COLORADO FAQ

How often do the Foundation's giving priorities change?
The Foundation's funding priorities do not change because they were established to maintain donor intent.

Do you accept the Common Grant Application?
No, not in its entirety, but our online application contains portions of the Common Grant Application that are most important to us.

What are the Colorado application deadlines?
There are three deadlines:
- *Applications are accepted January 1 - March 1, for review at our July board meeting*
- *Applications are accepted May 1 - July 1, for review at our November board meeting*
- *Applications are accepted September 1 - November 1, for review at our March board meeting*

How long is the review process?
Review typically takes about four months after the application deadline.

Could you give guidance as to preference or specifics with font, length, margins, photos/ logos, or headers/footers in an application?
Not important; we only ask that you answer each question and keep your grant application simple, straightforward, and organized.

Who should I address the cover letter to?
Carrie Tynan, Executive Director

Are exceptions to the funding guidelines ever made for rural organizations?
Yes, some exceptions are made, but please talk with Foundation staff before applying.

Does the Foundation fund fiscal sponsors or agents?
No.

Why did my program officer change?
As a part of our due diligence, the Foundation feels it is helpful to have a fresh perspective during the review process.

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How often can I apply?
The Foundation's typical grant cycle is every three years. We ask organizations that have been declined to wait one year before reapplying.

Do you accept letters of inquiry?
No, please call to see if your organization is a funding fit.

CAPITAL FUNDING

How much does my organization need to raise before applying for a capital grant?
The Foundation requires 60-70% of the total capital budget be raised prior to applying. Additionally, we require that all funds for the capital project be raised before the Foundation's grant is released.

Does the Foundation fund capital projects which incur debt?
No.

Does the Foundation fund deferred maintenance projects?
No.

Does the Foundation fund leasehold improvements?
No.

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC FUNDING

Does the Foundation fund specific programs within an organization?
Typically, we fund an organization whose overall mission is in alignment with our priorities rather than singling out one of its programs that might be a fit.

If an exception is made, the Foundation places preference on programs that are a significant portion of the operation and budget.