

2026 Immigrant Ecosystem Support Grant Opportunity

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Overview

Rose Community Foundation has an open funding opportunity for nonprofit organizations in the Greater Denver region. Guided by our [vision, mission and values](#), the Foundation is focused on four areas of impact: [Community Wellbeing](#), [Education & Economic Opportunity](#), [Health](#) and [Jewish Life](#). These impact areas provide strategic direction and focus while also allowing the Foundation to remain flexible and responsive as community needs evolve.

This particular opportunity builds on the Community Wellbeing impact area's overarching goal to support **engaged, thriving, and resilient communities against the backdrop of evolving environments**. It is intended to support organizations working to advance inclusion, engagement and opportunity through the integration of immigrant and refugee communities, empowering both established and newly arrived immigrant populations and their receiving communities to work together to build secure, vibrant and healthy communities. We are looking for proposals that facilitate the integration and inclusion of immigrant and refugee communities into civic, economic and community/social life by fostering continued inclusion of long-established immigrant communities; and/or supporting programs that build a sense of belonging for new arrivals and/or bring newcomer and receiving communities together.

For this opportunity, we are interested in proposals that:

- Provide culturally responsive health/mental health services and food access, very specifically creating additional capacity needed to support immigrant populations that have lost access to direct services as a result of shifting federal policies, for example eligibility for programs like Medicaid or SNAP, or changes in immigration status.
- Support the continued participation of immigrant and refugee populations in their communities through English language acquisition, economic opportunity-related initiatives, and/or cultural programming that supports integration by intentionally bringing together immigrant and receiving communities.
- Provide immigration legal services and promote equal access to legal information and due process (DACA renewals, adjustment of status, asylum, etc.).

Fundraising, one-time events, sponsorships and scholarships are not being considered as part of this opportunity.

Although we fund in the seven-county Greater Denver region, priority will be given to applications focused on Adams, Arapahoe and Denver counties, or specific neighborhoods in Boulder, Broomfield, Douglas and Jefferson counties with demonstrated need established through data.

Please note that there are two steps to this application process. Applicant organizations are required to [first submit an inquiry form](#) for review. Those who are strongly aligned will be invited to submit a full application. Organizations that are invited to submit a full application will be notified when the application is available in the online grants portal.

Eligibility

- This opportunity is open to nonprofit organizations, government agencies or fiscally sponsored projects in the seven-county Greater Denver region: Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson counties.
- Organizations funded through donor-advised funds or giving circles at Rose Community Foundation are eligible for this opportunity if other eligibility requirements are met.
- Organizations that house endowments at Rose Community Foundation are eligible to apply but, like other applicants, are not guaranteed to receive a grant.
- Organizations that currently have multiyear funding from the Foundation or that have received a separate grant from Rose Community Foundation in 2026 **are unlikely to receive funding** via this opportunity so we can expand our reach to additional organizations that may not have opportunities elsewhere within the Foundation's priorities.

Rose Community Foundation will only fund organizations that do not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, disability, color, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, pregnancy (including childbirth and related medical conditions), national origin, ancestry, citizenship, military status, marital status, familial or caregiver status, or any other classification protected by applicable federal, state, or local law. **Given the Foundation's Jewish roots and longstanding commitment to supporting the local Jewish community, we will not fund organizations that promote antisemitism, anti-Jewish misinformation, or hate/harm/exclusion in any form against any community.**

What do we consider when making funding decisions?

- Commitment to removing barriers to opportunity for immigrant and refugee communities.
- Impacted communities are engaged in program design and/or implementation.
- Executive leadership, board and/or staff are representative of communities the organization serves.
- Financial health of the organization.
- Intersectionality: Organizations or projects that are working on strategies defined in this RFP **and** in other Rose Community Foundation [impact areas](#) and priorities.

How much funding and what type of funding is available?

- **Grant duration:** Most grant lengths will be one year.
- **Types of support:**
 - General Operating Support – for organizations where most of their work is connected to this RFP.
 - Program or Project Support – for projects or work within organizations where a substantial amount of their work does not connect to the purpose of this RFP or where the organization prefers the grant be program- or project-specific.
- **Funding amounts:** On average, grants will range from \$15,000 - \$75,000.
 - Approved amounts will be determined based on the size of the organization, the program or project budget, and depth and breadth of impact. We seek to fund organizations and programs across the spectrum of budget sizes.
- Collaborative projects are strongly encouraged to apply.

What are the grantee reporting expectations?

Grantee organizations are required to submit a short narrative on grant funds within 30 days of the end of the grant period or when applying for future grant opportunities. If an applicant has an active grant, they will be asked to submit an update on that current grant as part of this application. Progress and final reports must be submitted in the Rose Community Foundation [online grants portal](#).

