

2023 Newcomers Fund

Gracias por su interés en el Newcomers Fund. El test de elegibilidad y la aplicación estarán disponibles en Español muy pronto. Si necesita asistencia con esta oportunidad por favor contacte a [Maria Torres](mailto:mtorres@rcfdenver.org) vía correo electrónico.

Overview

Supporting the newcomers who are arriving in Colorado. Between the beginning of December 2022 and the middle of May 2023, more than 10,000 people have arrived in Denver fleeing unrest in South and Central America. Since these individuals lack status that provides eligibility for employment authorization while they await the outcome of formal immigration legal proceedings, they are currently unable to work and lack access to mainstream and traditional refugee resettlement benefits afforded to refugees and asylum seekers.

The City of Denver, State of Colorado, and local nonprofits are responding quickly to welcome them and provide necessary services, and other parts of Colorado are beginning to see migrant families arriving as well. In response to this international humanitarian crisis that has arrived on our local doorstep, there are immediate needs that our community can help address.

Currently, grantmaking from the Newcomers Fund will prioritize the initial triage and resource navigation needs of the incoming community. Future funding opportunities may be available to support longer-term services and integration.

Eligibility

- This opportunity is open to nonprofit organizations or fiscally sponsored projects in Colorado
- Organizations effectively serving newcomers arriving from the Southern U.S. border and providing supports in one or more of the following categories:
 - Emergency shelter or transitional housing resources
 - More permanent shelter including security deposits and rent payments (*added on 2/14/23*)
 - Basic needs, such as food and clothing
 - Immediate medical care
 - Workforce and employment opportunities
 - Wraparound services like translation and interpretation, transportation to local appointments, volunteer coordination, etc.
 - Short-term childcare while newcomers are receiving services above
- Collaborative projects are encouraged to apply.
- Organizations with a currently active grant from Rose Community Foundation are eligible to apply.

Please note that we are primarily funding initial triage services at this time, but as fundraising continues, we hope to have grants in the future to support nonprofits addressing longer-term needs such as those listed below. If you are providing these services and would like to be notified of future funding opportunities, please contact Maria Torres at mtorres@rcfdenver.org.

- Long-term medical and mental health services
- Family reunification beyond Colorado
- Other integration supports including disability accommodations
- Immigration legal services (orientations, consultations, preparing asylum applications / EAD documentation, defense in deportation proceedings)

Process

A steering committee with expertise in the local response and needs will make grant recommendations to Rose Community Foundation, which will make final decisions about grants made from the Newcomers Fund. Participants include representatives from the City and County of Denver, the State of Colorado, the Denver Foundation, Latino Community Foundation of Colorado, and Mile High United Way.

Fundraising is underway for the Newcomers Fund, and we may not be able to fund all eligible applications. However, the steering committee would like to begin collecting information on which organizations are providing which services. We appreciate your understanding as we seek to support those who are welcoming newcomers to our community.

Timeline

- **Application opens:** January 18, 2023
- **Decisions made:** Grant decisions will be made on a rolling schedule twice a month. Funding amounts will be determined based on the breadth and depth of impact in addition to the total amount available to grant.
- **Application notification:** All applicant organizations will be notified of funding decisions via email.
- **Grant period:** Six months from grant period start date.
- **Final report:** 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

If you have questions about this grant opportunity, eligibility, or scope of work, please contact Maria Torres (she/her/ella), community impact officer, at mtorres@rcfdenver.org.

If you have questions about the online grants portal or application or need accommodations in applying, please contact Chen-Pin Hu (she/her), grants associate, at chu@rcfdenver.org.

Grant Request Information

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

- **Executive Director/CEO/President's Name, Pronouns, and Title**
- **Authorized Contract Signer's Name, Pronouns, Title and E-mail Address**
- **Fiscal Sponsor Contact Information (if applicable)**
- **Project Name and Short Description:** Provide a concise description of this grant request's specific charitable purpose. This summary will inform the description of this grant, if approved, in any agreement and in Rose Community Foundation communications about this work. *(Character Limit: 300)*
- **Amount Requested.** Applicants are eligible to request up to \$25,000
- **Population Served.** Are you currently providing services to newcomers who have arrived in Colorado from across the Southern U.S. Border since November 2022?
- **Organization Location.** Do you have an office in Colorado where you are serving newcomers arriving from the southern border?
- **Plan for Using the Funds.** What will you do with the funds? What is the impact you hope to achieve?

How many people are you serving now and how many will you be serving with the funds? (*Character Limit: 3500*)

- **Services Provided.** Which of the following services do you provide to newcomers arriving from the Southern U.S. border? Check all that apply.
 - Emergency shelter or transitional housing resources
 - More permanent shelter including security deposits and rent payments
 - Basic needs, such as food and clothing
 - Immediate medical care
 - Workforce and employment opportunities
 - Wraparound services (*Note: Examples of wraparound services include translation and interpretation, transportation to local appointments, volunteer coordination, etc.*)
 - Short-term childcare while newcomers are receiving services above
- **Documentation Status.** Do you provide services to all migrants, regardless of their ability to display documentation status?
- **Additional Information (optional).** Is there additional information you would like us to know about the needs you are seeing in this community and how your organization is responding to them? (*Character Limit: 3500*)
- **Program Budget.** Please upload the anticipated revenue and expenses devoted to serving newcomers arriving from the Southern U.S. border.
- **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, physical or mental 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.

Next Steps

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.

When your application is received, it will be assigned to the Newcomers Fund steering committee for review. The steering committee will make decisions on a bimonthly basis. During the review process, you may be asked to answer additional or clarifying questions or revise this application. All applicants will be notified of a decision via email.

If approved, an email notification will be sent to you to complete an online grant agreement. 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.