



2023 Arts and Culture Rolling Grant Opportunity

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Overview

Rose Community Foundation is accepting funding requests to support organizations or community-driven projects that elevate the voices of diverse communities and promote inclusion and belonging in the Greater Denver region – prioritizing artistic and cultural projects that center social change and justice.

Examples of projects that may be funded through this opportunity include, but are not limited to:

- Cultural organizations or programming that provide diverse populations with opportunities to express themselves creatively and celebrate and share their cultural traditions.
- Artistic and cultural programs or projects that center and/or elevate the voices of diverse populations.
- Arts and culture organizations or programming that foster deeper engagement with art and culture across our community through free, community-oriented public programming.

Fundraising events, sponsorships, scholarships and price-reduced ticket programs are not being considered as part of this opportunity.

Eligibility

- This opportunity is open to nonprofit organizations, schools/school districts, government agencies 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 to apply, as long as other eligibility requirements are met.
- Organizations that house endowments at Rose Community Foundation are eligible to apply, as long as other eligibility requirements are met, but are not guaranteed to receive a grant.
- Organizations that have current funding at Rose Community Foundation are eligible to apply for this opportunity, but prioritization will generally be given to applicants that do not have open grants in an effort to reach organizations, communities, and types of work or projects that are not eligible for funding via other Rose Community Foundation grant cycles.

We are interested in seeing proposals that:

- Promote inclusion and belonging in the community and foster integration of arts, culture and civic life.
- Center and elevate diverse community voices.
- Ensure that community development projects include arts and culture programming that is engaging and reflective of diverse communities.

- Specify any issues and/or opportunities the organization seeks to address.
- Provide a plan and activities to be accomplished in the grant period.
- Articulate what success would look like as a result of the activities outlined.
- Demonstrate commitment to advancing inclusion and engagement across different demographics.
- When relevant for the scope of work and proposed activities, remove barriers to artistic and cultural participation by providing practical supports such as compensation, childcare or food for artists and/or interpretation services for audiences.

What else do we consider when making funding decisions?

- Extent to which executive leadership, board and staff are representative of diverse communities.
- Extent to which the organization or project includes diverse perspectives and experiences, and diverse communities are engaged in leadership, design and implementation.
- Financial stability of the organization and/or project.

How much and what type of funding is available?

- **Total funding available:** \$300,000. We anticipate making between 15 to 20 grants.
- **Funding amounts** will typically range between \$5,000 and \$25,000. The average grant amount will likely be around \$15,000.
- **Application timeline and grant duration:** Grant proposals will be reviewed on a rolling basis as applications are received from March 31 through November 30 or when all available funding is distributed, whichever comes first. Grant periods may range from three to 12 months after the approval date, depending on the specific activities and objectives of the grant.

Types of support:

- **General Operating Support** – for organizations where most of their work centers around support and promotion of artistic and cultural programming by and/or for diverse populations, promoting inclusion and belonging in the Greater Denver region.
- **Program or Project Support** – for aligned programs/projects within organizations where most of their work does not center around support and promotion of diverse artistic and cultural programming or promoting inclusion and belonging in the Greater Denver region or for organizations that prefer a program- or project-specific grant for any other reason.

What are reporting and grantee expectations?

Organizations receiving grant funds will be asked to submit a short narrative report of final progress and financial reporting on grant funds in the [online grants portal](#) within 30 days of the end of the grant period.

For questions about this opportunity:

You may sign up for a 20-minute session to meet with an application reviewer about this opportunity. [Visit this page](#) to set up a meeting with a member of Rose Community Foundation's Community Impact team. For questions about the online grants portal or application, please contact Chen-Pin Hu (she/her), grants associate, at chu@rcfdenver.org.

About Rose Community Foundation

In addition to grantmaking, Rose Community Foundation utilizes advocacy and philanthropic services to advance thriving Greater Denver communities. Our staff works closely with [individual and family donors](#) to define and achieve their philanthropic goals and support the causes they care about most. Our philanthropic services team also brings together diverse groups of teens, young adults and women from across the Greater Denver community for collaborative [giving circles](#). The Foundation also supports 88 nonprofit organizations in establishing and growing endowed and designated funds to sustain their vital work into the future. Through the [Endowment Building Pathways](#) we offer incentive grants and coaching on all aspects of an endowment campaign. [Contact us](#) to learn more about how we support nonprofits beyond programmatic grantmaking.

Application questions

The following questions are available in the online grants portal and are provided here for reference only. Please submit your responses via the [online grants portal](#).

Organization Information

- **Executive Director/President/CEO's Name, Pronouns, and Title**
- **Authorized Contract Signer's Name, Pronouns, Title and Email Address**
- **Type of Organization** (*501(c)(3) – not fiscally sponsored; Government Entity; Fiscally Sponsored Organization; Other*)
- **Fiscal Sponsor Contact Information** (*if applicable*)

Grant Request Information

- **Type of Support** (*General operating support; Program support*)
- **Project Name**
- **Short Description**
- **Core Counties.** What are the three core counties (within the seven-county Greater Denver area) in which you do most of the work related to this grant request? If you only work in one or two counties, please select the one or two counties in which you do your work.
- **Total Amount Requested.** Applicants are eligible to apply for grants up to \$25,000 but, even if selected, may not receive the full amount requested.
- **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. Grant periods may range from three to 12 months.
- **Key Activities.** Briefly describe the efforts and activities in support of the goals of this opportunity. Please include the anticipated number of people served for each activity described.
- **Impact.** How will you know that you were successful? How will you measure or evaluate your intended efforts?
- **Population(s) Served.** Please describe the artist and/or audience populations you are seeking to engage through this grant opportunity. This opportunity seeks to prioritize diverse communities in the artistic and cultural ecosystem.
- **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.

- **2023 Operating Budget.** Upload a 2023 (or current fiscal year) organizational operating budget (revenue and expenses) with actuals to date.
- **Program Budget** (program support requests only)

Nondiscrimination Policy

Rose Community Foundation will only fund organizations that do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, language, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, height, weight, intellectual or physical ability, veteran status, military obligations, socioeconomic status, marital status, genetic information, political views, or belief systems.

Please upload a copy of your board-approved nondiscrimination policy. If your organization's nondiscrimination policy is not board-approved or your organization does not have a nondiscrimination policy, please upload a document with an explanation. An uploaded document is required to submit this application.

Information Sharing

One of our goals as a community foundation is to find alignment between donors' interests and the important work happening in our communities. In the event Rose Community Foundation donor-advised fundholders are interested in funding organizations or projects in the space in which you are working, may we share with them the programmatic information you provide on this application? Your application may be shared in part or in whole. Your answer will not influence the funding decision for this request.

Community Needs

For Rose Community Foundation's own understanding of community needs, what are the most pressing issues you are seeing in the communities you serve, OUTSIDE the scope of services your organization provides? What are the most pressing issues you are seeing in the communities you serve WITHIN the scope of services your organization provides?