Timeline

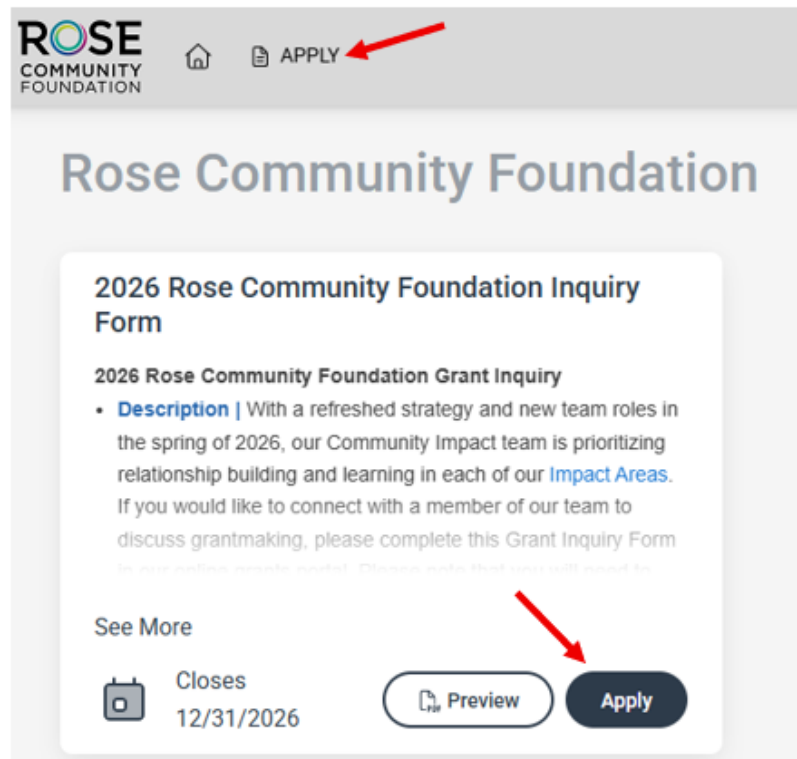
- **September 14, 2026:** Opportunity opens for inquiries and invitations to apply will be sent to invited organizations on a rolling basis. Office hours available for applicants.
- **September 23, 2026:** Deadline to submit an inquiry for this cycle. Please note that after completing the inquiry step, organizations strongly aligned with the opportunity may be invited to complete a separate application form, described below.
- **October 5, 2026, at 5 p.m. MT:** Deadline to submit an application for organizations that have been invited to apply after the open inquiry. Please note: This is a separate step from the inquiry submission above.
- **October 6 – October 26, 2026:** Follow ups for additional information, as needed.
- **December 18, 2026:** All applicants will be notified of funding decisions by this date.
- **December 1, 2026 – November 30, 2027:** Grant period for funded projects.
- **December 30, 2027:** Final report due in online grants portal.

How do I apply?

Please note that there are two steps to this application. Organizations are required to submit an inquiry form for review no later than September 23, 2026. Organizations that are invited to submit a full application will be notified when the application (described below) is available in the online grants portal. For invited organizations, applications must be submitted through the [online grants portal](#) no later than Monday, October 5, 2026, at 5 p.m. MT.

Follow these steps to access the application in the online grants portal:

1. Start by logging in to your account in the [online grants portal](#). If you don't have an existing account, you can create one from the login page.
2. Click the Apply link at the top of the screen, then on the next page please click the dark Apply button for 2026 Rose Community Foundation Inquiry Form and submit no later than **Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at 5 p.m. MT.** (see the arrows on the screenshot to the right):



3. Submitted inquiry forms will be reviewed on a rolling basis. If you are invited to submit a full application, you will receive an email notification that the application is available to complete in the online grants portal no later than **Monday, October 5, 2026, at 5 p.m. MT.**

For questions about this opportunity

For questions about this opportunity, please reach out to Maria Torres (she/ella), Community Wellbeing Program Director, at mtorres@rcfdenver.org. For questions about the grants portal or application or if you need accommodations in applying, please contact Chen-Pin Hu (she/her), Grants Coordinator, at chu@rcfdenver.org.

Phase I: Inquiry Form Questions

The following questions are provided here for reference only. All inquiries must be submitted via the [online grants portal](#). Once the inquiry has been received, you will be notified if you are invited to submit a full application for the opportunity. Upon receiving an invitation, the application is assigned to you to complete. This is a competitive process with finite dollars available; not all organizations that submit inquiries will be invited to apply for this opportunity.

