Jefferson County
Statewide
No Additional Counties

If you selected Statewide for Geographic Area

Rose Community Foundation's focus area is the seven-county Denver Metro region. Please describe how your statewide work will impact the Denver Metro region.

Character Limit: 1000

Next Steps

Submission Confirmation

Once you have submitted your grant application, you will receive an email confirmation that it has been successfully submitted. If you wish to view your application after submission or apply for another grant in the future, access the login link at rcfdenver.org/grantsapply.

Decision-Making Process

When your application is received, it will be assigned to a review committee. During the review process, you may be asked to answer additional or clarifying questions or make revisions to this application. If you have questions about this funding opportunity or the online grant application form, contact Kelly Costello, Grants Manager, at kcostello@rcfdenver.org or 303.398.7414.

Grant Award and Follow Ups

A member of the Rose Community Foundation will reach out with the decision of the review committee. If approved, you will receive a request to complete your online grant agreement. To complete the agreement, you will need to log back in to this portal. You can access the portal link at rcfdenver.org/login.

All grant reports and other documentation to fulfill additional grant conditions or contingencies will need to be accessed, completed and submitted through your online portal.

Please ensure the email addresses listed here are marked as safe/allowed through your email server in order to receive system

notifications: kcostello@rcfdenver.org, grantsmanager@rcfdenver.org and administrator@grantinterface.com.