- **Organization or Project Name.** If you are reaching out about a specific program or project, please list that here. If you are not reaching out about a specific project, please submit your organization name in this field.
- **Grant History.** Has your organization received a grant from Rose Community Foundation since January 1, 2025? If you are unsure, please reach out to Chen-Pin Hu, Grants Coordinator, at chu@rcfdenver.org. If no, you will be asked for the following:
 - **Mission Statement**
 - **Overview.** Please give an overview of the work you do that you believe is aligned with Rose Community Foundation's [priorities](#).
 - **Policy and Advocacy.** Is policy and advocacy work a key approach to how you advance your mission, based on the following?
 - Advocacy – including lobbying – for specific policy efforts.
 - Research that directly informs policy actions or strengthens advocacy campaigns.
 - Implementation or rulemaking around recently passed policies.
- **Type of Organization.** Indicate the organization type for the legal entity submitting this application (*501(c)(3) – not fiscally sponsored; Fiscally Sponsored Organization; Government Entity; Other*)
- **Core Counties.** What are the three core counties in which you do most of your work (majority of people served live within these three counties) within the seven-county Greater Denver area? If you only work in one or two counties, please select the one or two counties in which you do your work. If most of your work is outside of the Greater Denver area, please explain.
- **Fiscal Sponsor Contact Information (if applicable).** Provide the organization name and full contact information (name, pronouns, title, email address, phone number, and mailing address) for your point of contact with the fiscal sponsor for this project.

Phase II, if invited: Application Questions

The following questions are provided here for reference only. All applications must be submitted 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**

Grant Request Information

- **Type of Support.** *(General operating support; Program support)*
- **Short Description.** Please provide a concise description of this grant request's specific charitable purpose. *(Character limit 300)*
- **Total Amount Requested**
- **Timeframe.** Provide any important information regarding timing for the requested support, including the timeframe for project completion, if applicable. Please note that approved grants are typically for a 12-month period, but we want to understand the full time horizon for the project. *(Character limit 1,000)*
- **Key Activities.** Briefly describe the efforts and activities in support of the goals of this opportunity. *(Character Limit: 3500)*
- **Impact.** How will you know that you were successful? How will you measure or evaluate your intended efforts? *(Character Limit: 3500)*
- **Population(s) Served.** Please describe the populations you are seeking to reach through this grant opportunity. If applicable, please also include the number of people you anticipate serving with this grant. *(Character Limit: 3500)*
- **Partnerships (optional).** Please share if you are working with any specific partners related to the activities for which you're seeking funding. *(Character Limit: 3500)*
- **Additional Grant Information (optional).** Please include any information requested by Rose Community Foundation staff when you were invited to apply. *This can be used to address prompts outlined above that describe what the Foundation is looking to support in this opportunity.* *(Character Limit: 3500)*
- **Community-Informed Leadership.** We are committed to supporting organizations informed by those who are the most impacted and least represented by existing systems. Please describe how the impacted community's voice or experience informs the leadership and/or activities of the organization. *(Character Limit: 3500)*
- **Current Fiscal Year Operating Budget**
- **Current Fiscal Year Operating Budget (upload)**
- **Statement of Financial Position (upload)**
- **Previous Fiscal Year Budget-to-Actuals (optional)**
- **Program Budget (if applicable).** If you are applying for program support, please upload the program budget with revenue and expenses associated with this request.
- **Financial Narrative.** Please share any details you would like us to know about your organization's finances. This may be an opportunity to describe your organization's financial model including how the organization is supported, typical sources of income and the percentages of revenue from each type of source. If your organization experienced or is expecting to experience a deficit, please provide details on how the deficit was managed or plans to address it. Please also provide comments explaining any major changes or unusual occurrences in your budget(s).
- **Current funding from Rose Community Foundation.** If you currently have an open grant from the Foundation for which you have not yet submitted a progress or final report, please include a brief update on any successes and/or challenges related to that grant. If you have a question about the status of an open grant, please reach out to your Rose Community Foundation Program Director prior to submitting this application.

Nondiscrimination Policy

Rose Community Foundation does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, disability, color, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, pregnancy (including childbirth and related medical conditions), national origin, ancestry, citizenship, military status, marital status, familial or caregiver status, or any other classification protected by applicable federal, state, or local law.

It is our policy to maintain a non-discriminatory environment free from intimidation, harassment, or bias based on these grounds. This policy applies to all areas of employment, including recruitment, hiring, training and development, promotions, terminations, layoffs, compensation, and all other conditions and privileges of employment, as well as to Foundation volunteers and vendors. The Foundation is dedicated to equal employment opportunities and provides equal opportunities to all individuals based on job-related qualifications and ability to perform a job.

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 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.